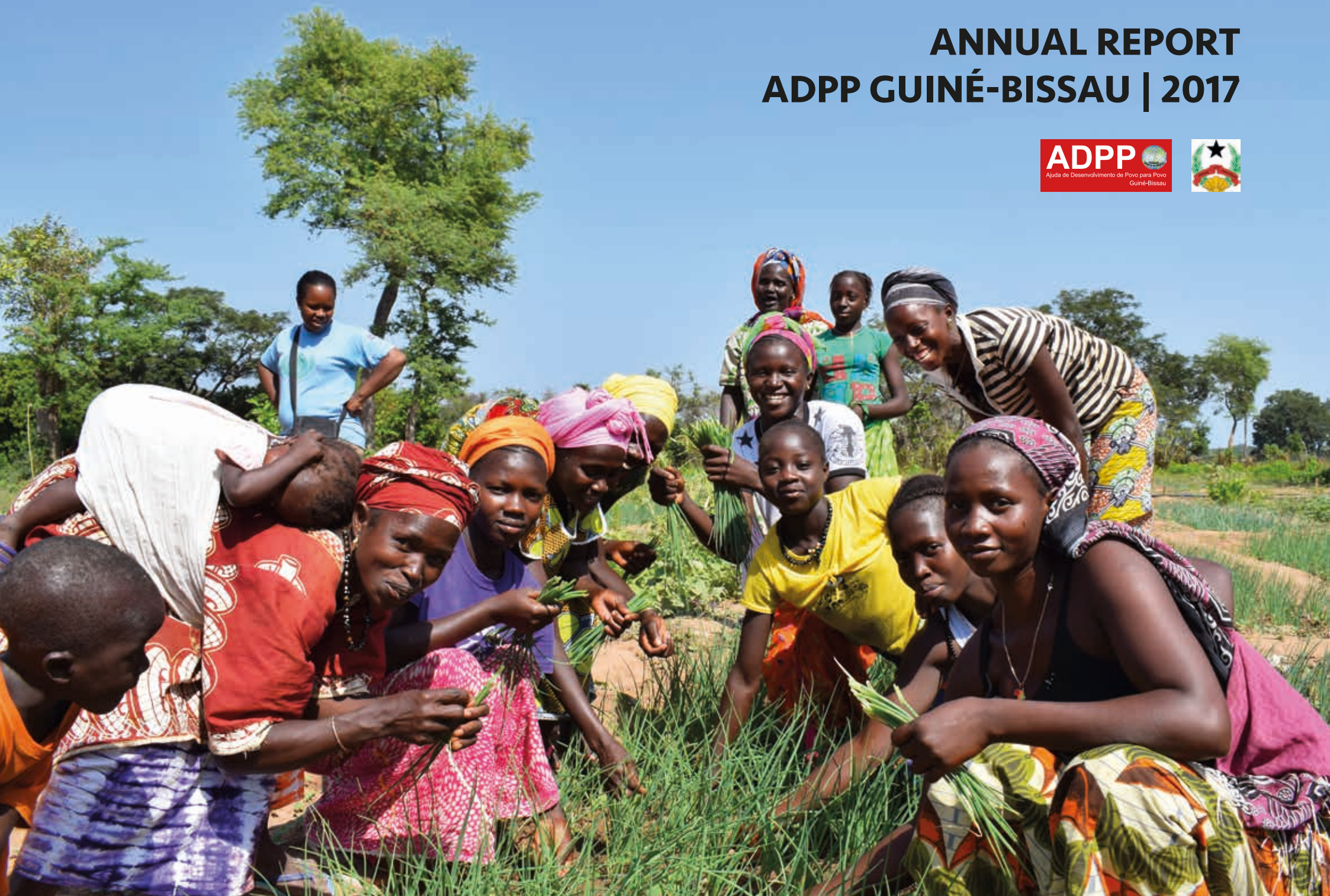


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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ADPP GUINÉ-BISSAU

**O**n behalf of the Board of Directors and all of our employees, it's a pleasure to share the activities and results of the programs and projects carried out with communities in Guinea-Bissau in 2017.

