

1. General situation in Maputo

We found the message posted below on the internet. The city it mentions, Palma, is located in the far northeast of Mozambique on the border of Tanzania. The distance from Palma to Maputo, where Father André resides, is more than 1000km. but the problem in the north is having repercussions across the country. Below is the message from November 22, 2021:

Mozambique's military says it has regained control of Palma, a major gas hub in the country, since Monday. Islamic State jihadists had invaded the city on March 24, when energy company Total announced it would resume gas extraction in the area. According to a spokesman for the Mozambican army, many militants were killed during the liberation.



"Many people have died and the infrastructure has been destroyed, but the inhabitants are safe again," the army said. There are no official figures on casualties yet, but it is estimated that dozens of people have been killed. Fighting continues outside the city, according to the government.

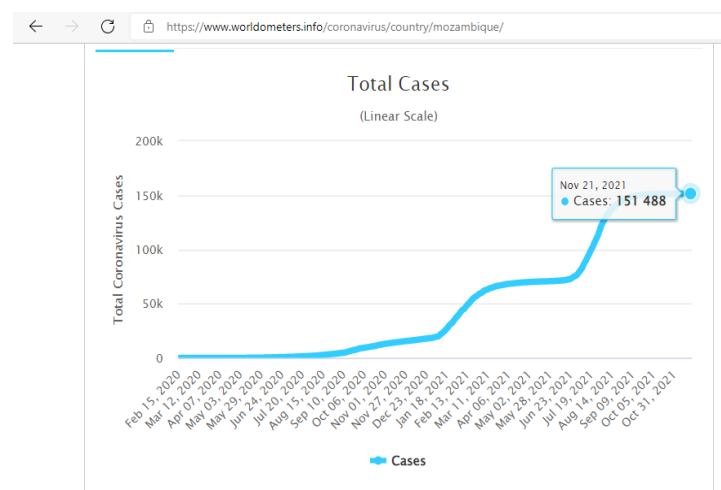
The gas extraction in the north is very important for the economy of the African country. Several projects are currently underway, which together are worth more than 60 billion dollars (50 billion euros), an unprecedented amount of investment for an African economy.

2. Situation Father André

The chairman of our Foundation Mr. Sjef van Zon has Skype contact with his brother, Father André, about once a month and is kept regularly informed.

The situation in Maputo/Mozambique is not good as we have read above, but Corona has caused extra unemployment and companies regularly go bankrupt. There is no financial support from the government, as we know it in The Netherlands. Below is a chart of the Corona infections until November 21, 2022

Until that date there were 151488 infections of which 1936 died.



And because of this situation with Covid, he is very house-bound and limited in his activities. He will continue to do his work for the diocese. Father André had quite a few problems collecting the money we sent. We always inform him by e-mail of a new financial transaction, so



he knows exactly how his finances are doing. Still, it always caused problems at the bank. Sometimes he had to visit the bank several times to collect his money. Recently he collects his money from the head office of the bank and no longer from the branch. And luckily, all of the money collecting issues are now solved with this.

The piece of farmland, which is a very important part of the agricultural project, has been quite neglected and has been assigned by someone (a local committee?) to an ex-protege. Of course Father André does not agree with this at all, protests, but can hardly take action due to the Corona travel restriction. Three female protégés will go there on his behalf in the near future and defend his rights.

Father André expects to get half of his old terrain back soon, but doesn't want to pay for this in any way (he fears some kind of blackmail).

3. Finances

Our Foundation donates € 2000,00 a month to Father André. Previously, he always went to his protégés to bring them the financial support and at the same time keep abreast of their circumstances and needs. And to be able to give advice and help where necessary.

Now his protégés come to collect their monthly financial support from his door. They then tell about their situation and circumstances, but Father André can hardly check this because of the Corona restrictions and finds this very unsatisfactory himself.

And... when his monthly budget is exhausted, he can do nothing more for his protégés; they have to get used to this and adapt to the circumstances.

He does keep some money in reserve for special emergencies.

Father André suggested that we continue to donate, if possible, € 2000/month. His spending pattern is geared to this.

It is decided that we can and will comply with this request, even in the event that we receive less donations in the future.

So for 2022 our donation will be
 $12 \times \text{€ } 2000.00 = \text{€ } 24000.00$

4. Finally

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2022.

Thanks so much for your support!!!

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