

## **MATERIAL FOR READING, A NECESSITY FOR CURIOUS CHILDREN**

### ***Report from Maputo, Mozambique***

Some time ago you gave me books for the children's home "Mutanyana Weru"

We have seen a lot of happy faces and the curiosity of the children made me realise the importance of good material for reading.

The children live in the home because in most cases they don't have parents or family any more. Their ages vary between 0 and 15 years. Some of them are under-nourished and physically vulnerable, some are mentally handicapped as well.

When they are 6 years old the children go to school, which is located only a short distance away from the Centre. The young children have to enjoy themselves. They are supported by volunteers and by two young handicapped women also living in the Centre.

There were hardly any toys and no educational materials at all. It was a joy to leave behind the books of Biblonef.

Large was the curiosity and surprise of the children. They had never seen such things. There were laughter, shouting and discussions about all they saw in the various books.

In a small building, serving as a school class, space was freed to store the books.

All children of the Centre may read the books here. And not only the children; most adults had never seen such beautiful things.

With all my heart I hope that there will be more books in the future for these children. I will do my utmost for it.

Thanks to Biblonef!

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