



### **Inauguration of the Balama Professional Training Centre**

The Balama Professional Training Centre (BPTC) is a purpose-built learning & development facility located in the Balama District of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, and will train a minimum of 500 community members over the next five years across basic artisan, health promotion and work readiness disciplines.

The BPTC was inaugurated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, with an official ceremony attended by Julio José Parrique – Governor of Cabo Delgado Province, the Director of the Mozambique Institute of Professional Training & Labour Studies (IFPELAC), members of Syrah's Host Communities and Company representatives.

The opening ceremony involved speeches by several dignitaries, a performance by a local cultural group, tree planting, unveiling of a commemorative plaque and a guided tour of the facility.

The first intake of BPTC students graduated on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, and they were very proud to receive their graduation certificates as part of the ceremony.





*“We are very happy and grateful to Twigg (Syrah’s operating subsidiary in Mozambique) for the opportunity given to us. Today we are equipped and prepared for self-employment and to help our community with the skills that we have learned here”*

*BPTC Graduate*