

MEETTO



IMPACT

The Meetto translation team shared this feedback from the community:

“They testify saying that having the translation in our own language is valuable because we understand it in a profound way, and because of that, it brings edification to our spiritual life. We remember the days and years that passed, we listened to the message of God’s word in the Portuguese language, yet we still faced many difficulties in understanding it; but now we notice the difference when it is in our own language.”

Language: Meetto

People Group: Meetto

People Group Size: 1.7 million divided between Mozambique (1.2 million) and Tanzania (500,000)

Location: Cabo Delgado province, Mozambique

Lifestyle: Subsistence farming

Translation Phase: 2

Translation Time-frame: Jun 2025 - Sep 2033

Translation Goals: Oral translation and transcription of the Old Testament

Translated in Phase 1: New Testament

Source Languages: Portuguese, Hebrew, Central Makhuwa

Managing Partners: Wycliffe SA / Boa Nova Para África

The Meetto people are matrilineal, tracing family lines through the mother, and traditionally matrilocal, with new couples living near the bride’s mother’s relatives. About 70% practice folk Islam, and while there is family pressure not to convert, it is less intense than in neighbouring Muslim groups, likely due to a long Catholic presence. The Catholic Montfort Fathers of Holland arrived in 1922, impacting non-Muslim districts. Evangelical churches are young, established by Mozambican evangelists, some of whom came north while serving in the army during the civil war (1975–1992). The first Meetto converts appeared around 1988. Church growth is steady, and the recently published New Testament is widely used, with local churches requesting a complete Bible.



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Meetto, Mozambique



GET INVOLVED

Pray



Join the prayer mailing list to intercede for the Meetto community, the translation team, and the programme.

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Give



Become a partner and invest in God’s transformative hope, planting seeds that will impact millions across Southern Africa.

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Adopt



Journey with the Meetto by building relationships, encouraging, and supporting them in practical ways as they work.

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Visit



Get to know the Meetto people by visiting them and taking time to talk, pray, eat, and serve with them.

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