School In Mozambique benefit from a resilient infrastructure as part of the SIRI Project funded by the European Union

These are infrastructures from Escola Secundária 3 de Fevereiro de Malovécua, in Massinga District, Inhambane Province, in Mozambique (Africa), budgeted in 60,000 euros. They aim at strengthening the local authorities' capacity to guarantee the provision of basic social services to local communities.

Yara Nelito Munguambe, a grade 10 student at this school, said*: “The 2 classrooms will allow us to improve our teaching and learning conditions in order to improve the quality of education.”* She added that the students should use the resilient infrastructure with care.

Escola Secundária 3 de Fevereiro de Malovécua teaches from 7th to 10th grade to around 1,225 students. It began as classrooms attached to the 21 de Janeiro school and later became an independent school with classrooms built with mixed materials.

The administrator of the Massinga District, Laurina José Titoce, recognizes education as a pillar of development that makes it possible to improve the quality of human capital in order to ensure that it is able to cope with the competitiveness that characterizes the global world.

In the alignment to that, she added: “We are evolving, because there was a time when we studied under trees, then we moved on to macuti classrooms and then to wooden and zinc classrooms. Today we are inaugurating conventional classrooms, so take care of the infrastructure and the system because they should serve not only you, but also your children.”

In addition to the classrooms, the school benefited from an improved water supply system, as well as 50 desks (25 for each classroom), as part of the quick wins component of the SIRI Project, budgeted at 30 thousand euros co-financed by the Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development.

In his speech, Juvêncio Andrade Nhacuongue, Coordinator of the Pilot Projects, thanked the efforts of various partners who collaborated in the construction of these infrastructures, such as the Massinga District Government, the local community, Building Inspectors, contractors, etc. He also stressed the need to maintain the infrastructure.

