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In 2022, the Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr’s activity was characterized by the pursuit of extremely significant projects, not only for the domains in which they are developed, namely those that are most important for the life improvement of the populations and the empowerment of the institutions, but also for the growth of partnership actions with local and international actors.

Whilst the impactful projects, such as those we implemented in Colombia and Gambia, have come to an end, the experiences and work carried out have brought another dimension and international relevance to the Institute. The partnerships we have established with local organisations working for peace and social justice are proof of this, as well as the increased joint actions between organisations from various countries with which IMVF collaborates and supports.

The signing of new projects in Sao Tome and Principe and Guinea-Bissau reinforced an important flagship sector of the Institute: health. This is a significant element that marked 2022 and will endure into the future through a holistic approach that intervenes in all the supporting pillars of health systems, using innovative tools, among which digital health stands out.

The continuing consequences of COVID-19, due to the disruptions in the production and supply chains, particularly in food and agricultural goods, and the inflation rebound, which affects us all, with an emphasis on the countries where we have been operating, also left their mark on this year. The increase of geopolitical and security tensions also left its mark, with particular emphasis on the war in Ukraine and the cascading effects it has been causing, including a shift in the decision-makers’ attention away from the most pressing global challenges, namely the fight against rising inequalities, the poverty and hunger return and the environmental degradation that is once again affecting several countries.

Nevertheless, and thanks to the work of many hundreds of collaborators in the projects’ locations and to a committed team at our Head Office, we can state, as a balance, that the Institute has strengthened its activity. Last but not least, I would like to conclude with a word of praise and thanks to our main trusts, with special emphasis on the European Union and Portuguese Cooperation through Camões - Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, for their commitment and work, as well as for their continued support and trust in IMVF.

Paulo Telles de Freitas
Chairman of the Administration Board
Throughout 2022, Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr pursued its activities in the set of areas where it stood out as a Non-Governmental Organisation for Cooperation and Development, pursuing actions and partnerships that have been recognised by the target populations, as well as by the authorities of the countries where we have been operating, by our development partners, particularly local ones, and by agencies and funders, maintaining the commitment to work for the communities’ sustainable development.

We continued to focus on sectors where we have acquired experience and capacity to support local entities, namely in the health sector, Institutional capacity building, particularly for civil society, local authorities and municipalities, rural development and food safety, culture and heritage promotion, education, the environment and global citizenship.

As recognised by our partners and funders, it is worth highlighting the success of the projects we have developed over nearly four years in the areas of migration, post-conflict and humanitarian action, which have led the Institute to intervene in geographic areas beyond the usual focus on Portuguese-speaking countries, specifically Colombia and The Gambia, respectively, under the “Sustainable Territories for Peace in Caquetá” project, in one of the most affected regions by the war and where efforts to support the economic and social reintegration of former FARC combatants, the re-launch of productive activities and local employment were most crucial, and the “Tekki Fii - Building a Future” programme, which will run until 2025.

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We highlight some of the IMVF’s activities, which are detailed in the present report.

In 2022 was also the year of “The Digital World at the Service of Health - The Telemedicine Case Study in Sao Tome and Principe” documentary premiered at the national television, RTP África. This documentary highlights the importance of telemedicine as a valuable tool in the service of health in Sao Tome and Principe, contributing towards guaranteeing the population’s access to quality health care.

In order to strengthen the response capacity of national health systems in African Portuguese-Speaking Countries (PALOP) and, more specifically, to improve healthcare provision in these countries, we intend to extend the successful intervention in telemedicine in Sao Tome and Principe to the rest of the Lusophone area in the coming year, in accordance with international guidelines on digital health.

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In the Education sector, Portuguese Cooperation has acknowledged the results and positive impact of the “Integrated Support Programme for Sao Tome and Principe’s Education Sector (PAISE-STP)”, implemented in partnership with Aveiro and Évora Universities (UA and UE) and the University of Sao Tome and Principe (USTP), and has extended it to 2023. This project has been investing in an integrated intervention that covers initial teacher training, secondary school teachers’ continuous and in-service training, as well as Portuguese Language and Mathematics classes in the Autonomous Region of Principe.

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In the Rural Development and Food Security area, the “Support to Sao Tome and Principe’s agricultural export crops” project gave continuity to producer training in cocoa, coffee, pepper, and coconut good agricultural practices as well as to supporting producers’ associations. The CEPIRA’s Pepper Processing Centre rehabilitation work inauguration is worthy of note. The 1st National Exchange of Coffee Producers also took place, as well as the 1st coconut ceremony, which for the first time brought together all the actors in this sector. An international exchange was also held in Brazil for technical knowledge exchange in the organic production management of horticulture.

Cooperation agreements for academic and scientific collaboration with Sao Tome and Principe University, Lisbon University’s Higher Institute of Agronomy and HBD Príncipe were also formalised.

Within Guinea-Bissau Civil Society domain, the “Ianda Guiné! Djuntu” Action continued supporting Guinean citizens to take part in the resolution of national challenges and to get organised so that together they can find solutions to their communities’ problems. The 1st Diaspora International Conference “Guilápora - The Bissau-Guinean Diaspora as a Development Actor”, organised in partnership with the Secretariat of State for Guinea-Bissau’s Communities and the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), should also be highlighted.

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Under the scope of the “Tudu Fidju di Cabo Verde” awareness-raising campaign, the project “Promoting the Inclusion of Children and Young People with Neurological Disabilities” consolidated its intervention and intensified its actions. The meeting between a group of children and young people with neurological disabilities and the Cape Verdean President and First Lady, marking the International Day of People with Disabilities, should be highlighted, as well as the strategic partnerships between the project and the Alcoitão Rehabilitation Medicine Centre and D. Estefânia Hospital, in the scope of training, knowledge, and experience exchange between Portuguese and Cape Verdean health professionals.

Within Environment and Sustainability, it is worth mentioning the “Maio 2025 Programme” on Maio Island, which continues to contribute to an integrated, planned and sustainable development model of construction, generating not only wealth, but also social and territorial cohesion, leveraging the island’s considerable tourism potential, together with the various local development actors. Also in this area, it is important to emphasise the Sustainable Tourism and Nature sector intervention, through Vala Fidr Consulting (VFC), Ecosviso Cabo Verde and Proactive, and the financing of the Ministry of Tourism and Transport of Cabo Verde’s Social Sustainability Fund for Tourism, with the Footpaths and Trails Network Marking of Santiago and Fogo Islands, in Cabo Verde.

In 2022, the “Tilhas e Encantamentos” project began in the Culture and Heritage sector, in which, for the first time, IMVF directly intervenes in children’s and youth literature and, simultaneously, in four Global South countries, namely Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe. The project’s main goal is to contribute to sustainable employment creation by producing, publishing, and disseminating/marketing children’s and youth literature.

IMVF’s continuous work with Municipalities and Local Authorities and its presence as Intermunicipal Network for Development Cooperation (RICD) Secretariat should be emphasised. Within “AACCIONAD-OOS” project framework, it is worth mentioning the cross-border cooperation development work and the 5GIs transregional vision with the different development actors. As for the “People & Planet” project, a milestone to be highlighted was the simultaneous launch in eight European Union Member States and Cape Verde of the Water of The Future campaign on World Water Day, aiming to raise awareness and mobilise young people, policy makers, and society in general to tackle climate change. Within the campaign presentation event, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Portuguese Republic, emphasised on a video message the following: “Often emphasised by António Guterres, the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda aims to ensure water availability and sustainable management, as well as sanitation for all. It is a global and national obligation as well as for each one of us as citizens and as a community.”

Within Strategic and Development Studies, the IMVF continued its organic collaboration with Lisbon Club, with the Lisbon City Council’s support, with the aim of promoting reflection and debate on the major global and development challenges. In this area, the IMVF’s partnership in the 5th Lisbon Conference “Into a New World Order?” should be emphasised.

It should be noted that the “InovHumle - Innovation in Humanitarian Response” project, funded by the Erasmus + Programme, is still in progress, in partnership with ISCTE, combining the academic knowledge of five universities with three non-governmental organisations’ field experience from Turkey, Spain, Colombia, Brazil and Portugal. In this context, it is worth highlighting a Master’s degree in Humanitarian Action lecture on “Participatory Methodology”, which presented the implementation experience of the “Sustainable Territories for Peace in Caqueta” project.

The year 2022 is also marked by IMVF’s investment in the Gender area, common to the various projects it implements - cases such as Ianda Guine! Djuntu, PAS - Sustainable Agri-Food Policies, Agricultural Export Sector Support in Sao Tome and Principe or the Peace Observatory in Guinea-Bissau, striving for the recognition of women’s role and equal rights.

Similarly, national and international partnerships with other organisations, as well as cross-project collaborations, exploring opportunities and creating synergies, grew throughout the year.

The Portuguese hospitals network collaborating with the Health for All project was expanded, and the relationship with recent partners such as Chatham House (United Kingdom), the Timbuktu Institute (Senegal), the Guinean Human Rights League in Bissau (Guinea-Bissau) or the Medicine and Rehabilitation Centre of Alcoitão (Portugal) was strengthened.

To promote social justice and human dignity, Global Citizenship projects continued to be developed, by facilitating the understanding of subjects related to climate justice, sustainable consumption, policy coherence for development and enhancing the visibility, knowledge and recognition of Development Education and Global Citizenship. “FACT – Foster Awareness on the relevance of Checking the Truth” project kick-off on disinformation tackling is of particular note this year. Pan-European “Climate of Change” and “Our Food. Our Future” campaign activities were intensified. The “Coherence in Presidencies” project came to an end with an exhibition premiere, on the addressed thematic areas and the “ED-Comunicar” project launched its first study on poverty and inequality.

