

Young graduates of the Transformational Leadership Academy work to disseminate Human Rights in Nampula

- As part of the celebration of International Human Rights Day, Transformational Youth MOVE, TYMOVE, a group of young leaders trained by the Transformational Leadership Academy, held a lecture aimed at the dissemination of Human Rights. The activity was held in Namicopo, in the city of Nampula, and brought together community leaders, religious people, young people, and individuals.



Namicopo is considered to be one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in the city of Nampula, which directly or indirectly affects its residents negatively, as they are related to crime.

This stigma has made Namicopo “isolated”, so much so that the neighborhood is rarely covered by social programs or initiatives aimed at promoting its development, thus violating the principle of the right to equality and dignity.

During the lecture, the community manifested a complete lack of knowledge about Human Rights, which makes it vulnerable to any violations.

Some participants spoke of the violation of the right to health, since the health units, in addition to experiencing floods, the service has been unsatisfactory since some health professionals rarely explain their health status to patients, limiting themselves only to writing drug prescriptions, which is usually paracetamol and coartem. Still related to health, some residents of Namicopo complained about the lack of medicines in public pharmacies.

The other most frequently violated right is the right to education. Although the State has instituted free basic education and free distribution of schoolbooks, there are records of corrupt practices, a situation that ends up harming many disadvantaged children.

Power relations built-in networks in public schools end up harming the right to education, causing thousands of children, adolescents, young people, women, and men to remain un-

aware of human rights.

Regarding the right to access justice, there is a common feeling that related institutions are not working. A local community leader said that he received a case of domestic violence against a minor who lived in a family with which she was not related (she provided domestic services). In addition to not attending school, although she was old enough, she was frequently beaten, which led a neighbor to report the case to the community leader. The community leader, in turn, forwarded the case to the Provincial Directorate of Gender, Children, and Social Action for proper follow-up.

Later, a management team went to the house where the minor lived and took her away without explaining to the others her fate and the treatment she would have. The action created discontent among the community leader and other people involved. The community leader also spoke of the arbitrary arrests that have been recurrently noticed in Namicopo.

In addition to these factors, insecurity in northern Mozambique caused by violent extremism and the economic crisis has placed thousands of families in a situation of extreme poverty, which jeopardizes human rights. The current National Education System sustains the inability of those who benefit from it, considering that most of the Mozambican population is rural and has no schooling, which makes them incapable of challenging the injustices perpetrated against them, through the claim of their rights.






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