The inspiration for these programs and activities continues to be our determination to comply with the **UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Development Strategy Plan of Guinea-Bissau** for 2025, known as "**Terra Ranka.**"

Our commitment to these goals will continue in 2018, thus strengthening our fight against threats to the well-being and lives of people in Guinea-Bissau, rooted in climate change, social and economic inequality, food insecurity, epidemics and migratory crises.

The projects implemented in 2017 remain aligned with the main essential strategies for creating development and progress; namely education, sustainable agriculture, health and hygiene, culture, youth employment and workforce integration. The income generation projects for ADPP

Guiné-Bissau continue to be essential in order to supplement funds from development partners.

The following is a brief summary of the main activities that will be presented in detail in this report.

**Education** is the key to a country's long-term development, promoting community development and employment opportunities for young people.

**The Teacher Training College in Cacheu** has entered its fifth year of operation with 90 students enrolled in the 36-month program. We are proud to have more than 40% female students. It is essential to create models for educating girls in rural areas. The **Teacher Training College** has added Human Rights Education as an interdisciplinary community activity.

**The Vocational School of Bissorã** has entered its 20th year of operation and has the past year trained 107 students in six different professions. An innovation in the agriculture program was tested with encouraging results, in which the students were invited to study from the neighboring communities. The training had a monthly structure of 20 days studying at the school,

followed by 10 days professional and social development activities implemented in the communities.

**Sustainable agriculture** is a key factor in meeting the Sustainable Development Goal of ending hunger and achieving food security. Increasing the capacity of small farmers is crucial for this. ADPP Guiné-Bissau continues its **Farmers' Clubs** program, launched in 2008, with the **Cashew Processing and Commercialization** project that started in 2016 in order to increase farmers' income and subsistence.

**Health and hygiene** activities address epidemics and malnutrition, which hinder economic growth and social development. In 2017 we continued these activities in the Gabu and Bolama/Bijagós regions, and also with transversal activities on sexual and reproductive health in the Oio region.

In accordance with the "**Terra Ranka**" strategic plan of Guinea-Bissau, **culture** will be a fundamental tool in rebuilding and transforming the country. In 2017, ADPP continued its work in Bissau implementing the project "**Promotion of Creative Economy as a Vector for Sustainable Economic Growth**" by creating cultural centers

and training youth in crafts, sculpture, traditional cuisine, music, dance, painting and more.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of our partners, both financial and programmatic, the central and regional ministries of Guinea-Bissau, collaborators, volunteers, friends and the staff of ADPP Guiné-Bissau throughout the country.

**Happy reading!**



President of ADPP Guiné-Bissau

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



### EDUCATION

**40**

**FUTURE TEACHERS**

traveled across Africa for two and a half months during their International Study period

**51**

**FUTURE TEACHERS**

traveled through Guinea-Bissau for four weeks during their National Study period

**119 CHILDREN**

gained access to pre-school activities

**7 NEW CLASSROOMS**

were built in the Cassacá Congress School

**107 STUDENTS**

graduated in vocational professions



### AGRICULTURE

**31 COMMUNITIES**

received training on recycling of cashew processing waste

**28 TREE NURSERIES**

were established in communities

**52 FARMERS**

received training in Processing Center Management Systems

**6 PEOPLE**

received training in Management of the Orchards and the Processing Centers

**312 FARMERS**

received training in Cashew Production and Management

**183 ACTIONS / EVENTS**

related to conflict resolution, gender equality, nutrition and sexual and reproductive health carried out