Also noteworthy is the “Human - Development and new global Challenges: to know act for social justice and against global warming” project, in which IMVF and the Oeiras City Council are partnering with the Lisbon Club. It is an innovative training and capacity building day for young people to take ownership of Development Education and Global Citizenship principles and values and to apply them in their daily lives in order to provide valid and sustainable responses to current economic, social, environmental and political challenges.

Portuguese President’s Video Message at Water Of The Future Campaign Launch

Minister for Portuguese Foreign Affairs, Mr. João Gomes Cravinho, speech at the 5th Lisbon Conference closing ceremony
In the scope of inter-project synergies, it is worth highlighting the intervention of the “Peace Observatory - Nô Cudji Paz” project’s local coordinator at one of the International Conference of Bissau-Guinean Diaspora panels organised by the “Ianda Guiné! Djuntu” on the diaspora’s importance in moderating the hate speech conveyed in political-party campaigns, with a focus on the ethnic-religious differences that make up the Guinean framework and the technical assistance provided by the “Ianda Guiné! Djuntu” Action to the “Agricultural Export Sector Support in Sao Tome and Principe” project, in the context of a call for tenders to support third parties, resulting from the successful Guinea-Bissau experience. An exchange between development actors from Sao Tome and Principe, Colombia, namely the Colombian Presidential Agency and Red Adelco, and Portugal, namely Camões, I.P., is being prepared for next year to share experiences in the cocoa agricultural sector.

It should also be emphasised that, in 2022, the Communication team remained committed to its work of publicising IMVF’s intervention, at both the institutional level and the projects it implements in the various sectors and geographies, continuing to contribute to strengthening the knowledge and recognition of the institute and giving voice to the various development actors.

IMVF continued its internship hosting policy through established protocols with several Portuguese universities. The trainees were integrated into different Units and provided support to activities carried out throughout the year.

To conclude, in 2022, IMVF strengthened its flagship intervention in several of the thematic areas and geographies.
Regarding 2022 financial analysis, it is marked by the start of four projects, totalling around €9,500k. A 19% increase in the value of portfolio projects is presented from a macro point of view:

Also, 16% higher than in 2021, the total amount executed in 2022 was €10,500k:

A sharp rise of around 26% was recorded by the European Union, mainly as a result of increased activities in three major projects: “Tekki Fii” in Gambia, “Ianda Guinea! Djuntu” in Guinea-Bissau and “People & Planet” in Europe. Regarding the Portuguese State, namely Camões, I.P., there is a decrease of about 33% compared to the “COVID-STP” project that ended in 2021. The remaining projects remained in line with the previous year, namely “PAISE-STP” and “Health for All” project partnerships with AMVF in Sao Tome and Principe, as well as “People & Planet” project co-financing in Authorities and Local Government areas.

With regard to Service Provision, there was a slight reduction in the annual figures. The total for this item amounted to around €135k.

It should also be noted that there was an increase of 8% in the Rent item, totalling around €180k, mainly reflecting the IMVF headquarters rehabilitated fraction rent.

Overall, current costs increased by 14% as a result of the full resumption of face-to-face activities, as well as staff reinforcement.

In the year under review, IMVF’s 100% shareholding in Valle Flor Consulting, Lda. (incorporated in March 2017) became positive and is reflected in the balance sheet at €16,590.

It should also be noted that in 2023, the Tax Authority recognised the IRC exemption for all income generated by IMVF, with retroactive effect, with the exception of consultancy and training services, which led to a net profit increase for the year of around €30,000.

Thus, the Institute obtained a Net Profit for the year of €82,062.12.

It is proposed that this Net Result should be transferred to the Retained Earnings account.

Regarding the equity situation, reflected in the Balance Sheet, there are no significant changes, with the exception of those mentioned above, namely the increase in future liabilities as a consequence of the initiated projects.

In terms of human resources administration, the promotion of a framework to improve efficiency, productivity and the optimisation of internal coordination processes continued in order to fulfil IMVF’s noble mission.

The Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to thank and emphasise the high level of competence, dedication and mission spirit of the institution’s employees, without whom it would not have been possible to achieve the goals already reached.

We are aware of the enormous challenges that lie ahead, which require an even greater effort on everyone’s part in order to continue to meet the challenges faced on a daily basis, both in terms of the countries and projects we are developing and in our endeavours to maintain the existing permanent staff.

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Project Officer Partnerships and Administrative
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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY,
A STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE TO BE PRESERVED

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WHERE WE ARE

Value of ongoing projects K€
(thousand Euros)

COLOMBIA
4,500 K€
100%

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE
14,400 K€
38%

CAPE VERDE
3,700 K€
80%

THE GAMBIA
5,000 K€
100%

GUINEA-BISSAU
23,200 K€
54%

PORTUGAL / UE
7,600 K€
88%

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100%

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38%

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WHERE WE ARE

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EDUCATION

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

CIVIL SOCIETY

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
WHO WE ARE

Created in 1951 as a private institution of public utility, IMVF is a foundation for development and cooperation that started its activity as a NGDO in 1988, in Sao Tome and Principe. From the 90s onward, we have expanded our action to other countries, mainly Portuguese Speaking Countries and broaden our scope of intervention. In 2017 we widened again our sphere of activities to new geographies in Africa and Latin America as well. The results achieved have turned IMVF into a key stakeholder in Development Cooperation, Global Citizenship and Development thinking.

RASION D’ÊTRE

The promotion of human dignity, which includes equal rights and opportunities and justice for all, improving the welfare of the most vulnerable populations, thus fighting against exclusion, and contributing towards a more sustainable planet, as a cornerstone to ensure good living conditions for present and future generations. This is the framework of what we do and how we do it.

HOW WE WORK

Assuring best practices and strengthening communities, public entities, and civil society regarding the respect of values and principles such as solidarity, gender equality, sustainability, accuracy and transparency are at the core of our work. Working in close cooperation with our partners in Development, alongside with the commitment and motivation of about 250 staff workers, of which more than 90% are involved on field work, have ensured the quality and relevance of our actions.

WHAT WE DO

We actively contribute towards sustainable development and human dignity by designing, implementing and collaborating in projects and activities in a diverse range of areas.

- HEALTH
- EDUCATION
- RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY
- CIVIL SOCIETY
- MIGRATION, POST-CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION
- ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
- CULTURE AND HERITAGE
- MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
- GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
- STRATEGIC AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
This is one of the core intervention areas of IMVF, due to the importance of health issues in development and well-being of populations. Our action is promoted in liaison with public authorities, within a structured and sustainable framework, with a special focus on maternal and infant healthcare and with the support of innovative telemedicine resources and means. The direct and indirect beneficiaries of our projects amount to more than four million people in several countries, particularly in Sao Tome and Principe, Guinea-Bissau and Angola.

**HEALTH FOR ALL**
1. Consolidation of Sao Tome and Principe National Health System
2. Strengthening complementary means of laboratory diagnosis in Sao Tome and Principe

**PIMI III** – Support Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health towards a Universal Health Coverage System

**PSMI** - Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Services in Guinea-Bissau

€ 17,955,961 total investment
The Health Care delivery in São Tomé and Príncipe has made significant progress over the last few years, providing the country with the best health indicators in sub-Saharan Africa and contributing to raising its Human Development Index (HDI) to the medium level of development. Since 1988, the Health for All Programme has contributed to this progress throughout various phases and in a variety of areas.

In this phase, the Health for All Programme operates at strengthening Health Development Policies, at the responsiveness to the prevention, control, diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable diseases and at the technical and material conditions of the preventive and primary care network; and will continue its work to improve specialised care access, both locally and remotely, and to build São Toméan health professionals’ capacity in specialised areas.

With regard to telemedicine, in 2022, 1,381 clinical sessions were held and 26,257 diagnostic support tests were submitted on the platform. In terms of medical missions, 25 missions were carried out, covering 13 specialities, during which 3,519 consultations and 932 surgical interventions were performed. Furthermore, technical assistance was regularly provided in hospital technical areas, both in person and remotely. In addition, 5 long-term specialised medical-surgical training grants were awarded in Portugal and 6 medium-term technical training grants.

Within the framework of non-communicable diseases tackling, action plans and guidelines for national screening have been developed for breast cancer, prostate cancer and deafness, as well as action guidance documents for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of other non-communicable diseases, namely concerning paediatric intensive care, rheumatic heart disease, cervical cancer, diabetes and thyroid diseases.

Telemedicine innovation in Gastroenterology recognised in the international scientific journal Thieme, with the article entitled “Starting gastrointestinal endoscopy in a lower middle-income country in Africa: Training, creating and endoscopy facility and developing telemedicine”, by Dra. Sara Campos, a gastroenterologist at the Champalimaud Foundation and head of mission for this specialty.

The 3rd edition of Dr. Ayres de Menezes Hospital (HAM) Ophthalmology Days took place at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in São Tomé on the 13th of October. The event marked World Sight Day, under the motto “Love your eyes”, in which topics related to ophthalmological equipment in São Tomé and Príncipe and its usefulness were presented. Dr. Luís Dias Pereira, ophthalmologist and head of the specialty mission, concluded: “We were pleased to note the high participation of several health professionals from all districts in the 3rd Ophthalmology Day at HAM; the scientific papers presented, namely by the local team members, proved to be well prepared and the lecturers showed a lot of motivation for participating in the event.”

Lecture “Six years of São Tomé and Príncipe Otorhinolaryngology Telemedicine”, December 8th, at São Tomé’s Portuguese Cultural Centre, organised by the health professional team of this specialty’s mission that regularly travels to São Tomé and Príncipe.

