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SOPROC Announces Project to Combat Premature Unions



The Association Network for the Protection of children of Sofala-SOPROC, with the financial support of the Mundo Cooperante of Spain, held on February 27 and 28, two meetings of dissemination of the project and creation of the Provincial Coalition for the Elimination of Premature Unions (CPEUP), in the Dondo District and in Beira city, in Sofala province at Mozambique.

The Project is called **Right to Have a Future Education and Community Mobilization in Sofala**, this project arises in the scope of prevention and fight against premature unions, and is implemented by SOPROC in the district of Dondo and City of Beira.

This Project aims to promote the rights of the child and improve the responsiveness of civil society to the issue of premature unions and provide social protection to girls already married and girls who have children.

With this project, SOPROC intends 3,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries, from married girls, with children, girls at school and to school, boys, parents and caregivers of girls, society in general, government entities, community leaders and local authorities.

So the expected result of this intervention is to have an active involvement of girls and boys in promoting their rights and strengthening civil society and need to fight against child marriage.

According to the Ranking of the Southern Africa Network Against Child Trafficking, Mozambique is one of the countries worldwide with very high rates of premature unions.

Occupying 11th place globally and 2nd place in Southern Africa.

According to girls not brides, citing UNICEF's 2018 Global Database, Mozambique ranks 9th with high rates of Premature Unions, corresponding to 48% of girls who married before the age of 18, of whom 14% married before the age of 15. In other words, 649.000 girls were married before the age of 18, of which 181.000 married before the age of 15 in Mozambique.

SOPROC Creates Provincial Coalition Against Premature Unions in Sofala

In order to disseminate the Project, these two meetings aimed to create a Provincial Coalition for the Elimination of Premature Unions in the Province of Sofala-CPEUP.

One of the purposes of this platform is to reach districts that are not covered by the Project Right to Have a Future Education and Community Mobilization in Sofala, because for each organization member of the coalition it is necessary to make the dissemination of the messages of the purpose of this project in the districts in which they operate.

Representatives of Government Institutions, Civil Society Organizations, some international organisations and local media were present at the two meetings, who showed interest in being part of the Coalition and working in collaboration with SOPROC for the elimination of premature marriages in the province of Sofala. The coalition's mission will be to strengthen the link between the Public Sector, the Private Sector, Civil Society and the Community in actions to prevent and combat premature unions, social protection for



Representative of the institutions invited to the meeting of dissemination of the project and creation of the coalition in the city of Beira.

Orphaned and Vulnerable Children. The Vision of being a Multisectoral Mechanism of active participation of the public, private, civil society and Community-based sectors for the prevention and elimination of premature unions, social protection of orphaned and vulnerable children and other vulnerable groups.

And, it is intended to be a multisectoral, public-private coalition and community basis for coordinating actions; Let it be an integrated system

of prevention, combatting premature unions, social protection for girls and boys. That it be an established mechanism for interaction between the public, private, civil and community society sector for the protection of the rights of the child and social protection he most vulnerable groups (girls and boys).

The coalition will have as areas of action the Multisectoral Coordination of Actors working in the area of prevention and combating premature unions, social protection of VOCs and other vulnerable groups; Mobilization and Fundraising of material and financial resources in support of children in vulnerable situations (living or exposed to premature unions); Monitoring and Advocacy in the scope of the implementation and application of the Law of Premature Unions. It may be a member of the Coalition institutions of the Public Sector, Private, Religious Congregations, organizations/ Associations of civil society.



Meeting of dissemination and creation of the CPEUP to end child marriage in Dondo District.

Echoes of coalition dissemination and creation meetings



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