



MOVING TOWARDS HUNGER-FREE PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The project worked towards strengthening national capacities to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in the nations making up the Community of Portuguese Language Countries. It brought together leading civil society organizations, the private sector, academic institutions and parliamentarians from the countries involved, as well as fostering cooperation between member states to advance the national implementation of the strategy. The benefits were to be felt deep within communities, as with school feeding programmes in Cabo Verde and São Tomé e Príncipe and family farming in Timor-Leste and Angola.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project was based around the implementation of a [Regional Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition](#) – a first step towards a [Hunger-Free Initiative for the countries involved](#). Given the different political situations at play in the countries targeted by the project, great sensitivity and skill were required in bringing together the respective institutions focusing on food security and nutrition.

At a country level, the Regional Strategy was reached through the formation of national councils for food security and nutrition (as in the case of Cabo Verde, São Tomé e Príncipe and Timor-Leste), or significant efforts towards them (Guinea-Bissau), but also through the launch of mechanisms designed to involve as broad a range of stakeholders as possible, from academic institutions to the private sector.

The promotion of Right to Food principles and its associated good practices was key to the success of the project.

IMPACT

Farmers, in particular, are now able and encouraged to participate in the decision-making processes at national and regional levels regarding food security policy. This can be translated into concrete improvements in the food being produced and accessed by the population.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD500 000
(USD445 000 for Phase I and USD55 000 for Phase II)

Duration

February 2014 – December 2015 (Phase I)
May 2016 – October 2016 (Phase II)

Resource Partners

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Partners

Community of Portuguese Language Countries, Ministries of Agriculture of CPLP member states, *Mecanismo de Facilitação da Participação da Sociedade Civil no CONSAN da CPLP* and REDSAN, Association of Portuguese Language Universities

Beneficiaries

Civil society groups, national food security and nutrition councils in target countries and Executive Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries

ACTIVITIES

- Work plans developed by civil society organizations for participation in the Food Security and Nutrition Council of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries.
- National food security and nutrition councils established in Cabo Verde, Timor-Leste and São Tomé e Príncipe, a multistakeholder commission established in Guinea Bissau and multistakeholder dialogue on family farming and food security and nutrition put in place in Angola.
- Regional dialogue through technical working groups on food security issues.
- Exchange of knowledge between countries ensured through two fora on family farming and food security and nutrition held in 2015.



Project Code

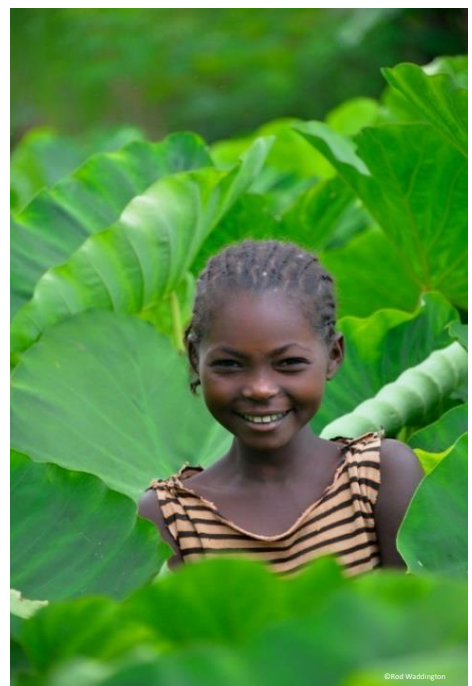
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Project Title

Supporting the implementation of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries regional strategy for food security and nutrition towards the establishment of a hunger-free CPLP

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