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General Surgery Mission

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OBJECTIVE
Promote the availability, quality and increasing autonomy of preventive, primary and specialized health care provision in Sao Tome and Principe and strengthen Sao Tome and Principe’s National Health Service response capacity to combat new epidemiological challenges, with a focus on Non-Communicable Diseases.

TARGET GROUP
São Toméan entire population, as National Health Service users; 855 health professionals integrated in the National Health System; 5 doctors, 2 laboratory technicians and 2 equipment maintenance technicians benefiting from long and medium term training in Portugal; and the Sao Tome and Principe Ministry of Health.

BUDGET
€ 5,080,000

FUNDING
Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P. and DGS – Directorate General for Health of Portugal

PARTNERS
Sao Tome and Principe Ministry of Health and AMVF – Associação Marquês de Valle Flôr (promoter organisation)

IMVF is a project partner implemented by AMVF.

Myriam Cassandra, cardiologist at Dr. Ayres de Menezes Hospital

“Telemedicine is a very useful tool that allows us to shorten the distance between Sao Tome and Principe and Portugal and to have better monitoring so that we can be able to make difficult decisions and refer patients. In addition to the decision-making support component, we have an educational element that allows me to make decisions even when I am alone. It is a very enriching experience.”

Francisco André
Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

“The Health for All project represents one of the greatest achievements of the Portuguese Cooperation, whose added value is widely recognised, both by Sao Tome and Principe Government and at an international level. According to the UNDP, Sao Tome and Principe currently ranks 3rd among all sub-Saharan African countries in terms of health indicators, demonstrating the effectiveness of the strategy adopted by the Health for All project”, which contributed to this achievement.

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Communicable and non-communicable diseases, primary care, preventive care and speciality areas require laboratory testing. However, Sao Tome and Principe’s poor laboratory network did not allow a quality public service to be provided. The complementary means of laboratory diagnosis project emerges in this context, structured around two axes, namely: laboratory infrastructure rehabilitation, equipment and operationalisation at Dr. Ayres de Menezes Hospital and at the district level; and technician training for effective care provision of complementary means of laboratory diagnosis.

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Building on the encouraging results achieved in previous EU-PIMI interventions and considering the persisting weaknesses in the maternal and child health sector in Guinea-Bissau, the European Union has approved a new phase of this flagship programme. PIMI III aims to further support improved access to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health care, in order to implement universal care coverage in the country.

In a growing global context of economic and social difficulties, throughout the 2nd half of 2022, PIMI III/IMVF continued its intervention in terms of in-service clinical training, clinical data collection and, free of charge, maintenance and repair of medical-surgical equipment and provision of essential medicines and medical consumables, in a universe of 135 health structures. To this end, it had an extensive clinical, financial, administrative, operational, and logistical team of more than 90 people, mainly Bissau-Guinean professionals, as well as Portuguese professionals and a Cuban.

The implementation of the strategy for the gradual transfer of competences and responsibilities to MINSAP-GB and other national health structures began, in collaboration with the EU Delegation in Guinea-Bissau. In addition, the first steps were taken towards the start of PIMI III’s clinical collaboration with the Simão Mendes National Hospital, in order to implement a Telemedicine platform in this hospital.

The project was launched on July 19th at Guinea-Bissau’s National Institute of Public Health. The Minister of Public Health, Dionísio Cumba, emphasised the importance of comprehensive health interventions that promote the continuous improvement of health care for the entire population, throughout the whole of Guinea-Bissau’s territory. The Minister of Public Health, Dionísio Cumba, emphasised the importance of integrating the Simão Mendes National Hospital, a national reference hospital, into this new phase of PIMI.

"Many women and children lose their lives due to difficult access to health centres or lack of quality care. With the support of PIMI in the country, these problems have improved. Patients are more frequently seeking health facilities and health workers are doing a much better job as they have the tools and skills reinforced by training to better diagnose patients, thus contributing to maternal and infant mortality reduction. PIMI is mostly implemented by Guinean technicians and this is an asset for the country, because even with the end of the project, technicians can continue maternal and child health care."

Clinical team with newborn at Bafatá Regional Hospital

Cadidjatu Djaló, midwife of the PIMI/IMVF team

OBJECTIVE
Improve equitable access to quality SRMNI services, including for people living in vulnerable situations.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: 343,101 children under 5 years old; 450,184 women of reproductive age; 1,500 health professionals from health facilities in Guinea-Bissau
Indirect: the entire population of Guinea-Bissau

BUDGET
€ 8,350,000

FUNDING
European Union

PARTNERS
Guinea-Bissau Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP), World Health Organization (WHO), University of Southern Denmark/Bandim Health Project

GUAINE-BISSAU
JUL 2022 – JUN 2025

PIMI III
SUPPORT REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH TOWARDS A UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE SYSTEM

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Throughout 2022, and in a context where strong political instability and structural difficulties in the health system persist, the PSMI intervention aimed to ensure an important transition bridge between the EU-PIMI II Programmes (Integrated Programme for the Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality), which ended in June 2021, and EU-PIMI III, which started in July 2022.

Following a co-operation agreement between MINSAP-GB, the European Union and the World Bank, IMVF became responsible for implementing the sub-component activities 3.2 - Free healthcare initiative and 3.3 - Drug supply chain and service provision, in coordination with the other project partners.

PSMI represented another important step towards the Bissau-Guinean national health system’s progressive autonomisation. The project pursued an intense in-service capacity building activity, as well as clinical and health indicator data collection and monitoring. In addition to the permanent project clinical team presence in the country’s regional hospitals, around 1,900 in-service clinical training visits were carried out, to which more than 700 visits by the gratuitousness audit team were added, in 132 health structures.

Some essential medicines, as well as tests, reagents, and laboratory equipment, were made available to the health structures covered by the project. Several blood donation campaigns were supported, particularly those promoted by the National Blood Donation Centre, in partnership with the Portuguese Cooperation and the Simão Mendes National Hospital.

In addition, and promoting the continuous enforcement of the Gratuitousness Policy, the project ensured the reimbursement of medical acts to health structures. It also ensured the payment of performance-based incentives to national health system clinical and management professionals, promoting quality improvement in the care provided.

OBJECTIVE
Improving the coverage and quality of essential maternal and child health care in Guinea-Bissau.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: More than 320,000 children under 5 years of age and more than 400,000 women of childbearing age in all the health regions of Guinea-Bissau; and more than 1,200 health professionals assigned to 112 health structures. Indirect: About 1,881,005 inhabitants of the 11 health regions of the country.

BUDGET
USD 4,538,557.00

FUNDING
World Bank

PARTNERS
Our intervention reflects our commitment towards a development process that respects the liaison with national authorities and fosters local, individual and institutional skills. The most relevant action in this sector has been taking place in São Tomé and Príncipe, where our actions support the public authorities responsible for Education. In recent years, our actions have covered around 400 teachers and other education professionals and indirectly reached almost 20,000 students.

PAISE-STP - Integrated Support Programme for Sao Tome and Principe’s Education Sector

€ 3,390,700 total investment
During 2022, PAISE-STP supported the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEES) in kick-starting the teacher training degree accreditation process and creating a higher education website. Seven research internships were carried out at UA and UE by University of São Tomé e Príncipe (USTP) lecturers and a data centre was installed at this university to assist an academic management system implementation. The USTP Library was reinforced with 54 education reference works and a distance learning room was equipped. An Education Research Network continued to be promoted and the Scientific-Pedagogical Days “Education and teacher training in Sao Tome and Principe: analysing the present to design the future” were co-organised with the Ministry of Education between April and September.

This year, 103 secondary school teachers from Sao Tome and the Autonomous Region of Principe were trained through the four continuing education programmes in Portuguese, Mathematics, English and Natural Sciences/Biology. A data centre to support a digital repository implementation was provided to MEES. Six research internships with MEES staff were carried out at UA and UE.

PAISE-STP supported MEES in the development of five normative documents (on school management and administration, teacher training and pedagogical supervision) as well as General Inspectorate of Education in the implementation of internal and external school evaluation processes. A proposal for a teacher performance evaluation system was developed. In the Autonomous Region of Principe, the pilot in-service training programme was given continuity and was successfully completed by two Portuguese language teachers. Eight 11th and 12th grade classes had four cooperation officers as Portuguese and Maths teachers.

*IMVF is a project partner implemented by AMVF.

**OBJECTIVE**

Contribute to raise the professional qualifications and skills of the secondary school teaching staff; promote the development of institutional capacities of the University of São Tomé e Príncipe (USTP) and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE); and contribute to improving the education sector’s functioning, especially regarding school administration and management.

**TARGET GROUP**

MEES managers and technical officers; educational supervisors; discipline delegates; school managers; education inspectors; secondary school teachers; USTP teachers; Ongoing and In-Service Training Office; Directorate of Secondary and Technical Vocational Education; Directorate of Educational Planning and Innovation; General Inspectorate of Education, and secondary school students from the Autonomous Region of Principe (grades 10 to 12).

