

Irish Aid, Global Goal 4 and Mozambique

Irish Aid, the Government of Ireland's programme of overseas development cooperation, has been working with the government and other partners in Mozambique since 1996.

Mozambique is a country in Southeast Africa with a population of 31.26 million. The population is very young, with 88.2% of the people under 14 years of age.



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LET'S FIND OUT ABOUT ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MOZAMBIQUE WITH A LINK TO IRISH AID

Guava Primary School, Mozambique



Pupils and teachers welcoming the former William Carlos, Irish Ambassador to Mozambique and Botswana, on his visit to Guava Primary School

Guava Primary School, or Escola Primaria Completa De Guava Marracuene in Portuguese, is a large urban primary school just outside of the Mozambican capital, Maputo.

Guava Primary School is a very big school with 5,400 pupils and only 73 teachers in their school. Like pupils in Ireland, pupils at Guava Primary School walk to school. They study Maths and History and Art. Because of the larger number of pupils, they need to split the school day. Pupils in the first round have class between 6.30am and 10.50am in the morning. Pupils in the second round start school at 12 noon and finish at 4.30pm.

Even with this split school day, there are not enough rooms for all the pupils, and most are too small for classes of up to 70 or 80 children. Some classrooms are without desks, doors and windows.

Teaching often happens outside in the shade of a building or under a tree. The children have some schoolbooks, but teachers do not have many materials (usually just a blackboard and chalk). Since 2015, teachers in the school have taken part in Irish Aid funded training to help them use solar powered iPads to teach their lessons.



A class outside in the shade of a building