

PROJECT TITLE: MOCUBA HOUSING COOPERATIVE

1- PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Contextualization

Urbanization is most powerful and irreversible forces in the world, we live a new urban era with most humanity now living in towns and cities.

The persistent problems of poverty in Mozambique are in large part due to weak urban economy. urban economic development is fundamental. Strong urban economies are essential for poverty reduction, and the provision of adequate housing, infrastructure, education, health, safety and basic services.

In many provinces of Mozambique, districts and cities are overcrowded with informal settlement, which lacks essential basic services such as water, sanitation, power, and accessibility to affordable health and education facilities.

Thus, unless solution is found to much the demand for housing and services, widespread homelessness and rapid growth of informal settlements coupled with increasing crime, disease, and natural disasters will become the order of the day in Mozambique.

It is in this regard that Hand of New Hope idealizes the need to stablish housing cooperative as essential aspect in addressing the challenge of urbanization and poverty reduction

For Hand of New Hope, Housing cooperatives may play a major role in resources mobilization and may be potential for economic recovery and employment creation in Mozambique in general and Mocuba district in particularly.

From informal resettlements, people in Mocuba with plots in the city center are at risk, because with the imperative of Urbanization Policies, families in the city centers with precarious homes, are losing their plots, forced or enticed with money to abandon their places in the city center to look for other plots in semi-urban or rural areas.

Mocuba district was constituted a Special Economic Zone, in 2014 and this fact makes Mocuba city to be overcrowded with informal settlement, people coming from different parts of the country and foreign doing different businesses.

The concentration of the foreign business men, increases the risk for vulnerable families with precarious houses in the city center, because the government still may justify the urbanization policies and request the removal of these vulnerable families in the city center and allocate or sell their plots to the foreign business men.

To avoid it to happen, Hand of New Hope, aims to take first step by implementing house rent to gain profit and start housing cooperatives. House rent will generate considerable income for Institutional strengthen which will enable to carry on social interventions in independent form for long term.

Rent house is a source for economical income in Mocuba context, because there are many foreign and national busines men looking for house for rent and there is no supply for house rental demand.

So, with this Project, Hand of New Hope intends to build teen houses, five for rent and five for housing cooperative benefiting vulnerable families in the city center of Mocuba.

Along the implementation of the Project the organization may ensure financial source to implement housing cooperatives and support urban economic development for poverty reduction in urban and rural areas of Mocuba.

2- OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives are:

- To respond house rent demand in Mocuba city.
- To Improve urbanization in Mocuba city and rural areas
- To Create sustainable source of income generation and strengthen Institutional capacity to support initiative that provides affordable houses for vulnerable family in urban and rural areas.
- Support urban economic development for poverty reduction

3- VISION:

This initiative will be the source of income generation for institutional strengthen, that in the medium and long term it will enable the organization, to support vulnerable families for safe home,

Two years after, priority will be the promotion of housing cooperatives in the rural areas, providing durable shelters in blocks. There will be created new resettlements in rural areas where people will be living together and unable government to provide water, sanitation facilities, schools, health facilities and basic social services.

The initiative of housing cooperatives will provide greater social support, reduced crime, increase civic engagement, resident stability, rising income, progressive urbanization, increases employment and infrastructure development

Housing cooperative for vulnerable groups as a permanent settlement solution should be considered a stabilization activity, it is neither humanitarian response nor sustainable development, but bridges the gap between the two.