**50 AGRICULTURE STUDENTS**

received training in cashew production

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



### HEALTH

**600 LOCAL ACTIVISTS**  
were trained

**13.350 HOME VISITS**

**20 COMMUNITIES**  
publicly declared the abandonment of female  
genital mutilation practice

**104.174 PEOPLE**  
were trained

**22.110 PEOPLE**  
participated in hygiene and sanitation actions

**250 SCHOOL VISITS**

**5.350 FAMILIES**  
changed their hygiene related habits

**309 COMMUNITIES**  
were reached



### CULTURE

**22 YOUTH CULTURAL CLUBS**  
in 22 neighborhoods  
were supported

**54 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
received training  
in Dance

**39 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
received training  
in Theater

**38 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
received training in  
Sculpture / Arts

**46 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
received training in Music /  
Oral History / Storytelling

**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
received training in Painting

**1 CULTURAL MAPPING  
AND CARTOGRAPHY OF  
GUINEA-BISSAU**  
is in progress

**1 TRAINING PROGRAM**  
in cultural policies  
management for  
development, creativity and  
social innovation  
created and is being  
implemented

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



### ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**685 TONS**  
of clothing were sold

**36 TONS**  
of shoes were sold

**24 ASSOCIATIONS**  
were supported

**200 MEMBERS**  
of Empada community were trained  
in production and use of  
firewood-saving stoves

**1.000 TREES**  
were planted



### NEW PROJECTS

**NÔ DJUNTA MON PA NÔ SAÚDE  
PROJECT PHASE II**

**HUMAN RIGHTS  
EDUCATION**

# EDUCATION





## THE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE

**T**he Teacher Training College in Bachil, Cacheu region, was established in 2012 in order to train primary school teachers to work in the rural areas of the country. Its curricula fit within the **National Education Strategy** and are recognized by the relevant **Ministry**, a partner of ADPP Guiné-Bissau.

In educational terms, the training is characterized by a strong practical and civic component, as well as the studies of both traditional and non-traditional disciplines. One noteworthy aspect is the boarding program in which the students reside at the school during their training. This allows for more comprehensive education that includes different daily activities, which contribute to the development of various psychosocial skills.

Since its opening in 2012, the **Teacher Training College in Cacheu** has graduated two teams with a total of 76 students. To date, the professional placement rate has been 100%. All 76 graduates have been hired by the Ministry of Education and are teaching in Cacheu, Oio and Bafatá regions. The 40 students of the third team began their training in 2015 and are on track to complete the program in May 2018.

In 2017, the school year's theoretical and practical components were implemented with enthusiasm by students and teachers, making a great contribution to their professional preparation. New developments include the training in **Human Rights Education**, through a project financed by the **Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**, in order to increase the skills of the future teachers to teach and act on the issues concerning fundamental human rights.



*The student of the Teacher Training College during 6 month full-time teaching practice.*

### SOME 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

**20 primary schools benefited from traineeships in their communities. These communities have also benefited from micro-projects developed by students in areas including health, women's advocacy, entrepreneurship and community leadership**

**The third-year team carried out an international study in neighboring countries. They carried out community activities that reached 2,000 people**

**The first-year team carried out a national study. They took a four-week research trip through Guinea-Bissau**

**Additional training in Human Rights Education**

## PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

One of **ADPP Guiné-Bissau's** objectives in partnership with the **Teacher Training College** was to support peripheral communities in Bachil by creating space for a pre-school, which is an effort that has been underway since 2016. This project was made possible thanks to support from the **MTN Foundation**, enabling the rehabilitation of one of the school's buildings, which hosts 119 children from surrounding communities. The Pre-School is a community project managed by parents and guardians.

In order to contribute to educational success, two teachers are conducting activities, with pedagogical support provided by students from the Teacher Training College.

### 2017 RESULTS

119 children attended the Pre-School in Bachil

Parents and guardians strengthened their pre-school management skills



Pre-school activities.

# THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

The Vocational School is a boarding school, which was established in 1997 in Bissorã, and has since then trained and certified **1,493 students** in technical and professional areas considered to be relevant to Guinea-Bissau. Currently, **the school offers six programs: Civil Construction, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Commerce and Business Administration, Solar Energy Technology, Electricity and Water Pump Plumbing and Maintenance.** All programs last 11 months, from February to December. The training programs include the relevant theoretical and practical components, as well as social responsibility activities and practical tasks for the maintenance and management of the school.

