

PRESS RELEASE

KARMOL Strengthens Nacala Fishermen's Capacity with Fishing Equipment

The Naherenque Fishermen's Association (ASSOPENA), an organization representing artisanal fishermen in Nacala, recently received a range of fishing equipment and materials from KARMOL Mozambique aimed at strengthening the productive capacity of its members and improving their livelihoods.

The initiative aims to support local fishing communities by strengthening fishermen's productive capacity, promoting safer and more sustainable fishing practices, and creating better conditions for the development of economic activities linked to fishing.

The materials provided by KARMOL include fishing nets, ropes of different sizes, fishing floats, fishing lines, diving equipment, as well as containers for the storage and preservation of fish.

The handover of the equipment represents an important boost for artisanal fishermen, whose activities are an essential source of income and food security for their families.

"Today, we are not simply handing over fishing equipment. We are contributing to strengthening the productive capacity of local fishermen, supporting their families and creating better conditions for the development of an activity that is essential to the economy and food security of the community," said Mr. Bulut Karadag, Plant Manager of NEZIH BEY, KARMOL's Floating Platform in Nacala.

For ASSOPENA, the support is important to strengthening fishing activities and improving the livelihoods of communities in Naherenque.

"This support represents an important contribution to strengthening the activities of fishermen and improving the living conditions of our communities. We thank KARMOL for this partnership and for its commitment to community development and the creation of economic opportunities," said Calibo Buananli, Secretary of ASSOPENA.

The initiative was also highlighted by Electricidade de Moçambique (EDM), KARMOL's partner in the supply of electricity.

"It is gratifying to see KARMOL fulfilling its social responsibility. This year, it is particularly important to note that the support was also directed to ASSOPENA, directly benefiting a community involved in fishing activities," said Gulssumo Mutarupa, EDM representative.

During the ceremony, municipal authorities appealed to the beneficiaries to use the equipment responsibly and ensure that the materials are used to support and develop their fishing activities.

"These materials are meant to support production and develop our fishing activities. We urge the beneficiaries to make good use of the equipment and not to sell it, ensuring that

the support effectively reaches the families and the community,” said Tuhane Amade, Councillor for Agriculture, Fisheries, and the Environment for the Municipality of Nacala.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of local authorities, the Maritime Police, the Naherenque Fishermen’s Association (ASSOPENA) and other associations, EDM, the Maritime Transport Institute (ITRANSMAR), the Nacala Administration, the Municipality of Nacala and KARMOL, reinforcing the importance of collaboration between the private sector, public institutions and communities in promoting local development.

The initiative continues KARMOL’s social responsibility efforts, following the recent support provided to the Nacala Urban Health Centre, one of the largest health facilities of its kind in Nampula Province. The intervention included the donation of essential food supplies and cleaning materials to support the facility’s operations.

Through these initiatives, KARMOL reaffirms its commitment to the communities where it operates by supporting actions aimed at improving living conditions, promoting local economic development and creating sustainable opportunities.

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