

The Chapateca association aims at promoting access to books and reading among people in a vulnerable socio-economic situation. Its founding members are convinced that education is a fundamental right of every human being as well as a necessity to fulfil their personal development and their academic or professional success, with a view towards contributing to a more equitable society.

Almost **90%** of children entering primary school do not speak Portuguese! After three years of schooling, less than 5% are able to write it.

Barely **5%** of young people complete secondary education!

The situation in Mozambique is alarming:

- An illiteracy rate of **46%**, with great disparities between men (27.2%) and women (49.4%), urban and rural areas (18.8% vs. 50.7%)
- Limited access to books and information, with only **98** libraries in the country;
- Portuguese is the mother tongue of only **17%** of the population.



As a way of helping to change this situation, the association Chapateca plans to open **community-based libraries**, in partnership with local associations and community leaders, in the **suburban areas of Mozambique larger cities** with less access to educational infrastructures.

There will be two types of community-based libraries, both implementing the same activities:



Kayatecas and Chapatecas will operate on the same model: the facilitators will benefit from the same continuous training and the participants will receive the same interactive and inclusive assistance.

A project that promotes humanist values:



A project aiming for a more equitable world:

We intend to contribute to the achievement of the **UN Agenda 2030** and through the following **Sustainable Development Goals**:



A project based on specific pedagogical objectives:

- To stimulate imagination and creativity;
- To raise awareness about coexistence and tolerance;
- To facilitate free expression and the development of a critical mind;
- To contribute to the development of reading and writing skills;
- To strengthen autonomy;
- To support peace and reconciliation initiatives;
- To develop the spirit of cooperation through collective projects;
- To encourage the involvement of parents and relatives.

The Chapateca association supports the initiatives to expand the access to education for all through its participation in two national networks:



How to support our project?

The Chapateca association is looking for partners to support and/or finance the implementation of its activities:

- **Opening of Kayatecas:** renovation / rehabilitation of spaces including ceiling repair, electrical installation, replacement of sanitary ware or painting;
- **Creation of Chapatecas:** purchase of a chapa and transformation into a library;



- **Setting of Kayatecas/Chapatecas:** bookcases, tables and chairs for children and adults, fans, mats, cushions;
- **Equipment:** educational materials (children's books, comics, novels, magazines, dictionaries); school materials (stationery, writing tools).