Of the 113 students enrolled in 2017, 107 completed their studies successfully. The support and dynamics of some important international cooperation projects have been positive. For example, the cashew commercialization project co-financed by the **European Union** in partnership with the **Islamic Development Bank**, which benefited the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry program; **Schneider Electric Foundation** supported the Solar Energy Technology and Electricity course; in 2016 the **Embassy of Germany** helped to rehabilitate infrastructure for a tailoring workshop that continued to benefit 20 young women from Bissorã in 2017; **UFF-Humana** provided various materials and equipment; while **Humana Portugal** donated books.

## SOME 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Positive results from a new methodology in the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry program, with a monthly structure of 20 days theoretical training at the Vocational School, followed by 10 days practical activities in the communities

Increased female participation in the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry program: 30 of the 50 students (60%) were women



The course of Agriculture and Livestock.



The course of Plumbing and Water Pump Maintenance.



The course of Solar Energy Technology.



The course of Commerce and Business Administration.



The course of Civil Construction.



The course of Electricity.

A high student success rate: of 113 students enrolled, 107 successfully completed their studies

Creation of a fully equipped tailoring workshop that benefited 20 young women in Bissorã

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

In 2017, ADPP Guiné-Bissau and the Embassy of Japan in Senegal made a significant contribution to infrastructural and material improvements at the Cassacá Congress School. It is one of the largest primary schools in Bissau, serving 1,040 students per day with 42 teachers.



Seven newly constructed classrooms.



Former classroom made out of quirintim.

The identified shortcomings had been negatively affecting teaching and learning at the school. Of the existing classrooms, 14 were made from quirintim (woven bamboo or reeds), a traditional material in Guinea-Bissau. Following this diagnosis, ADPP Guiné-Bissau developed the project **Rebuilding the Path of Education in Guinea-Bissau**, which aimed to construct seven new classrooms, each properly equipped with tables, chairs and lockers for teachers and students.



Inauguration of the new classrooms.

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

7 new classrooms were built and equipped at the Cassacá Congress School

# HEALTH



## PROMOTING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

### Raising awareness about risky practices and behaviors

**F**rom April to December 2017, ADPP Guiné-Bissau implemented the **Nô Djunta Mon Pa Nô Saúde Project – Phase II** in the Oio region. The project received funding from the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** and aimed to discourage risky practices and behaviors related to sexual and reproductive health. Specifically, the project sought to reduce female genital mutilation, teen pregnancy and early marriage in 20 villages in the Oio region.

This was achieved through consultation and active, continuous participation of local agents to develop community dialogue. One of the most significant results of the project was the issue of female genital mutilation, where 18 out of the 20 target communities publicly declared abandonment of the practice.

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 20 communities reached, 18 publicly declared abandonment of female genital mutilation



*Public Declaration of the Abandonment of the Female Genital Mutilation.*

# PROMOTING HEALTH AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION

**T**he project to **Prevent the Transmission of viral infections such as HIV/AIDS and Ebola** is underway in the Gabu and Bolama/Bijagós regions, by means of informational actions like door-to-door awareness visits led by teams of volunteers.

In 2015, ADPP Guiné-Bissau increased its interventions to respond to populations' need for awareness related to the outbreak of the Ebola virus, which at the time was affecting Guinea-Bissau's neighboring countries and had the world on high alert.

In 2017, ADPP had a large and committed body of volunteers in Gabu and Bolama/Bijagós, composed of 600 members and a team of 35 employees, who gave continuity to this work.

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Hygiene and sanitation actions in 309 villages/communities

600 volunteers in Gabu and Bolama/Bijagós

13,350 door-to-door visits

5,350 families visited

250 school visits realized

104,174 people reached



Actions on hygiene and sanitation in 309 communities.