**BUDGET**

€ 3,390,700

**FUNDING**

Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

**PARTNERS**

Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Sao Tome and Principe (MEHE), Associação Marquês de Valle Flôr (AMVF), University of Sao Tome and Principe, University of Aveiro (UA) and University of Évora (UE)
Agriculture and livestock are crucial for the development of the countries where we operate in and for the improvement of the populations’ welfare. Our action prioritises the strengthening of local associations regarding production and trade, as well as the promotion of food security and food sovereignty networks and regional agricultural planning. In the past years, technical capacity building actions, training, production and creation of micro enterprises have covered, directly and indirectly, about 500,000 people, mainly in Brazil and in Guinea-Bissau.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

Support to Sao Tome and Principe’s Agricultural Export Crops

Ianda Guiné! Galinhas

PAS – Sustainable Agri-Food Policies

€ 5,778,535 total investment
SUPPORT TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORT CROPS

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
MAR 2021 – FEB 2025

The project’s intervention strategy is based on a systemic view of the export sector, through strengthening the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Fisheries (MADRP) and its state research and extension structures, as well as supporting increased production and quality and promoting the marketing of export crops.

In 2022, the MADRP website was updated, the process of updating the legal framework for cooperatives is underway, and a gender-focused intervention strategy for key actors in the agricultural sector is being developed.

Crop health training has been conducted to improve the service provided to producers, and a tender for a photovoltaic power plant is underway to ensure energy stability, which is essential for the research centre’s work.

Thirty-two demonstration fields for good agricultural practices implementation and training were established, benefiting 1,624 farmers in the coffee, cocoa and pepper sectors.

Five coconut producer associations were created, around 100 producers received crop and nursery implementation training, and 3,797 coconut plants and farming supplies were distributed.

120,000 cocoa and 23,000 coffee plants production and community coffee and coconut nurseries implementation were supported by the project.

Orlando Lopes Mendonça, coffee producer from Água Sampaio

“I think the project has done a very important job and we, from the Água Sampaio community, are very satisfied. We learnt how to make nurseries, seed selection, staking and we also received equipment that will help us to increase our production, because we know that the coffee tree needs pruning and the pruning saw we received will help.”

Technical assistance was provided to four organic crop demonstration fields and inputs were provided to 32 vegetable farmers for the transition from conventional to organic production. Six horticulturists and three project technicians attended an exchange programme in Brazil, which served to increase their knowledge of the organic production process and the participatory guarantee system.

A pepper processing centre construction with 75 tonnes of processing capacity and the construction of coffee solar dryers are of particular note. Twelve traditional cocoa dryers and nine fermentation and storage facilities were also built, and four dryers were upgraded.

OBJECTIVE
To empower the sector’s actors and create the conditions to improve quality and sustainably increase the traditional export sectors’ production, in order to consolidate their access and recognition in foreign Markets.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: 3,000 producers of cocoa, coffee, pepper and coconut, 15 rural entrepreneurs, 5 cooperatives and 85 producers’ associations, 40 employees and managers from MAPDR, CADR and CIAT central services, and 500 people in socio-community initiatives.

Indirect: 12,000 people, family members and rural communities from which direct beneficiaries are drawn.

BUDGET
€ 4,850,000

FUNDING
European Union and Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

PARTNERS
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (MAPDR) and other several partnerships, including ISA, CIAT, CADR, SENAPIQ, INE, CATAP and HBD.
Throughout the project, a veterinary expert has provided technical assistance to around 100 breeders and two poultry companies, which has contributed to 102 poultry farmers achieving average results of €115/month in chicken and egg sales.

The project was implemented in six regions of the country: Bissau, Bafatá, Biombo, Cacheu, Gabu, and Oio. Vaccination was another response to the poultry sector challenges in Guinea-Bissau. To this end, two campaigns were carried out against Newcastle disease and avian influenza (H9N2), with a total of 49,142 chickens vaccinated, corresponding to 879 poultry farming families. Since the beginning of the project, 97,276 chickens have been vaccinated, corresponding to 1,866 supported poultry farmers distributed over 150 villages (tabancas).

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Poultry sector challenges persist, particularly in terms of input supply access, given inflation and rising prices of raw materials, transport and customs costs; the absence of a value chain with essential products for the manufacture of feed at competitive prices and regular access; and the absence of a livestock national identification system with epidemiological data and the lack of an operational national laboratory.

In 2022, 20 poultry farmers were trained within the Poultry Technical Course, totalling 62 poultry farmers trained in the three editions held. This year, the average age was 31 years old; 80% of the students were “quite satisfied” and “very satisfied” regarding the applicability of the course in their professional lives. In addition, with the technical support of the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança, the Quelelé School of Arts and Crafts, where the training course took place, decided to proceed with the course homologation and continue to train entrepreneurs.

Venâncio Monteiro, Canchungo poultry entrepreneur

“I used to get loans from people I knew, but Ianda Guiné! Galinhas helped me gain my independence. I can get chickens for a period of 45 to 60 days and sell them. My job in poultry farming is to get my daily bread. Both in poultry farming and other commercial activities I hope in the next 3 to 5 years to reach a different level than today. I hope to take a step forward. In a few years, I hope that my chicken production will be different. I started with 150 chickens and today I have 500.”

IANDA GUINÉ! GALINHAS

GUINEA-BISSAU

Bafatá, Biombo, Cacheu, Gabu, Oio and Bissau Autonomous Sector

JAN 2019 – DEC 2023

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Family farming contributes to a more sustainable agricultural production, to the eradication of hunger and poverty, and to Food and Nutrition Security (FNS). According to the United Nations Organisation, family farming covers about 90% of the world's agricultural production, which makes it even more relevant if we take into account rural women's rights.

Within the framework of the Food and Nutrition Security Specialisation Course, attended by intersectoral teams from public authorities and civil society, promoting the planning and implementation of FNS policies and actions, 10 theses have been developed and had the opportunity to be published within the scope of the synergies with the Food and Nutrition Security Council (CONSAN) of the CPLP.

“Sao Tome and Principe Rural Women’s Rights” study addressing gender equity promotion and its correlation with FNS achievement, as well as rural women's role in the transition to sustainable food systems based on agroecology was also published. Also noteworthy is the “Food and Nutrition Security in Sao Tome and Principe - Legislative Review Proposals” study.

Finally, we highlight Sao Tome and Principe’s Action Plan publication regarding the Government’s application for the World Agricultural Heritage Important Systems (SIAPAM), based on the country’s Cocoa Agroforestry System.

OBJECTIVE
Strengthen the participation and capabilities of civil society for discussing and monitoring the implementation of public policies that impact on natural resources’ access and management, on poverty reduction, and on food and nutrition insecurity.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: 30 technical leaders of civil society organisations; 20 managers and technicians of agricultural cooperatives and family farmer’s organisations; 30 farmers, artisanal and extractive fishermen (in particular, young people and women); 46 managers and technical officers of national public administration and the Autonomous Region of Príncipe, in the food security and nutrition sectors; and 50,000 people, mostly young people and poor women living in rural areas.

Indirect: the population of Sao Tome and Principe.

BUDGET
€ 666,667

FUNDING
European Union and Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

PARTNERS
Association for Cooperation and Development (ACTUAR-ACD) and Association for Agricultural Development and Environmental Protection (ADAPPA)

Jaqueline Oliveira, Vista Alegre Women’s Association Secretary

“I initially, in our association we only processed dried banana, but with the support of the PAS project, we were able to raise funds to acquire more work for the community and employ more women. We had various types of support, we were offered working materials and we were given training in fish processing and small business management and economies. We really needed this in the community because we had a lot of unemployed women, this project was of great value. It was a great support for us, the women of the Vista Alegre Association, because now we can support our house, help our husbands and children and we have a lot to thank the project for.”

13 micro-initiatives were supported by the project, and in addition to the technical assistance provided to the beneficiary associations, specialised training was also provided in the animal production and slaughter area (rabbits, chickens and pigs), honey processing, business plan development and fish processing. Each association benefited from a start-up fund of around €10k.
The empowerment of civil society is crucial for the development of fairer, more democratic and peaceful societies and consequently, also to statebuilding. The promotion and support of civil society activities, especially NGOs, citizens’ organisation platforms and other non-state institutions, therefore reflects a cross-cutting concern of our action in several countries. Most of our projects have been implemented in Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor and Brazil.
IANDA GUINÉ! DJUNTU

GUINEA-BISSAU
JAN 2019 – DEC 2023

Ianda Guiné! Djuntu Action continues to support Guinea-Bissau citizens so that together they can find solutions to their community’s problems and participate in solving national challenges.

In 2022, the Action focussed on awarding small grants using the Djuntu Method, receiving over 1,500 applications, and approving 459 initiatives.

The Plans and Projects Information System (SIPP) was created, a platform that gathers community development initiatives, giving them visibility and allowing them to be correlated with the Government’s development plans.

Barkafon - Guinea-Bissau’s civil society documentary fund - was also launched, with more than 230 publications.

Three radio debates were held (on women’s situation, regional and sectoral development plans and press freedom) and one TV debate (on the legal framework study recommendations for civil society organisations).

“Disabled People in Synergy” story was also released and “Guinea-Bissau Public Policy Social Control - Civil Society Organizations’ Dynamics and Participation” study was launch.

More than 150 Small Change Plans were implemented, involving young people from all regions in simple actions which have a positive impact on their communities.

Finally, the 1st Diaspora International Conference “Guinea-Bissau Diaspora as a Development Actor” was organised in Bissau, with more than 100 participants (national and international political entities, national diaspora representatives and organised citizens’ collectives representatives), who reflected on the diaspora’s role in Guinea-Bissau’s sustainable development process.

The Djuntu Method is an innovative methodology created to work in a participatory way with organised citizen collectives with no access to traditional development support processes.

Maximiano Ribeiro Gomes, President of the Ilhéu do Rei Sons and Friends Association

“I consider Ianda Guiné! Djuntu action intervention on Ilhéu do Rei to be impactful, where for the past 29 years more than 374 inhabitants of the island were obliged to travel by pirogues every day to Bissau in search of water. A problem now solved with the Permanent Support Office (GAP) assistance, which, through a grant budgeted at 4,500,000 CFA, allowed the public fountain to be restored, minimising the shortage of water for community consumption, as well as the frequent risk of travelling at sea in search of water in Bissau.”

