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Mfanyabiashara wa nyama choma katika mnada wa Ndelema wilayani Handeni, Shabani Mnimbo akiandaa nyama jana, Jumamosi wakati wa mnada. **Picha na Rajabu Athumani**

Manda Ndoloma wanmha harakaa

* Teach me how to fish and I will transform my life'

ALONG the coastline of Mozambique, fishing boats dot the clear blue waters. For the people on these boats, their daily excursions are their livelihood - in more ways than one. Fish are both their main source of food and their main source of income.

Until recently, many Mo-zambicans were unable to fish at more than a subsistence level. With little to nothing left over to sell, they often felt trapped in a cycle of meagre incomes, at the whims of a changing climate.

But all that is changing.

From 2010 to 2019, IFAD and the Government of Mozambique implemented the ProP-ESCA project to improve the livelihoods of fishers and their communities living along Mozambique's coastline. Operating within a framework of cooperation, the project has brought together people from neighbouring regions and nations to teach and learn from each other - with impressive results.

In Zambezia Province, for example, production levels of fish increased from 35,000 tons in 2012 to 80,000 tons in 2018. Zambezia Province is also where we met Mariamo Fermino, one of ProPESCA's beneficiaries.

Mariamo, now aged 28, was born in Zambezia's Pebane District. After her father's death left her mother unable to pay

able to finish her studies - but she didn't let that stop her. In 2010, she started making tea and cooking food to sell in her village. Yet eventually, she was

unable to sustain her business. and she and her husband Ramadan knew they would have to look for opportunities - and financial stability - elsewhere.

In 2015, Mariamo and her

Zalala First Village. Neither of them had any family or friends there, and they had only 1,500 metical (about US\$22) between them. But they had

heard that the community was benefiting from a fisheries project that created business opportunities.

She started by baking and selling cakes in the village and on the beach. She used her earnings to start buying, salting and selling fish - and that qualified her to join ProPESCA.

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Through the project, she received training in hygiene



MARIAMO with her fishing boat and three of her employees.