**CHALLENGE:**
Infrastructure development can needlessly disadvantage locals.

Infrastructure improvements are vital to development in Africa, but these projects often require the relocation of people living in the area. Resettlement is a major human and logistical challenge. Even projects run by the most capable and conscientious companies sometimes adversely impact populations because crucial components of resettlement are too often overlooked.

**AFRICARE’S SOLUTION:**
Africare excels in resettlement fundamentals.

**Extensive Communication:**
Africare’s locally-hired field staff is committed to participatory consultations with all stakeholders, including project-affected persons (PAPs), local government officials and project proponents. In Quelimane, Mozambique, new homes were planned for families impacted by a drainage rehabilitation project. Consultations with the affected population revealed a critical adjustment necessary for the new houses to align with traditional home designs, and accounting for these cultural values secured a positive outcome.

**Livelihood Restoration:**
For more than four decades, Africare has earned the trust of local communities and governments, implementing both time-tested and innovative projects to improve lives among rural and urban poor throughout Africa. This wealth of expertise uniquely positions Africare to implement resettlement programs that include restoring livelihoods after affected families have been relocated.

**Logistical Proficiency:**
Africare designs and implements all resettlement programs in accordance with World Bank Operational Policy 4.12 on Involuntary Resettlement. Continuous monitoring syncs project implementation with construction timelines, and a standardized approach to data management ensures that PAPs are identified and receive fair compensation. During Tanzania’s Zanzibar Cable and Interconnector Project, Africare facilitated cash compensation for more than 13,900 PAPs, who used resettlement funds to buy new houses, build new madrassas and mosques, or purchase land to construct new homes and businesses.
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Project Affected Persons (PAPs) were successfully identified and ensured fair compensation in Mozambique.

“[We] celebrate the achievements of Africare as an organization that epitomizes the best and most inspiring of civil society action.”
-Kofi A. Annan
7th Secretary-General of the United Nations

About Africare
Africare, the largest and most experienced international non-governmental organization (NGO) focused exclusively on Africa, is committed to improving lives and building futures. In more than 40 years of partnering with local communities, NGOs, governments and the private sector, Africare has invested over $1 billion through thousands of projects in more than 35 African countries.

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“We have had several projects to support us in various community affairs, but with this project with Africare, we are owners of the whole process, because we have been involved from the beginning to the end.”
-Mrs. Irondina Abel Turumela
Africare Beneficiary, Mozambique
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