OBJECTIVE
Strengthen the participation and performance of Organised Citizens’ Groups in solving their problems.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: Guinean Groups of Organised Citizens and their members and associates.
Indirect: the entire population of Guinea-Bissau

BUDGET
€ 9,200,000*
* Consolidated amount of 2 contracts currently in force

FUNDING
European Union
In 2022, the Tudu Fidju di Cabo Verde project strengthened its awareness-raising campaign dissemination. In addition to airing spots on TV, radio and digital media in Cape Verde, information sessions were held both in schools and among parents.

On the International Disabled People’s Day, a solidarity and inclusive march was held in Praia, bringing together around 500 children, young people, educational agents and associations, with activities in almost all municipalities.

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The four initiatives backed by the third-party support mechanism strengthened the project partner organisations’ activities with their beneficiaries. Equipment was purchased to reinforce FECAD’s Care and Rehabilitation Centre, in order to provide better care to its users. Cape Verde’s First Lady, Débora Carvalho, visited the Centre.

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“People of Guinea we are brothers, we must not accept division!”, sang the Bissau-Guinean musician Binhan Quimor at the project launch ceremony. The message immortalised in this song bridges the idea of identifying and preventing social phenomena that could jeopardise peace.

Without peace there is no social cohesion, no development. As the Guinea-Bissau Secretary of State for the Council of Ministers and Parliamentary Affairs Presidency argued on the occasion, “peacebuilding must have a transversal approach, involving State, civil society institutions and families”.

Can peace be built without women? According to the project’s gender expert, “social peace, progress and social cohesion are only possible with the women’s role recognition in the Radicalisation and Violent Extremism Prevention (PREV)”.

As facilitators for a peace alliance of religious denominations establishment, the project’s approach included the creation of an observatory in Bissau and three regional antennas (São Domingos, Gabu and Buba) to promote humanist values and strengthen cohesion among Guineans.

The 1st National Religious Leaders’ Reflection Meeting for PREV took place in Bissau, resulting in the “Common Agenda for Peace” being unanimously adopted by the 50 religious leaders present (Islamic, Catholic and Evangelical communities).

In collaboration with the Timbuktu Institute and a Bissau-Guinean expert on the subject, and complemented with the Radicalism and Violent Extremism (REV) phenomenon study, 36 focal points, 50 religious leaders, the project team and other social partners were trained. Indeed, the “Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in Guinea-Bissau Comprehensive Study” aims to bring to light the perception and experience of the phenomenon as perceived by the community.

“We do feel pressure, threats, we do feel religious extremism threat in our region. We are already working on the prevention of radicalism and violent extremism. Just recently there was a concrete situation, but our security forces and traditional authorities intervened to respond to the situation [...] It is very fortunate for the Gabu region that we have been chosen to host this space. [...] The role of the LGDH complements Governance, without the role of the LGDH we govern with deficiency. The LGDH is an actor that contributes to the development of the country. The LGDH defends everyone’s right.”

Elisa Tavares Pinto, Gabu Regional Governor, at the project’s regional office inauguration in Eastern Province
Forced migrations, as well as refugee streams and internally displaced people continue to pose a serious threat to peace and human dignity, to which multilateral institutions, national authorities and civil society organisations try to respond. These phenomena, that frequently occur or result in cases of high institutional fragility, have been addressed by our action, usually in countries on post-conflict situations. Angola and Mozambique are some of the countries where we work.

Sustainable Territories
for Peace in Caquetá, Colombia

Tekki Fii - Building a Future:
Make it in The Gambia

€ 9,136,979
total investment
The Sustainable Territories for Peace in Caquetá project was implemented in one of the most affected regions by the armed conflict of over 50 years and consequently by the long-term absence of State institutions in most of its territory, by poverty, by a high number of conflict victims, factors that together had a social, economic and environmental profound impact. In contrast, Caquetá is one of the country’s richest regions in terms of biodiversity and water abundance and is often referred to as the “Puerta de Oro de la Amazónia Colombiana” (Golden Gate of the Colombian Amazon).

Funded by the European Fund for Peace, co-financed by Camões, I.P., and implemented in partnership with Red Adelco, the project focused its activities on four rural municipalities in this region and the Poblado Héctor Ramírez - a reception, empowerment and economic and social reintegration space for former FARC combatants.

Over four years, it has not only contributed to sustainable agricultural sector development through new agroforestry practices, integrated with environmental preservation, adding value, but also supported social inclusion and the promotion of a peace and legality culture.

“The project has had a great impact on many women’s lives in the region [of Caquetá], as they often think that we are not capable of carrying out certain tasks, but the project has empowered us and shown us that we can run a business and make it grow. This project, with the training and accompaniment it has given us, has helped us fight the stigmatisation of women in Caquetá.”

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Francisco André and EU Ambassador to Colombia, Gilles Bertrand at the Poblado Héctor Ramírez fruit processing plant.

Francesca Orlandi, Productive Component Coordinator, at the new agroforestry practices training certificate award ceremony.
In a brief summary, it is worth highlighting:

In the productive component, agro-industrial transformation strategies for added value were promoted, focusing on quality, organic certification, and transformation. Four agro-industrial units were built and equipped with the project’s support:

• Agro-industrial unit for quality Cocoa processing, organic certification obtained, and four commercial alliances and internal and external commercialisation were also established.
• Agro-industrial Unit for Non-wood Products Processing from the Amazon Rainforest - with the canangucha vegetable oil manufacturing major innovation, and two commercial alliances established for its commercialisation;
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Within the social component, continued support was provided to 31 Civil Society Organisations on administrative, financial, legal, socio-entrepreneurial and organisational issues, focusing on the organisations that will be responsible for the management of the above-mentioned productive infrastructures. For instance:

• CHOCOAMAZONIC, a women’s cocoa producers and processors association, which, with the project’s support, has succeeded in consolidating rural women’s leadership added value generation and collective participation in high-quality chocolate sales processes;
• ASMUPROPAZ, Woman’s Peacel Essence Producers Association, composed of former FARC combatants and local community, mainly women, becoming a peaceful coexistence and reconciliation mechanism in the territory.

Within the infrastructure component, road rehabilitation works were completed (vital for the various agro-industrial units production outflow) and three road committees were strengthened, responsible for the maintenance of the rehabilitated roads.

Regarding the reintegration component, the dialogue and reconciliation strategies between FARC combatants in Poblado Héctor Ramírez and neighbouring communities continued to be promoted, contributing towards the reconciliation and reintegration of ex-combatants.

The project’s results and impact are largely due to its intersectoral approach, multiple partnership building and development, articulation promotion between multiple actors, namely the Colombian National Army, FARC ex-combatants, local communities, the local associative fabric, the local power and governance of the Department, universities and the private sector (Colombian and Portuguese, namely Mota Engil).

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The Tekki Fii project was a pioneering intervention by Portuguese Cooperation in The Gambia. For three years and nine months, it acted to increase and diversify economic opportunities for young people in rural areas and to promote a social environment conducive to youth participation in local development and good intergenerational and gender relations.

Through IMVF’s intervention, 398 young people acquired skills in various agricultural production areas (such as horticulture, small ruminants, processing, honey production and agro-processing); five training centres were supported, and two new centres were opened in rural areas. In line with young people’s interest, training was also provided in farm machinery maintenance and mobile phone repair. 325 micro-enterprises were created or boosted through in-kind support, specific technical support and business mentoring. More than 82% of the young people supported were from rural areas, fulfilling one of the project’s main aims – decentralising opportunities to ensure that no one is left behind.

51 community and family vegetable gardens were boosted through agricultural inputs supplies, tools and equipment; management, production and equipment and infrastructure maintenance training; and the creation of revolving credit funds. In order to overcome two of the main constraints of the agricultural sector, 18 community and school vegetable gardens received renovated water access infrastructure and/or fencing. Around 3,500 farmers benefited from the intervention, which boosted the transition from subsistence to market-orientated production.

“After taking part in the project, beneficiaries have witnessed increases in income generation and knowledge and skills acquisition; changes in the mindset of young people regarding the opportunities offered by the agricultural sector to earn a living in The Gambia; and improvements in the well-being of their families and the availability of opportunities for returnees’ reintegration, among others.”

“[…] The IMVF-led project has contributed to addressing irregular migration’s root causes in rural communities. […] and a solid foundation has been laid that can help sustain the income-generating activities of its beneficiaries and vegetable gardens.”

External Evaluation Report

Training in marketing strategies for agribusiness development

Agribusiness development support beneficiary (goat and sheep production)

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Four country regions involving around 15,000 members of the school community were engaged in activities that increased their knowledge of the agricultural and sport opportunities available. In all 25 schools, sessions involving students, teachers, families and the community, were organised, clarifying and informing about irregular migration risks and regular migration opportunities. In a pioneering action in the country, and always in an inclusive logic, these sessions were replicated in 58 Koranic schools.

In terms of youth-oriented and managed social infrastructure, a new youth centre and a new multi-sports field were built, and two existing youth centres and a sports field were renovated.

Five community radios were supported with broadcasting equipment, infrastructure maintenance, technical and management training, in order to better fulfil their role as a privileged channel of communication with populations in remote areas of the country.

Over almost four years, communities have been informed about migration dynamics through more than 300 actions and more than 300 returnees have been supported in community reintegration.

