



### **My Professional experience aquired at WAAVP**

I am Edna Filipa Xavier Guinda, doctoral student in Biosciences and Public Health at the Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique. My research project is focused on anthelmintic resistance to benzimidazole in gastrointestinal nematodes in goats in Maputo province. Honestly, I have never had the opportunity to participate in an international conference so I feel grateful and thank the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) African Foundation Scholarship to participate in the 28th WAAVP Conference and my supervisors for their trust. Although it was online, it was a very good experience for my perception of the vast world of parasitic species that affect different types of farm animals, companion animals and wildlife. It was spectacular to see the improvement of new methods of rapid field diagnosis in the identification of gastrointestinal nematodes and to be able to question and get immediate answers from experienced researchers in the field. I found more motivation for my research by interacting with people who have already done in their countries the research that I am doing here in Mozambique. My presentation was in the form of a poster and I felt honoured to be presenting it to a large team of scientists from around the world and with much experience in veterinary parasitology, I will never forget this wonderful experience. In addition, I was impressed on the last day with the health tips for the well-being of the scientists. It was fascinating to be part of this conference, I was able to make new contacts that I believe will be of great importance in my future research. I will never be the same after this week of interaction with other scientists and doctoral students from other countries; because my vision has been opened more by realizing that, we have a place to share our scientific findings. Congratulations to the organizing team that even despite the Pandemic COVID-19 was working hard to make the online event run smoothly. It was a success!

My congratulations for giving opportunities to young African scientists and thank you very much.