Social inclusion

Improving access to basic social services and economic opportunities

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29 projects financed in 14 years EUR 325 million invested since 2003 8 000 social and affordable housing units built in inner-city Johannesburg

Access to education, healthcare, decent housing and employment are fundamental to human dignity, and are key to achieve poverty eradication. In Southern Africa, although poverty rates fell by almost half between 1996 and 2012, data shows that consistent economic growth co-exists with growing levels of inequality in many countries in the region.

Reducing maternal and infant mortality, countering the spread of HIV, improving farmers' productivity, increasing access to high quality education are a few examples of AFD's work to improve social inclusion. These initiatives are in line with AFD's mission to improve access to basic social services and economic opportunities, ultimately reducing poverty and inequality.



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Our action in Southern Africa

PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF SOCIAL HOUSING

In South Africa, AFD has helped expand access to decent and affordable housing for previously disadvantaged populations. Through partnerships with private developers such as the Affordable Housing Company (AFHCO) and public financing institutions such as the National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC) and the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF), AFD supported the construction of more than 8,000 social and affordable housing units in inner-city Johannesburg. In addition, AFD extended credit lines to local banks that allowed more than 4,000 low-income households to buy their first homes.

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ACCESS TO SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND FARMERS

ESSOR, one of AFD's grant recipients in Mozambique, runs professional training and support for young people in Maputo, Beira and Sofala provinces. Through this training, young people learn vital life and job-specific skills to get ahead in their chosen careers or to set up their own business. The NGO also helps small-scale farmers living in and around Maputo develop sustainable urban agriculture projects. This is done through training to improve production methods, and support to farmers in boundary demarcation and land registration.

MOZAMBIQUE

IMPROVING PALLIATIVE CARE AND PAIN MANAGEMENT



AFD supports the NGO Douleurs Sans Frontières in setting up a pilot process for the follow up of patients for better pain management and improved palliative care. The project focuses on home-based patients in Chibuto, Xai-Xai and Massingir districts.

BACKGROUND

In Mozambique, few private actors work on pain management and palliative care. There is still no clear guidance and health strategies in place on these topics, despite the recognition of their relevance by Mozambique's Ministry of Health.

Thanks to the successful work of Douleurs Sans Frontières (DSF) and its partners in the districts of Chibuto, Xai-Xai and Massingir since 1996, Mozambique's health authorities expressed their willingness to reinforce the actions already undertaken in palliative care, pain management and home-based care in these pilot districts.

DESCRIPTION

The project's main areas of work include:

- Training sessions with health workers and physicians in pain management and palliative care;
- Pain and palliative care awareness sessions for 80 home-based care workers and 15 traditional physicians;
- Purchase of first aid kits to support the work of home-based care workers and hygiene items to assist the most vulnerable and bed-ridden patients;
- Support to community partner associations in the operational and institutional areas;
- Support to the Mozambican Hospice Palliative Care Association (MOPCA) for the annual evaluation of the home care system;
- Support to MOPCA and the Faculty of Medicine of Maputo for lobbying activities at the Ministry of Health (implementation and coordination of the teaching of a module "pain and palliative care" in the current curriculum).

IMPACTS

- Capacity building of the Mozambican Hospice Palliative Care Association (MOPCA) so that it becomes a truly civil society actor able to develop, in collaboration with the health authorities, the strategies and services needed for better pain management;
- Support to 3,000 patients per year over 3 years;
- Better access for patients living in remote rural areas to health units offering quality care, which builds trust between patients and health units (humanization of care).

MOZMBIQUE Country



01/01/2013 Project start date

31/12/2016 Project end date



Sectors CHIBUTO, XAI-XAI ET



MASSINGIR DISTRICTS

3 YEARS Duration of funding



Grant Financing tool



EUR 471 344 Grant amount

Douleurs Sans Frontieres (DSF) Beneficiaries

SOUTH AFRICA

FACILITATING ACCESS TO SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA



A project aimed at increasing access to decent, affordable housing for low-income families living in the Gauteng Province, South Africa.

