



AFRICA/MOZAMBIQUE - A new psychomotor rehabilitation center for disabled children has been inaugurated

Zimpeto (Agenzia Fides) - Mozambique is a young democracy which after 30 years of civil war, is trying to emerge from the economic and social poverty. Italy is very close to these people with various forms of cooperation and solidarity. These include the Opera Don Orione which has recently opened in Zimpeto on the outskirts of Maputo, the capital of the country, a new psychomotor rehabilitation Center. The structure will complement the " Don Orione Village " that for three years welcomes children with severe physical and mental disabilities. It offers a wide range for many disabled completely abandoned to their fate of suffering and marginalization. In addition to the children living there, the rehabilitation Center is destined for other disabled people in the region. 1 Km away there is also a machamba, a garden in which vegetables and agricultural products are grown precious to the livelihoods of these people. "The structure, - says a note by Fr. Flavio Peloso, Superior General of the Opera Don Orione, sent to Fides Agency - is a sign of hope for many families who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to care for their children and give them a future. It is a good sign of the closeness of the Church towards the most disadvantaged children. " (AP) (Agenzia Fides 19/11/2012)