



# The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada

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Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As I read from the daily office, I read and pray for mission work at home, in Cambodia and Mozambique, and across the world. The work in Cambodia is not yet complete, although the new construction in Prey Smach for the dorm and bathrooms is open and has just welcomed the girls, the work in Phnom Penh in the Sen Sok district is pending the new priest. The funds are being held for this purpose. More to come shortly. There is now a new project we would like to share with you:

## **Safe drinking water in Molumbo and Milange towns of Zambezia, Mozambique**

Mozambique, a country in Southern Africa, is prone to both natural and human-induced disasters. The provinces of Nampula and Zambezia in Northern Mozambique are home to 39 percent of the country's population, yet they have the lowest access to safe water supply and sanitation services. They also have the highest rates of poverty and the lowest rate of access to basic services such as water, sanitation, and electricity. These issues are often made worse by conflict, frequent climate shocks, and minimal provision of basic services.

Despite government efforts to improve the infrastructure, including providing people access to clean water, millions still lack access to safe drinking water especially in rural areas. Water and proper sanitation are lacking, impacting especially women and children. As a result, they contract waterborne diseases such as diarrhea and incur large medical bills because of their illnesses. People walk for several miles each day to collect water from rivers, ponds, or marshes – water that is frequently contaminated with disease-causing parasites and bacteria that can prove fatal, especially for infants and young children. Because they spend so much time collecting water, many girls cannot attend school.

As part of the Anglican Church's holistic ministry in Zambezia province, the Anglican Diocese of Zambezia will erect four deep water wells and construct protection for 14 natural water springs that will help meet the water needs of thousands of people in Molumbo and Milange towns. Once installed, the boreholes and natural springs will improve the livelihood, hygiene, and sanitation of these communities, giving thousands of people access to reliable, safe drinking water. People will be disciplined through the church by meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

These refurbished and new wells will benefit many people:

An estimated total of 8,400 people, some in multiple ways:

- 2,000 people from Molumbo community and 2,500 people from Milange will gain access to clean water and learn about hygiene and sanitation practices.
- 3,900 people will benefit from 14 rehabilitated water sources with access to safe and clean drinking water, reducing the incidences of waterborne diseases

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The total cost will be about \$136,000 CDN. Each new well will cost about \$16,000 to dig, each refurbished well about \$1,000 to rebuild, plus other costs (to maintain the fresh water supply, research and monitoring). Will you join in this work to bring safe drinking water to these families?



Community members attend the commissioning of newly constructed wells, dug by the Missionary Diocese of Zambezia.

## ABOUT THE ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND CANADA (ARDFC)

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### HOW TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online at [www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm](http://www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm)
- By sending your cheque to ARDFC, Box 1013, Burlington, ON, L7R 4L8

Let us thank the Lord for our blessings, and consider how we might be a blessing to others.

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