BACKGROUND

Since 1994, the intervention of the South African state within the framework of the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) has been focusing on access to property and large scale, fully subsidised provision of individual housing units for the poorest households (living on less than R 3,500 per month). The aim was to quickly respond to the needs of as many people as possible, at an affordable cost

In 20 years, this programme delivered over 2.8 million fully subsidised housing units. However, despite this huge effort, the housing gap increased while the number of informal units skyrocketed (+650% between 1994 and 2015).

DESCRIPTION

With this project, AFD contributes increase the social rental housing supply in the Gauteng Province via intermediated financing of the Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF), a public entity whose main shareholder is the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements (GDHS)

The project will allow around 5,500 households that cannot currently benefit from subsidised accommodation to live in quality accommodations. The project will therefore contribute to the significant improvement of the living conditions of these households, whose monthly income is estimated to be between R 1,500 and R15,000.

IMPACTS

- Knock-on effect on the economic development of the Gauteng province;
- Improvement of low- and middle-income households living conditions;
- Redress territorial inequalities and socio-spatial segregation inherited from Apartheid;
- Capacity building of GPF in order to boost rental of social housing.

SOUTH AFRICA Country



01/06/2018 Project start date

30/06/2023 Project end date



Inequalities, Sustainable cities Sectors



GAUTENG PROVINCE

15 YEARS Duration of funding



Loan Financing tools



EUR 30 000 000 Financing amount

Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF) Beneficiaries

Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF) Co-financing organizations

MOZAMBIQUE

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL ORGANIZATIONS



AFD is supporting a project by the French NGO ESSOR to develop sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture in Maputo and outlying areas.

BACKGROUND

Mozambique, and in particular its capital Maputo, is very dependent on imports to meet the food needs of its people. In this context, urban and peri-urban agriculture is a major strategic activity from a food security and an economic and social point of view. However, the economic and environmental efficiency of this type of agriculture is limited by the weakness of producers' organizations and the support capacity of public institutions.

DESCRIPTION

The activities of this project aim to increase the skills of producers, their organizations and supporting institutions by promoting agro-ecological agriculture. More specifically, 30 producer organizations will be benefit from:

- Support to the development and implementation of an nstitutional development plan, training of organization members in democratic and transparent management;
- Support to the drafting of statuses for the organizations;
- Training farmer members of organizations in new, more sustainable agricultural production practices;
- Vocational training of 100 unemployed young people aged 18 to 30 who wish to start an agricultural activity;
- Technical support to farmers and their organizations to develop small investment projects geared towards more sustainable practices;
- Support for the marketing of agricultural products;
- Logistical and methodological support for the creation of a consultation forum on the policy to support to urban and peri-urban agriculture. This forum will bring together all the public and private institutions involved in the development of urban and peri-urban agriculture in Maputo and Matola.

IMPACTS

- Contribution to the preservation of the environment and public health by promoting more sustainable urban agriculture;
- Increased skills and capacities of public and private actors in the agricultural sector, better coordination in the implementation of their actions;
- Contribution to the reduction of urban poverty through increased income for farmers, especially those working in the agro-ecological sector.
- Healthier environment.

MOZAMBIQUE Country



16/12/2013 Project start date

16/12/2016 Project end date



Hunger and Food Security, Sustainable Consumption and Production Sectors



MAPUTO Location





Grant Financing tool

EUR 478 784 Grant amount

ESSOR Beneficiaries



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AFD works in many sectors – energy, health, biodiversity, water, digital technologies, training – and supports the transition to a safer, more equitable and more sustainable world: a world in common. Its action is fully in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through its network of 85 agencies, AFD operates in 109 countries and is currently supporting over 3,500 development projects. In 2017, it earmarked EUR 10.4bn to finance these projects.

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