Both economic empowerment and social cohesion were promoted by the Tekki Fii project. It focussed on a development-integrated approach based on strong collaborative dynamics with local actors - government, civil society and the private sector. It also ensured the required flexibility in emergency situations, providing a response to thousands of people in the context of the 2020 pandemic.

OBJECTIVE
To boost economic development through fostering employment and income generation opportunities and improve the attractiveness of rural areas and promote a favourable socio-economic environment for an effective and sustainable reintegration of former migrants.

TARGET GROUP
Around 5,000 rural actors trained; more than 46,500 beneficiaries of actions to promote social cohesion and intergenerational dialogue.

BUDGET
€ 5,000,000

FUNDING
European Union Trust Fund for Africa

PARTNERS
Camões, I.P., Agency for the Development of Women & Children (ADWAC), Alianza por la Solidaridad, United Purpose, International Trade Centre, Enabel and GIZ

Kaddy Kanaji, rural extension worker

“Being a female extension worker has been tough. First, because this country is not used to seeing a woman in this position, and even less so a woman with an education. Initially, I did not feel confident enough to stand in front of other older and wiser women farmers. It was challenging because at first they were not willing to listen to me, but then gradually they were able to process the information. These women’s lives have been greatly impacted by the project. Tekki Fii has empowered Gambian women by making them financially independent, by making them start putting money together for themselves - and we all know that when a woman is independent, she has a say. Thank you, Tekki Fii. Now we believe we can have a dignified life in The Gambia.”
The preservation of ecosystems, biodiversity and non-renewable natural resources, as well as the fight against climate change, have been the focus of our action in this area. We have developed water supply and quality improvement projects, sanitation and hygiene, feasibility studies for capturing and better use of resources, amongst others, aiming to strengthen public entities and engage local communities in the countries where we intervene, particularly Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and São Tomé and Príncipe.
Throughout 2022, two lines of work were followed:
1) Technical assistance identification needs (TA) with Maio City Council (CMM) and decentralised services; and 2) activities implementation that enabled the creation of a closer relationship with the various beneficiaries. Once this diagnostic phase was completed, which also included a Territorial Development Agents course, structuring activities began, such as TA to the CMM, namely in the cartography area and in supporting the Detailed Plans tender launch and the Youth House construction.

Concerning Civil Society Strengthening work, the entities with whom more in-depth work will be undertaken were identified and the Individual Strengthening Plans were initiated. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) training was also carried out. Entrepreneurship-related activities were also initiated, namely the School Entrepreneurship Programme and Maio’s Economic Promotion and Dynamisation Strategy.

Regarding the Protected Areas and the Biosphere Reserve, awareness-raising activities were organised in schools and communities, as well as protected area monitoring. In terms of Infrastructure, toilets were built in 8 Homestay houses and mains water was connected to corrals that had been built in previous projects. The refurbishment work of the Tourism Office room also started. Finally, we started working with farmers through financial education training and the tender launch for third-party support.

Joana Ribeiro Rosa, Financial Education Training participant

“I really enjoyed the training, especially the issue of budgeting, which I had never done before and will now put into practice; and also learning how to manage our income at a time when we are suffering from successive price increases due to the world situation; seeing what to spend on and how we are going to save, as we often buy things unnecessarily.”

OBJECTIVE
Build a sustainable territorial development model on Maio island.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: City Hall and local delegations representatives and technical officers (Health, Education, Culture, Environment/Agriculture, ICIEG - Capeverdean Institute for Gender Equality and Equity, and Police); community associations, cooperatives, and other local civil society organizations; women, youth, children, and teenagers; farmers and livestock breeders, fishermen, women fishmongers, cultural agents, artists, craftsmen, and small business entrepreneurs.
Indirect: Citizens of Maio island in all its diversity, civil society and private sector.

BUDGET
€ 3,000,000

FUNDING
European Union

PARTNERS
Maio City Hall, ADPM - Mértola Heritage Defense Association and Maio Biodiversity Foundation
IMVP has been working towards the enhancement of cultural identities, promoting them as dialogue, transformation and innovation spaces. Our activity has focused upon cultural heritage recognition projects and on supporting participatory and solidarity processes, including local income generating activities, such as sustainable tourism. In the past years, we have developed projects in three countries: Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde, from which around 40 thousand people benefit on an annual basis.

Ilhas e Encantamentos,
Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique

€ 521,619
total investment
At a time where globalisation continues to blur borders, it is becoming increasingly important to preserve the cultural aspects of identity that contribute to community cohesion.

Ilhas e Encantamentos kicked off with 13 trainings that empowered approximately 50 education technicians to capitalize on their cultural symbols, namely through children’s and youth literature. It is intended that these elements can become a source of income for the participating communities.

With this goal in mind, the project’s editorial line was created and the first four storybooks of the collection, one for each intervention territory, were entirely written—and often illustrated—by children and young people during several participatory sessions.

The “Houses of Tales”, the project meeting points, where local communities can tell and listen to stories, read and learn, play and grow in a small laboratory of books and readings shared with storytellers, artisans, actors and directors, musicians and composers, have also been defined.

These spaces will also house the didactic and educational kits, which can be requested by teachers for school activities, as well as the artefacts created through the activities and training workshops, such as puppets of salt pans, fishermen, fishmongers, etc.

Finally, the regulation for the income-generating activities support fund was drafted in Mozambique, which will serve as a reference for the other project partner countries.

500kg. This is the amount of books which will occupy the “Houses of Tales” shelves and feed the imagination of our young writers; they were donated by the University of Évora, by Re.Ler, by Baduga and also by many anonymous people.

Emilton Gonçalves Varela, Porto Mosquito School student, Santiago Island, Cape Verde

“I found the workshops good and very important for us. When the book is ready, we are kind of obliged to read it because we produced it ourselves. It was good for us because we never had the opportunity to be part of a book. This book is more important than the others because it has the batucadeiras (cultural heritage, music and dance traditions), the fishermen; it has what is ours! People will start reading more. The most important thing about the workshops is that they result in a book”.

IMVF Annual Report 2022

The IMVF Annual Report 2022 features images and text highlighting the project’s objectives, target group, budget, funding, partners, and the experiences of students like Emilton Gonçalves Varela.

OBJECTIVE
Mobilise the creative and educational power of heritage, in diverse and appealing children’s and young adult literature, in a dynamic of South-South cooperation.

TARGET GROUP
Direct: around 45,643 schoolchildren and young people; 756 young adults; 1,576 teachers; 490 craftsmen.
Indirect: stakeholders in the cultural sector as a whole; school communities covered by the project activities; the inhabitants of the target territories, around 307,968.

BUDGET
€ 521,619

FUNDING
European Union and Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

PARTNERS
Associação Marquês de Vale Flôr (IMVF)  
Cooperativa Artissal  
Gabinete de Conservação da Ilha de Moçambique (GACIM)  
Casa da Cultura de São Tomé e Príncipe  
Sphaera Mundi

*IMVF is an affiliated partner of this project
Local authorities and particularly municipalities are key actors for statebuilding and development. Our actions aim to contribute to the institutional strengthening of public institutions in the countries where we intervene, as well as to the participation of citizens in public affairs. The projects held and in which we have participated in recent years are located in Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, Angola and Cape Verde. In Portugal, we have been working in partnership with a network of municipalities.
Bringing a transregional perspective to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represents an opportunity to address innovative sustainable development processes with various development actors. Implemented in cross-border areas between Portugal and Spain, the project reflected a coherent intervention aimed at fostering sustainable and inclusive growth, geared towards promoting sustainable communities (SDG 11), sustainable production and consumption (SDG 12) and climate action (SDG 13). Dividing the actions into three stages enabled the establishment of a more effective framework for partnership collaboration and activity management.

In the first stage - Communicate and Raise Awareness - the project’s website was established, serving as an observatory for best SDG’s practices. Additionally, the web series “2030” was produced, consisting of four episodes focusing on sustainable production and consumption.

In the second stage - Train and Empower - local authorities, civil society, microenterprises, and social and solidarity economy organizations were trained through educational initiatives focused on the SDGs and on SDGs 11, 12, and 13 Localization. These training actions engaged approximately 85 participants from Alentejo, Algarve, Extremadura, and Andalusia. Five videos, two infographics, and two quizzes were produced: “Circular Economy and the SDGs” and “Waste Management and the SDGs” - materials that complemented the training and reached broader audiences through their online availability.

In the last stage - Mobilise and Appropriate - 26 micro-projects were implemented (12 in Portugal, six of which in Alentejo, under IMVF’s direct monitoring). These micro-projects enabled associations, non-profit organisations, micro-enterprises and social and solidarity economy institutions to adopt sustainable social and environmental practices.

The micro-projects are initiatives aligned with SDGs 11, 12 and 13, implemented by organisations in cross-border regions that have received grants from ACCIONAD ODS.

OBJECTIVE
Improve the capacities of administrations and public organizations in basic resource management (SDG11); increasing citizen participation and its political impact through the promotion of projects in the areas of production and consumption, implemented and managed by social entities and civil society (SDG12); and improve the articulation of cross-border space through environmental projects promoted by social economy entities and local governments (SDG13).

TARGET GROUP
Municipalities of Alentejo and Algarve (technicians and municipal leaders), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other social entities.

BUDGET
€ 172,709 (Global: € 1,068,268)

FUNDING
European Union (INTERREG VA – Spain-Portugal POCTEP)

PARTNERS
Agencia Andaluza de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AACID), Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación al Desarrollo (AEXCID), Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para a Solidariedade Internacional (FAMSI), Fondo Extremeño Local de Cooperación al Desarrollo (FELCODE) and Associação In Loco
If current trends persist, by 2030, water scarcity could lead to the displacement of up to 700 million people. However, because we still have access to water when we turn on a tap, the problem seems distant to us, which is not necessarily the case.