Awareness-raising activities in the schools.

# AGRICULTURE





## CASHEW PROCESSING AND COMMERCIALIZATION

In August 2016, ADPP Guiné-Bissau launched the **Cashew Processing and Commercialization** project in the Oio region. The 36-month project aims to promote food security and generate income for Bissorã's rural population. More specifically, its strategies and objectives include improving the cashew production capacity and quality for processing and introducing crop diversification by organizing small farmers in the Bissorã sector.

It also intends to maximize use of the product by processing the cashew apple, in addition to the nut. The project also aims to promote the creation of associations

and cooperatives among smallholder farmers, in order to empower them to obtain more favorable production and commercialization conditions.

The project will train **2,270 farmers and 40 young students from the Vocational School of Bissorã** in techniques to improve production, management and processing of the cashew apple, as well as handling the electrical and photovoltaic equipment involved in these processes. It also includes awareness actions related to nutrition, hygiene, community health, conflict resolution and gender equality.



*Construction of the Cashew Processing Center.*

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Creation of 28 communal cashew nurseries in four areas (Culucunhe, Watine, Sormon and Unfarim)

253 awareness sessions conducted with farmers on nutrition, gender equality and abandoning of harmful practices

Diversification of production and diet, increased incomes of small farmers and soil improvement, through the introduction of "intermediate crops" of beans and groundnuts during the periodic breaks in cashew cultivation

Initiation of the construction of the Cashew Processing Center (nut and apple)

Purchase of materials and equipment for cashew nut and apple processing

Creation of 312 Production Group Management Committees

Participation of 52 Farmers Clubs



*Seed distribution.*



*Cashew processing equipment.*

# CULTURE





Music course.



Painting course.



Traditional Cuisine course.

## PROMOTION OF CREATIVE ECONOMY IN BISSAU

In April 2016, ADPP Guiné-Bissau – in partnership with cultural group **Netos de Bandim** and the **Ussoforal Cultural Association** – initiated the **Promotion of Creative Economy project**, financed by the **European Union**. Lasting 48 months, the project aims to contribute to the development of governance and policies for the Guinean cultural sector, promoting culture as a vector of economic growth.

As part of this initiative, a cultural cartography activity is underway. The final report will be presented and shared with relevant entities in the culture sector. A training program on the **Management of Cultural Policies for Development, Creativity and Social Innovation** was designed, aimed at technical staff. The project works with local

youth clubs in **22 neighborhoods** and will create **four new cultural centers** devoted to teaching young people about the arts and promoting cultural events.

Notable events in 2017 included performances and exhibitions of youth work, as well as the design of a training proposal entitled **“Entrepreneurship in the Creative Cultural Sector.”** The project is also focusing on the creation of support networks and a framework of initiatives, and on the formalization of partnership contracts with public and private entities nationally and abroad.

The project is currently in the process of designing a virtual space for sharing and selling under the common brand **“No Cultura i No Riqueza”**.

### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Support was provided to 22 Youth Cultural Clubs

Discussions and meetings were conducted for cultural mapping and cartography of Guinea-Bissau

1 neighborhood cultural center is operational in Quelelé and 3 are in the process of initiating their cultural activities

1 training program on the “Management of the Cultural Policies for Development, Creativity and Social Innovation”, aimed at technical and political staff of the culture in Guinea-Bissau, was designed and implemented in partnership with the University Amílcar Cabral



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EMPADA AND OIO SECTOR

### The introduction of portable firewood-saving stoves

The “**Portable Firewood-Saving Stoves**” project is underway in Empada, in the villages of Gã-Tchuma Beafada, Gã-Tchuma Mandjaco, Ponta Mariama and Caur de Baixo. Since 2013, the project has been implemented in various villages throughout Oio.

The project includes environmental, economic and social aspects by promoting the production, use and sale of firewood-saving stoves

that substantially decrease the use of firewood, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improve living conditions of rural families.

