# Case 1: A N G O L A

# Integrated Program for the Protection and Development of the Angolan Coastal Forests (PIPDEFA)

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The project is in the context of the relationship between the NGO COSPE and the Forestry Development Institute of Angola since 1995. This collaboration was materialized through the implementation of the triennial project for Combating Desertification in the Municipality of Tombwa-Namibe, financed by the Italian Cooperation and from January 2008 to December 2010 the EU-financed triennial project "Reducing Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in the Namibe Province". In addition, in 2009 COSPE and the University of Florence together with the IDF, the University Agostinho Neto and the University of Lisbon carried out forestry and economic missions to characterize the problem of coal mining. The intervention took place in four provinces of Angola: Namibe (Communities of Katuvo, Assunção and Munhengo), Benguela (Communities of Katanda and Sope), Kwanza Sul (Communities of Canjombe and Jamba Kipuco) and Bengo (Community of Piri Velho).

Implementing Organization	Cooperation for the development of Emerging Countries-COSPE	
	Forestry Development Institute	
Funding Source	Italian Cooperation, EU, COSPE, Universities	
Implementing Period	03/2014 – 2017	
Project site	Provinces of Benguela and Kwanza Sul	

Key Words: -



Participatory meeting in the project community

#### **Purpose and Objectives of the Project**

### General Purpose:

- Contribute to the reduction of poverty in Angola
- ✓ Contribute to the sustainable use of forest resources in Angola.

#### **Objective:**

Improve the socio-economic conditions of rural communities in the provinces of Benguela and Kwanza Sul through: a) promotion of participatory and sustainable management of forest resources, b) development of resources and training for the social inclusion of the most vulnerable.

#### **Major Activities**

Study on non-wood productive potential. Elaboration and implementation of participatory management plans for forest resources in the beneficiary communities. Participatory monitoring of forest management. Specific training for IDF staff personnel and community members on sustainable forest management. Exchange and seminars between Angolan and European Training Institutes. Edition, presentation and approval of a project for the payment of ecosystem services according to international standards. Specific training and support to income-generating activities resulting from the use of sustainable non-wood forest products. Creation and strengthening of cooperatives and local associations of producers. Literacy of adolescents and young women. Support for the creation of an employment and social protection center for the insertion of young people, especially women, in the area of employment in Benguela. Organization and training focused on HIV / AIDS and malaria. Organization of sports and recreational activities for adolescents and young women. Conduct of public debates. Update and preparation of the operators involved in the project. Strengthening of the child protection network in the identification of problems and their capacity to respond. Radio programs under rights, with the participation of citizens and social protection.

# **Expected Results**

- ✓ Increased forest management capacity by the institutions and communities concerned.
- ✓ Development of tools and income generation capacity from forest management.
- Improving formal and informal service access, integration and social protection for vulnerable groups in rural settings.
- ✓ Strengthen and improve the capacity of civil society and institutions in dialogue and cooperation in the social area.

#### **Target Groups**

- ✓ 320 Beekeepers and some traders benefited from basic training and technical assistance and formed associations / cooperatives
- ✓ 18 IDF technicians benefited from specific technical training
- ✓ 1500 community members were sensitized to community forest management 10 university teachers were involved in the exchange initiatives
- ✓ 4 coordinating leaders of associations / cooperatives participate in the exchange
- ✓ 870 children, young people and women at risk and extreme vulnerability. -125 members of institutions and representatives of civil society to improve their knowledge and exchange of experiences.

- 7 local partnership operators for professional updating  $\checkmark$
- 1020 community members sensitized on social protection services, the rights of minors, access to women's  $\checkmark$ social and labor services and community cohesion.

# Impacts

Reduction and control of fires, prohibition of cutting trees underneath and around the hives prevent cutting of trees of lower diameter.

# **Reference Documents/Materials**

Anual Report 2015/2016

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Delivery of the Miombo and Mopane forest field water manuals to the project associations