

# Advocacy Factsheet

## Mozambique



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**FMSI**  
For the benefit of children

### ABOUT US

The **Marist International Solidarity Foundation** (FMSI) is a non-governmental organization committed to promoting the rights and welfare of children, especially those living in vulnerable situations. FMSI works closely with partners worldwide to implement programs focused on education, child protection, healthcare, and emergency relief. By leveraging its presence in various countries, FMSI advocates for **child rights** and supports local communities in their pursuit of social justice, dignity, and sustainable development. Through its engagement in international mechanisms like the United Nations, FMSI seeks to raise awareness and influence policies that ensure a better future for children across the globe.

### EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

The UPR report and the following statement have been prepared with the **active collaboration of children and young people from Mozambique** ensuring that their voices and recommendations are at the heart of these important human rights discussions.

### ISSUE IDENTIFIED

Children reported that their right to speak and to be heard is being violated. They described a context in which freedom of expression is severely restricted and where people who criticize the authorities face intimidation, persecution, and violence. In some cases, children reported that parents were followed or killed for speaking out.

As a result, children and families live in constant fear of retaliation. This fear affects every aspect of children's lives: their sense of safety, their mental wellbeing, their education, and their trust in society.

Children also expressed deep concern that, despite these violations, international cooperation with Mozambique continues without sufficient accountability. From their perspective, these risks normalizing the silencing of voices and leaving families unprotected.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Children are therefore asking the international community to:

1. Recognize the seriousness of these violations and to prioritize the protection of children and families in all engagements with Mozambique.
2. Raise concerns about restrictions on freedom of expression,
3. Condemn reprisals and violence against civilians
4. Ensure that cooperation with Mozambique is accompanied by strong human-rights and child-protection safeguards.

As children told us clearly: **they want to grow up in a country where their voices matter and where their parents are safe.**

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