In 2017, the training and testing of the improved stoves were conducted in Empada and Oio in order to analyze and demonstrate their reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as compared to the traditional methods. In Oio, the training actions were carried out for the stove production. In Empada, reforestation activity was performed, leading to the planting of 1,000 trees.

### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Training and testing of the improved wood-saving stoves were conducted in order to analyze and demonstrate their reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as compared to traditional methods

An establishment was created in Empada for the purchase and sale of stoves involving 20 women, 2 trained blacksmiths and 180 collaborating members

Training was carried out for the production and use of the wood-saving stoves

1,000 trees were planted in the Empada Sector

An oven was constructed in Oio and 300 stoves were produced



Production of the firewood saving stoves.



Reforestation action.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CACHEU REGION

## Human Rights Education

In November 2017, ADPP Guiné-Bissau started a project of **Education, Defense and Promotion of Human Rights** directed at rural communities.

Co-financed by the **Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Dakar**, the project aims at creating **40 human rights committees in 40 locations**. These committees themselves will create **40 Action Plans** to be implemented in the first year of the project and community action.

### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

The project began by establishing the first contacts to create **40 Human Rights Committees in 40 communities** in order to produce and implement **40 Action Plans**



*Training on Human Rights for the students of the Teacher Training College in Bachil.*



**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
IN SOLIDARITY**



## THE FUNDRAISING PROJECT

### Clothing and support for small businesses

**T**he **Fundraising Clothes & Shoes** project consists of the organization of the system of the second-hand clothes and shoes sales. First, a collection of donated items is organized by the national member organizations of the **Humana People to People Federation** in various countries. The items are then transported to Guinea-Bissau and sold as wholesale “clothing bales” that small retailers then sell, thus earning a profit.

Some of the clothing is donated to people in need. These donations are made by ADPP Guiné-Bissau, directly or indirectly. For example, government ministries frequently receive donations from the project to be given to the neediest populations, such as children, women, prisoners or victims of natural disasters.

The project makes an impact in the following ways:

- 1 it fulfills a basic need for clothing**
- 2 it stimulates direct international solidarity for development from the people (who donate) and for the people (in need)**
- 3 it contributes to environmental sustainability (since it extends the use of clothing and shoes)**
- 4 it provides an income-generating opportunity for small retailers**
- 5 it generates financial resources that support many of the activities of the social and solidarity projects that ADPP Guiné-Bissau promotes**



*The items to be sold of the Fundraising Clothes & Shoes project.*

#### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

6 outlets

408 customers

17 employees

36 tons of shoes sold

3 tons of clothing donated

685 tons of clothing sold

1 ton of shoes donated

1,069 families benefited from donated clothing

## CASHEW PLANTATIONS

Since the 1980s, ADPP Guiné-Bissau has been committed to cashew plantations as a way to raise funds for social work, as it believes that the agricultural sector is a catalyst for socioeconomic development for Guinea-Bissau.

Since, ADPP has trained more than 700 young people who have been employed and educated in various skills for cashew production. Today, ADPP's impact is recognized in the development of good planting prac-

tices that are shared among a large number of employees, who then bring them to their communities and family production.

From 2000 to 2010, planting was used as the basis for training small producers in a program focused on **traditional and commercial agriculture in Guinea-Bissau**. The 218 participating families also received funding to do their own planting. Since 2010, ADPP Guiné-Bissau has offered other incentives to small farmers, renting plots of land to them for a nominal

fee. Each farmer has full access to a 4.15-hectare area. ADPP's technicians also provide support to farmers through training and monitoring of new business opportunities to increase their income from agricultural activity, and to achieve better prices in commercial negotiation.

A mapping of the trees is currently underway to renew cashew trees and introduce intermediate crops into the cashew production cycle.



*ADPP Guiné-Bissau's cashew plantations.*

## THE CUSTOM FUND OF THE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

**T**he **Custom Fund** is a special tax agreement established between ADPP Guiné-Bissau, the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Communities and the General Department of Planning for the Oio region. The agreement allows ADPP to recover taxes paid for commercial purchase and sale activities.