2022 was marked by the #WaterOfTheFuture campaign launched on World Water Day, whose spot reached 128 million views in the intervention countries in just 7 months. However, since raising awareness is just the initial step towards behaviour change, People & Planet organized 171 events of various kinds to mobilize young people on a national level.

Among street actions (reaching over 650,000 people), sustainable events (attended by over 1,000 people), and sustainability workshops (resulting in creative installations that continue to convey messages about the significance of sustainable behaviours), the project intervened in the formal, non-formal and informal education panorama.

Within this diversity of activities, how do we know that we are addressing young Europeans’ concerns and expectations about climate change and water scarcity? To obtain these answers, the project developed and released the “European Youth and Climate Change” report, which will serve as a guide regarding general knowledge, individual actions and the political perception of young people, enabling targeted and structured interventions.

Above all, young people’s ideas and mobilisation must lead to tangible changes, which is why the project has also been empowering local authorities and school communities through training actions focused on localising the SDGs.

This campaign aimed to place water scarcity on the public agendas and help change awareness and behaviours. The launch event featured a video contribution from the President of the Republic, Prof Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and the Executive Director of Water and Sanitation for All, Catarina de Albuquerque. It also included a debate between the EC Representative in Portugal, Sofia Moreira de Sousa, two Portuguese activists and young secondary school students.

**OBJECTIVE**
To contribute to mobilising young people across the European Union to combat climate change and support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting sustainable lifestyles and habits as well as to strengthen the role of Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations as key actors in promoting sustainable development.

**TARGET GROUP**
Young European citizens aged 15 to 35, municipal technicians and local policy-makers.

**BUDGET**
€ 1,243,609 (Global: € 6,714,846)

**FUNDING**
European Union (DEAR Programme) and Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

**PARTNERS**
16 organisations from Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Cape Verde

* IMVF is a partner in the project managed by CM Loures, but assumes its overall operational management.
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€ 943,764 total investment
Climate change is one of the world’s most important issues and humanity’s greatest challenge. The climate emergency highlighted by international and national institutions and validated by other scientific reports shows us that the time to act is now. Only active mobilisation will enable an assertive response to this challenge.

Mobilisation was one of this year’s challenges. The Activism Guide “Time to Act: A Guide for the #ClimateOfChange Campaign” was launched as a source of information and inspiration on how to build a strong campaign for social and climate justice. Young #Climate OfChange Ambassadors travelled to Kenya and Cyprus, witnessing climate change’s impact on various communities. The “Changing Times” podcast gained more episodes, with more guests and won over more audiences. Plogging was one of the dominant actions, along with a music playlist promotion and the climate justice petition dissemination, which gathered over 100,000 signatures and was presented at the 27th United Nations Climate Conference (COP 27). Climate justice promotion doesn’t make sense without partnership. A grant was launched to support 5 youth organisations in Portugal, and the organisation of the “Activism Academy’22 - From Inspiration to Action” was also supported by the project. A whole series of initiatives that have made it possible to consolidate knowledge on climate change and its impact on migration, as well as providing a multitude of educational and methodological tools for mobilising young people.

An innovative campaign that has already reached over 340,000 young people in Portugal through more than 150 events/actions.

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Leonor Medon, #ClimateOfChange ambassador and sociology student at Porto University’s Faculdade de Letras

“In today’s world, I believe it’s impossible not to address the impact of climate change on our daily lives. Naturally, we are facing direct or indirect examples such as rising temperatures and extreme drought, especially because Portugal, due to its geographical characteristics, is one of the European countries most vulnerable to climate change. Although there are certainly populations around the world much more affected than us today, I consider that we all have the obligation to view this issue as collective, affecting all of us, both in the present and the future.”

IMVF Annual Report 2022
Today we understand that behind every food or beverage, there are people being denied the most basic and fundamental rights. They are invisible faces, yet vital throughout the production and distribution chain of food goods and products. Farm workers, women, migrants, children, and local communities are exposed to human and environmental rights violations by multinational corporations and supermarkets across the entire food supply chain.Human dignity and the assurance of achieving a fair, ethical, and sustainable food system are the driving force behind the actions promoted in 2022. These are innovative and impactful actions, with increasingly significant results, that we hope can be further strengthened in the coming months.
Ensuring a fairer, more dignified and sustainable world is, more than ever, a requirement of the international and national community. In the past decade we have witnessed a growing legislative commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), grounded in a human rights agenda. As we enter the final 7 years toward achieving the Agenda 2030, we understand that the developmental challenges we face require a more coherent and assertive response than ever before.

Policy Coherence for Development (PCD), which has been a vital pillar of the European Union since 1992 to strengthen efforts in enhancing the impact and effectiveness of the development process, undoubtedly stands as one of the most assertive responses in Development promotion.

The #CoherenceInPresidency project - Advocacy for Global Development - fostered, over a span of 24 months, a critical understanding of global interdependencies and reinforced the value of Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) as a central axis of Sustainable Development. Grounded in a logic of knowledge enhancement, the project undertook awareness-raising actions to promote communication for development and mobilization in support of PCD implementation. From the five thematic studies to the PCD exhibition, from surveys to webinars, infographics to talks, videos to quizzes, all the created and disseminated products have ensured that the conditions are in place for Development actors to engage with the PCD theme. All materials are available and interconnected to allow individual learning processes, where, according to each individual’s needs, it’s possible to embark on a journey of empowerment, awareness, and mobilization.

Policy Coherence for Development is built upon the recognition that various sectoral policies - such as agricultural, trade, security and defense, climate change, or migration policies - have a profound impact on developing countries.

“The social and environmental dimensions of development are among people’s main concerns for the future. Nearly 68% of respondents (343 people) selected environmental protection and climate change as one of the five issues they are most concerned about, and approximately 64% (323 people) singled out poverty and income inequality. Human rights and quality education are also among the most relevant issues, with 53% (268 people) and 48.2% (244 people), respectively, including these topics in their top five concerns.”

Extract from the results analysis of the “Portugal and Global Development” survey
As a result of the need for the Portuguese population to be more involved in development and global citizenship issues, promoting critical thinking and active civic participation based on cooperation and solidarity, the ED-Comunicar project aims to demonstrate to the rest of civil society and development actors the contributions and benefits of Education for Development and Global Citizenship (EDGC) in the process/es of social transformation. This is done critically and consciously, with the aim of fostering a more democratic, participatory and just society.

Enhancing intervention in the research - (in)training - awareness axis, studies on Education for Development Framework were drawn up; (in) formative factsheets on key EDGC themes were produced and a strong emphasis was placed on disseminating EDGC materials and contents among development actors and social media, and, above all, on establishing the foundations and consolidating the partnership that brings together eight Portuguese civil society organisations.

The Development Education Framework is a guiding document that frames the pedagogical intervention of Development Education as a dimension of citizenship education and promotes its implementation in pre-school education as well as primary and secondary education.

"The chain of causes and effects that explain poverty and social exclusion highlights the multidimensional nature of these phenomena. They are phenomena that have implications in various spheres of individual and collective life, such as the economic, social, psychological, cultural, and political dimensions, and they tend to be cumulative. In other words, they tend to favor the accumulation of vulnerability factors and the emergence of vicious cycles in the life trajectories of individuals living or experiencing poverty and social exclusion."

Excerpt from “The urgency of reading the world: Poverty and Inequalities” study

OBJECTIVE
Enhancing the knowledge and visibility of Education for Development and Global Citizenship, promoting understanding, recognition, and engagement of strategic actors and the general community in the public discourse on the challenges of ensuring a more equitable and sustainable world.

TARGET GROUP
Actors working specifically in Development Cooperation, Civil Society Organisations, municipal technicians, media organisations and the general public.

BUDGET
€ 4,068,00 (Global: € 134,481,89)

FUNDING
Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P.

PARTNERS
ADRA Portugal, AIDGLOBAL, Par Association - Social Responses, Cidade de Lisboa Foundation, Gonçalo da Silveira Foundation, Mundo a Sorrir and Rosto Solidário
The current phase of acceleration and widening of global changes led to the establishment of a strategic and development studies area, which brings a new dimension of think tank analysis to IMVF’s regular activities, focusing on relevant issues that impact on Development and Cooperation. We have elaborated and published several studies and research papers/briefs, and we prioritise partnerships with various stakeholders – this has led to the creation of the Lisbon Club in 2016 and the Lisbon Conferences on global development issues in 2013, of which IMVF is a founding member.
In 2022, the Development and Strategic Studies Office (GEED) continued to focus on its partnership with Lisbon Club, namely by holding the following activities: two conferences, "Generating Energy for the World and Preserving the Planet", on February 21st and 22nd, with the Lisbon Club, Lisbon City Council and five partners, and the 5th Lisbon Conference, of which the IMVF is a founding member, entitled "Towards a New World Order?", on October 13th and 14th, together with the Lisbon Club, the Lisbon City Council and seven other partners; participation in a training course, the 8th Global Challenges Summer School, from September 26th to 30th, aimed at around 80 participants, together with ISCTE-IUL’s Centre for International Studies and the Lisbon Club; the holding of 18 webinars, namely four Lisbon Talks and 17 Lisbon Speed Talks, on various subjects related to global challenges and relevant international agenda issues for peace and development. These activities resulted in publications available on the Lisbon Club website. 2022 is also marked by the beginning of the HUMAN project - Development and new global challenges - learning to act for social justice and combating global warming. A partnership with the Lisbon Club (lead partner) and Oeiras Municipality, which will contribute to promoting and strengthening global citizenship among more than 17,000 young people, demonstrating that the interdependencies and global challenges analysed and discussed by GEED are topics of interest for young people and can be promoted using increasingly innovative and relevant methodologies.

