

Muassite's journey

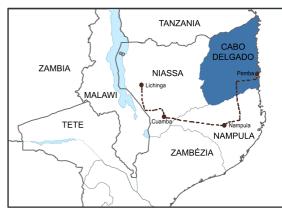


This is Muassite. She lives in Cabo Delgado,

which is an area of mission expansion and the newest of the Diocese of Niassa's archdeaconries. She coordinates the mission work in the Episcopal Area of Lurio, home to more than 70 Equipas de Vida and 11 full-time lay

staff members. (In the 70 communities with Equipas de Vida, the proportion of people with comprehensive knowledge about HIV transmission has risen from 10% to 32% in the past two years. There's a long way to go, but that's huge progress!)

Muassite regularly meets with her counterparts from other parts of the diocese to discuss strategy and do diocesan-wide planning. Without an office in Lurio, that region is rarely the meeting spot. When she travels to a 4-day meeting in Lichinga, the far distances mean she is often away from home for 10 days, and returns exhausted. A new training hub in Nampula would save her all this.



Day 1



Leave at 2am on foot with her children still sleeping and carrying her luggage for an hour and a half



4am bus from Pemba to Nampula. If she managed to buy a ticket on the previous day, she'll have a seat, but if not, she'll travel standing up. Sometimes—maybe on 50% of the journeys—the bus breaks down.



Minibus and a walk to the church to spend the night

Day 2



2am taxi to the bus station as it's too dangerous to walk



4am bus from Nampula to Cuamba It is rare for everything to go completely well with the journey, since the road is bad and the bus companytherefore sends the most beat-up buses, so that the new ones aren't damaged.

Day 3



8 to 12 hours on a minibus from Cuamba to Lichinga with four people in the seats designed to hold three, and ALL luggage on the passengers' laps and at their feet.

She finally arrives in Lichinga, ready for a four-day meeting, after which she will repeat the process to travel home.

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