It is a conditional tax in the sense that some part of the taxes that ADPP Guiné-Bissau recovers are channeled to various projects of ADPP Guiné-Bissau and local associations in the Oio region. In 2017, the associations benefited by the fund carried out activities related to public health; agriculture, including the installation of a seed multiplication field; the acquisition of fencing; the acquisition of seeds; rice production; the purchase and sale of fish; HIV/AIDS awareness; the maintenance of a youth club and the completion of the headquarters of the Nhacra Youth Association for Action and Development.



*The Association of Women Horticulturists of Morés was one of 24 associations supported by the Custom Fund.*

### 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Support for 24 associations

Rental of a machine for tilling and rice

Creation of a seed multiplication field

Acquisition of a fence

Acquisition of seeds

Purchase and sale of fish

HIV/AIDS awareness

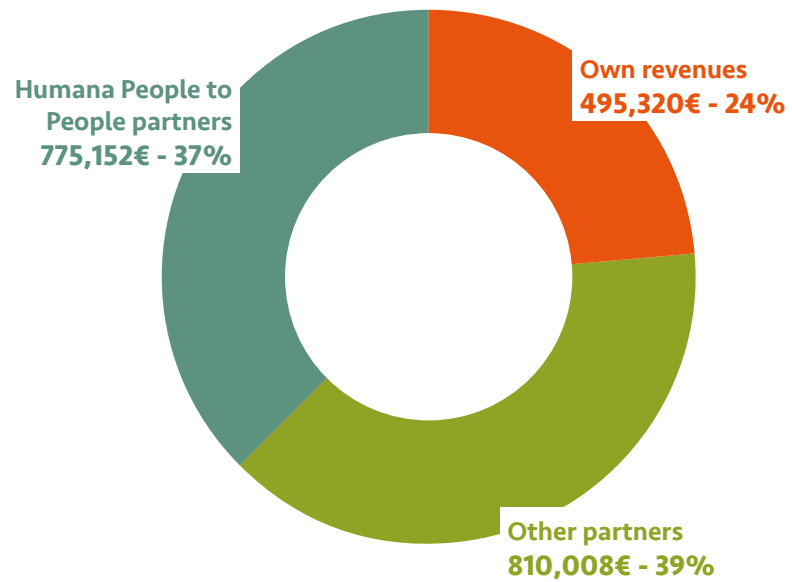
Rice production

Maintenance of a youth club

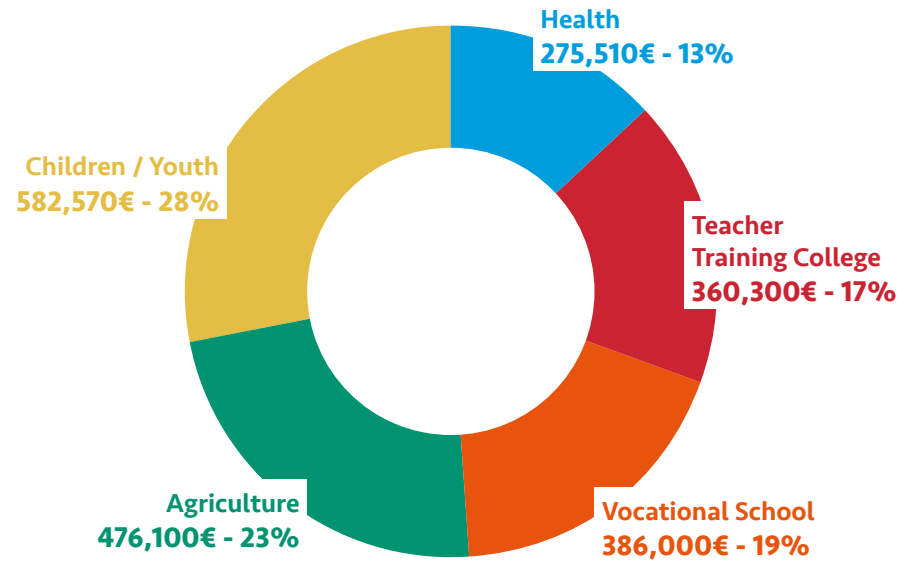
Actions to complete the office of the Nhacra Youth Association for Action and Development