Myauro Cravid,
International Relations student at the Autonomous University of Lisbon

"The 5th Lisbon Conference "Towards a New World Order?" featured political and academic personalities with in-depth knowledge. Subjects of extreme importance for understanding today’s international society were addressed, providing the target audience with extensive knowledge about the current conflicts and problems the world is facing."

President of the Portuguese Republic, Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, at the opening of the Lisbon Conferences.

:Objective
To contribute, through activities and publications, to Sustainable Development and International Cooperation knowledge increase and debate about its relevant issues, and to promote IMVF’s visibility and notoriety in Portuguese and international society, using, whenever appropriate, partnerships and collaboration with third entities, with emphasis on Lisbon Club, of which IMVF is a founding member and Headquarters.

:Target Group
Diversified, mainly national.

:Budget
€ 60,000

:Funding
IMVF’s own funds (60%) and Lisbon’s City Hall funding (40%)

:Partners
Permanent: Clube de Lisboa, CML, União das Cidades Capitais de Língua Portuguesa (UCCLA), Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa (CCIP) and Sociedade para o Financiamento do Desenvolvimento (SOFID); ad hoc: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Embassy of Japan in Portugal, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, ISCTE-IUL’s Centre for International Studies (CEI-IUL), Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA) Portugal, Youth Climate Leaders, Instituto Diplomático and Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa.
21-22 "Generating Energy for the World and Preserving the Planet" conference, organised by the Lisbon Club, at the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Lisbon

13 | 1st Meeting of the Health Sector Coordination Committee (CCSS) of Guinea-Bissau, in Bissau

14 | Acciona-OOSD project partners meeting, IMVF headquarters, Lisbon

22 | Water of the Future Campaign launched simultaneously in eight countries as part of the People & Planet project, at the Álvaro de Carvalho Water Factory - with the President of the Portuguese Republic speaking

4-5 | 10th Congress of the Portuguese-speaking Medical Community, in Bissau.

21 | Health for All - Portugal and WHO respond to Sao Tome and Principe government appeal and deliver rapid tests for dengue diagnosis in the country

29 | People & Planet and Macao 2025 projects promote training and sessions on the SDGs in Cape Verde.

10 | Visit by the Vice-President of Cabo Verde, Dr. Cristina Morais, and officials to IMVF’s implemented projects in Sao Tome and Principe

19 | President of the Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Fradique de Menezes, visits IMVF

28 | "Will pandemics remain a global threat?" lecture at CEI-1's "8th Symposium on Global Challenges, with an intervention by the Chairman of the IMVF Administration Board, Dr. Paulo Freitas"

29 | Launch of the 2022 "The digital world at the service of health - the practical case of telemedicine in Sao Tome and Principe" - Documentary official launch later broadcasted by RTP Africa

1 | "The practical case of telemedicine in Sao Tome and Principe" - Documentary official launch later broadcasted by RTP Africa

14 | World Blood Donor Day marked with blood donation campaign in Guinea-Bissau, promoted by the National Blood Centre, in partnership with the Simão Mendes National Hospital, the World Health Organisation, the World Bank, the IVIP, Aids NGO, among other partners

22 | Signing of the Cooperation Agreement for the Health for All project - Consolidation of the National Health System of Sao Tome and Principe and signed (with the Portuguese Ambassador to Sao Tome and Principe, Dr. Rui Carneiro)

21 | "Observatory of Peace - Nô Cudji Paz": Ceremony for the "Supporting Reproductive Health Coverage System in Sao Tome and Principe" project’s public presentation at the Government Palace, Bissau

13-14 | 1st Meeting of the Health Sector Coordination Committee (CCSS) of Guinea-Bissau, in Bissau

16 | Innovation in Telemedicine in Otorhinolaryngology in Sao Tome and Principe" lecture, at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal

2 | President of the Republic of Cape Verde receives team from the Inclusion of Children and Young People with Neurological Disabilities Promotion Project

1 | "Six years of Telemedicine: From the Inclusion of Children and Young People with Neurological Disabilities Promotion Project" - IMVF (Carolina Quina) moderated "Electoral Trends and Young People with Neurological Disabilities Promotion Project" online lecture on IMVF's work in the health sector in Guinea-Bissau to students of Linnaeus University, Sweden (Dr Ahmed Zaky)

23-24 | IMVF (Carolina Quina) takes part in the meeting of West African think tanks - Table Tri case presentation, Geneva, at the invitation of Chatham House and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Berlin

18 | Visit by the Vice-President of Cabo Verde, Dr Cristina Morais and other officials to IMVF’s implemented projects in Sao Tome and Principe

23 | "OurFoodOurFuture campaigns to extend the Integrated Support Project highlighted at the event of the "Supporting Reproductive Health Coverage System in Sao Tome and Principe"

19 | Launch ceremony for the "Supporting Reproductive Health Coverage System in Sao Tome and Principe" project, at INASA, Bissau

14 | Signing of the addendum to the Integrated Support Programme for the Education Sector in Sao Tome and Principe (PAISE-STP)
COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA
In 2022, IMVF’s Communications team remained committed to publicising IMVF’s intervention, highlighting the positive impact of the actions carried out at the institutional level and within the scope of projects it implements in the various areas of intervention and geographies, with the aim of strengthening knowledge and recognition of the Institute and giving a voice to the various development actors.

The Communication, Image and Events Office (GCIE) remained committed to boosting IMVF’s website and social media platforms - highlighting a significant increase in website visitors, greater investment in Linkedin and an increase in the number of followers and interactions on all networks, supporting the preparation and production of graphic, audiovisual and merchandising materials, favouring the use of sustainable materials and supporting events organisation and other institutional or project-related initiatives.

It is worth highlighting “The Digital World at the Service of Health - The Practical Case of Telemedicine in Sao Tome and Principe” TV premiere documentary on October 15th, on RTP Africa. The documentary emphasises the importance of telemedicine as a valuable tool in serving healthcare in Sao Tome and Principe.

A notable milestone was the launch of the pan-European Water of the Future campaign on March 22nd, World Water Day, as part of the People & Planet project. The communications team was directly involved in organising the event, which featured a video message from the President of the Portuguese Republic, Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, and the screening of the campaign spot, which was broadcast on the television channels of the partners’ countries.

For the first time, in August, during a week (from August 22nd to 26th), a communication mission was carried out in The Gambia, a country where IMVF began its activities in 2019, with the aim of gathering testimonies, photographs and videos from various beneficiaries and following the final activities of the Tekki Fii - Building a Future project.

Finally, it is worth highlighting the continuous strengthening of relations with the ground teams associated with the different projects, as well as the support (on site and remotely) for the training of local communication and related technicians assigned to the projects implemented by the IMVF.

**ONLINE PRESENCE**

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

54,700 WEBSITE VISITS IMVF.ORG

205 PUBLISHED NEWS

Various resources on development issues have also been made available, including up-to-date content on all projects, press releases, clippings, publications, photographs and videos.

There are 507 publications available for consultation and download on IMVF’s website.
In 2022, several news items were published in different national and international media about IMVF’s activities, as well as reports, interviews, opinion articles and comments in different media.

- **Acting for Human Rights (Amnistia Internacional Portugal magazine) 01/04**
  - Capacity building as a holistic process for empowerment

- **LUSA 19/07**
  - EU launches programme to help combat maternal and child mortality in Guinea-Bissau

- **Voa portugues 26/07**
  - Guinea-Bissau: “Peace Observatory” will study violent radicalisation

- **RTP Notícias 26/08**
  - Health for All - Portugal reinforces financial aid to consolidate Sao Tome and Principe’s national health system

- **RTP Notícias 24/08**
  - Rio Lima pepper processing centre can now export 75 tonnes per year

- **IMVF Tekki Fii Trains Youth on Entrepreneurship and Marketing Techniques 02/12**

- **RTC 02/12**
  - President of Cape Verde receives children and young people with neurological disabilities, recognises the country’s progress and calls for greater inclusion

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**FINANCIAL RESULTS**
ITALIAN MISSIONS FOR VENEZUELA FOUNDATION

HUMAN RESOURCES
ALLOCATED BY COUNTRY

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TOTAL 469*

* From which 318 are local staff, 30 are expatriates and 98 are healthcare missions and technical assistance

Funds Allocated by Country

- Cape Verde: 15
- Colombia: 30
- The Gambia: 30
- Guinea-Bissau: 183
- Portugal / Headquarters: 22
- São Tomé and Príncipe: 169

TOTAL: 469

* From which 318 are local staff, 30 are expatriates and 98 are healthcare missions and technical assistance.

FUNDS RECEIVED BY ORIGIN

- European Union: 36%
- Portuguese Government: 3%
- Other Entities: 6%

EXPENDITURE BY AREA OF INTERVENTION

- Health: 19%
- Education: 6%
- Rural Development and Food Security: 11%
- Civil Society: 1%
- Migration, Post-Conflict And Humanitarian Action: 10%
- Environment and Sustainability: 10%
- Culture and Heritage: 6%
- Municipalities and Local Authorities: 21%
- Global Citizenship: 2%

SIMPLECTED BALANCE*

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TOTAL ASSETS: 29,880,069

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TOTAL FUNDS: 6,587,083

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TOTAL LIABILITY: 25,292,986

TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITY: 29,880,069

NET RESULT: 82,062

* Statements restructured as compared to the model of accounting, to allow easier reading by non-financiers.

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