



Picture: Mariamo

## THE WILL TO LEARN AND BECOME BETTER

This is a significant story of change for a girl child living in one of the beneficiary communities of the emergency education project, implemented by Plan International, funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation, in Chiúre district.

Her name is Mariamo Omar and she is 13 years old girl and lives with her father, mother, grandmother, and four siblings including a sister). They live in Katapua resettlement centre since end of 2019. They are from Mocimboa da Praia but because of the insurgency, they had to flee to Chiúre.

Mariamo is a student attending grade 6 at Katapua EPC. She loves going to school, because every day she learns new things. Her favourite subject is Portuguese.

Mariamo received learner kit offered by Novo Nordisk Foundation through Plan International Mozambique in Chiúre. The kit consisted of bag, notebooks, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, geometric case. This motivated her more to attend school because before, she used to carry the notebooks on her hand and they were easily damaged but now, she can keep her notebooks in a better state.

She is also attending the tailoring lessons. So far, Mariamo has learned to sew hem. She has also sewn a shirt for her younger brother. *"I want to be a teacher,"* she says and wants to graduate but to make her more comfortable as she attends her classes, she wishes she could get uniform and shoes.

Katapua EPC Director considers Mariamo as more active child in the tailoring group though at the beginning she was very shy. *"She did not talk with others at school,"* says the Director. *"After Plan International started implementing some activities in our school like meetings in girls club, distribution of student kits and attend tailoring trainings, she became more participative and talk with others,"* the school Director added.

Mariamo's family shows gratefulness on the support provided by Plan International and for the changes Mariamo has been showing since joined the project.

*"We thank Plan because it is helping our children a lot by showing the value of education and opening their mind at primary school. We would like to ask Plan International to continue giving this assistance to children and the community at large, providing uniforms, student kits, and more".*

This is a story of change in Mariamo's life because of Novo Nordisk Foundation support to school activities in Chiure.