# FINANCIAL DATA FOR ADPP GUINÉ-BISSAU

## REVENUES 2,080,480€



## EXPENDITURES 2,080,480€



# ADPP GUINÉ-BISSAU'S 2017 PARTNERS



## MULTILATERAL FUNDS

- Islamic Development Bank
- OFID - The OPEC Fund for International Development
- UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
- European Union

## BILATERAL FUNDS

- Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Dakar
- Embassy of Japan in Senegal
- Genbrug til Syd (Denmark)

## FUNDS FROM NGOS AND FOUNDATIONS

- Faelleseje a Private Danish Foundation
- Addax & Oryx Foundation
- Schneider Foundation

## PRIVATE-SECTOR FUNDS

- MTN Guinea-Bissau
- Orabank

## HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

- The Federation of Associations connected to the international Humana People to People Movement
- Associação Humana (Portugal)
- Humana Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo (Spain)
- Humana People to People Baltic (Baltics)
- U-landshjælp fra Folk til Folk - Humana People to People (Denmark)
- U-landshjælp fra Folk til Folk (Norway)

## COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH GUINEAN INSTITUTIONS

- Bissau Municipal Council
- The National Institute for Educational Studies and Research (INEP)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Ministry of Economy and Finance
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Women, Family and Social Cohesion
- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Communities
- Secretary of State for Communities

## CIVIL AND UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

- Action for Development – AD
- Friends of Children Association – AMIC
- Ussoforal Cultural Association
- Bissorã Farmers Club Association
- Quelelé Neighborhood Residents Association – AMQ
- Guinean Association for the Research and Study of Technology – DIVUTEC
- Engim Internazionale
- Guinean Foundation for Enterprise and Industrial Development – FUNDEI
- Netos do Bandim cultural group
- Sol Sem Fronteiras (Solsef)
- Universidade Amílcar Cabral

## THE HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE FEDERATION



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DPP Guiné-Bissau is a founding member of the Humana People to People Federation, a global network of organizations that work for sustainable development. The members of the Humana Federation are independent national associations that began their work in 1977.

The second-hand clothes sales is one of the central and transversal projects of all associations connected to the Humana Federation. The associations located in Europe and North America collect and sell second-hand clothes and shoes and use the surplus of this action to support social and environmental projects in developing countries.

In these countries, which are located in Africa, Asia and Latin America, the associations linked to the Humana Federation foster a long-term participatory and committing approach to enhance the sustainable responses to main humanitarian, social and environmental challenges that each context is confronted with. With the prevalence of actions developed in the rural areas, the projects of the Associations of the Humana Federation are characterized by an intervention methodology that seeks deep knowledge of the development needs and potentialities of the communities. The members of the Federation work in close collaboration with local, national and international actors, including the governmental institutions, non-governmental entities and entrepreneurial community.

Upon establishing as a Federation in 1996 with international headquarters and permanent team, the members created a body that provides formal and constant cooperation for the following:

- To discuss questions of common interest
- To have access to experience and good practices of other organizations that work in the same sectors
- To develop the programs that are based on tested and improved methodologies in different contexts, ensuring highest quality and efficiency
- To provide an inter-associative network of support and assistance, allowing the capitalization of the knowledge and recourses
- To cooperate in order to maximize the results of the collection and sales of the clothes
- To contribute to the capacity building and development of the local and international staff to be more adapted and prepared for the challenges of developing countries
- To guarantee common representation of all member associations on international level, thus increasing its visibility and promotion of respective development programs

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