

## **Erosion threatens residents of Polana Caniço A neighborhood in Maputo**



### **Fabiao Matias Resident of Polana Canico neighbourhood**

Families living on the shores of Julius Nyerere Avenue in Maputo City are at risk of losing their houses because of erosion that threatens the slope.

The situation is particularly troubling at Block 70, where families fear that the approaching rainy season may bring them embarrassment.

Fabiao Matias father of three children, resident in the 70 block of Polana-Caniço neighbourhood says he is afraid of a possible tragedy.

"I'm afraid. I do not know what will be for us when the rain falls. Some people have been removed from the area because their houses collapsed. In the past people's houses have fallen, tomorrow might be my house to fall. This problem is not just ours, my neighbours also face the same problem. We want that part to be rehabilitated like the rest of the avenue," he appealed.

In order to fight against holes and landslides, villagers put up sandbags, garbage dumps and at all costs seeking to protect their houses.

In addition to erosion, Fabião says that the drainage system in some parts of the road is deficient, thus why there are several puddles everywhere because the water does not run through.

The drainage here does not help, the water does not circulate. My hope is that there is a company that is building a drainage behind my house, but it will only work if the drainage is closed, because if it is open it might fall. Lamented

The Julius Nyerere Avenue was inaugurated on 30 June. It is an investment of approximately US \$ 12.5 million, made available by the Municipal Council, the Government of Mozambique and the World Bank.

### **Foto de Erosão**





