



**oikos**  
cooperação e desenvolvimento

**TOGETHER FOR A  
FAIRER AND MORE  
SUSTAINABLE WORLD**

**INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATION**



# WHO WE ARE

Oikos - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento is a non-profit Association, internationally recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization for Development (NGDO), founded in Portugal in 1988.

We believe in a world without poverty and injustice, where human development is equitable and sustainable on a local and global scale. Therefore, our mission is to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities so that all people may enjoy the right to a life with dignity.

We act in the areas of environment and climate change; food security and local economy; access to basic social services; citizenship and human rights.

We are a portuguese NGDO focused on the world. Therefore, we work with the poorest and most vulnerable communities and regions, regardless of their geographical location. We are currently present in Portugal, Africa and Latin America.







## THIS IS OUR VISION

A world without poverty and injustice where human development is equitable and sustainable on a local and global scale.



## WE TAKE AS OUR MISSION

Eradicate poverty and reduce inequality so that all people enjoy the right to a life of dignity.



## OUR AMBITION

To be recognized as a leading international organization in developing sustainable solutions to eradicate poverty.





# SHARED VALUES



**EQUITY**



**FREEDOM AND  
LEADERSHIP**



**SOLIDARITY**



**RESPONSIBILITY**



**KNOWLEDGE AND  
INNOVATION**

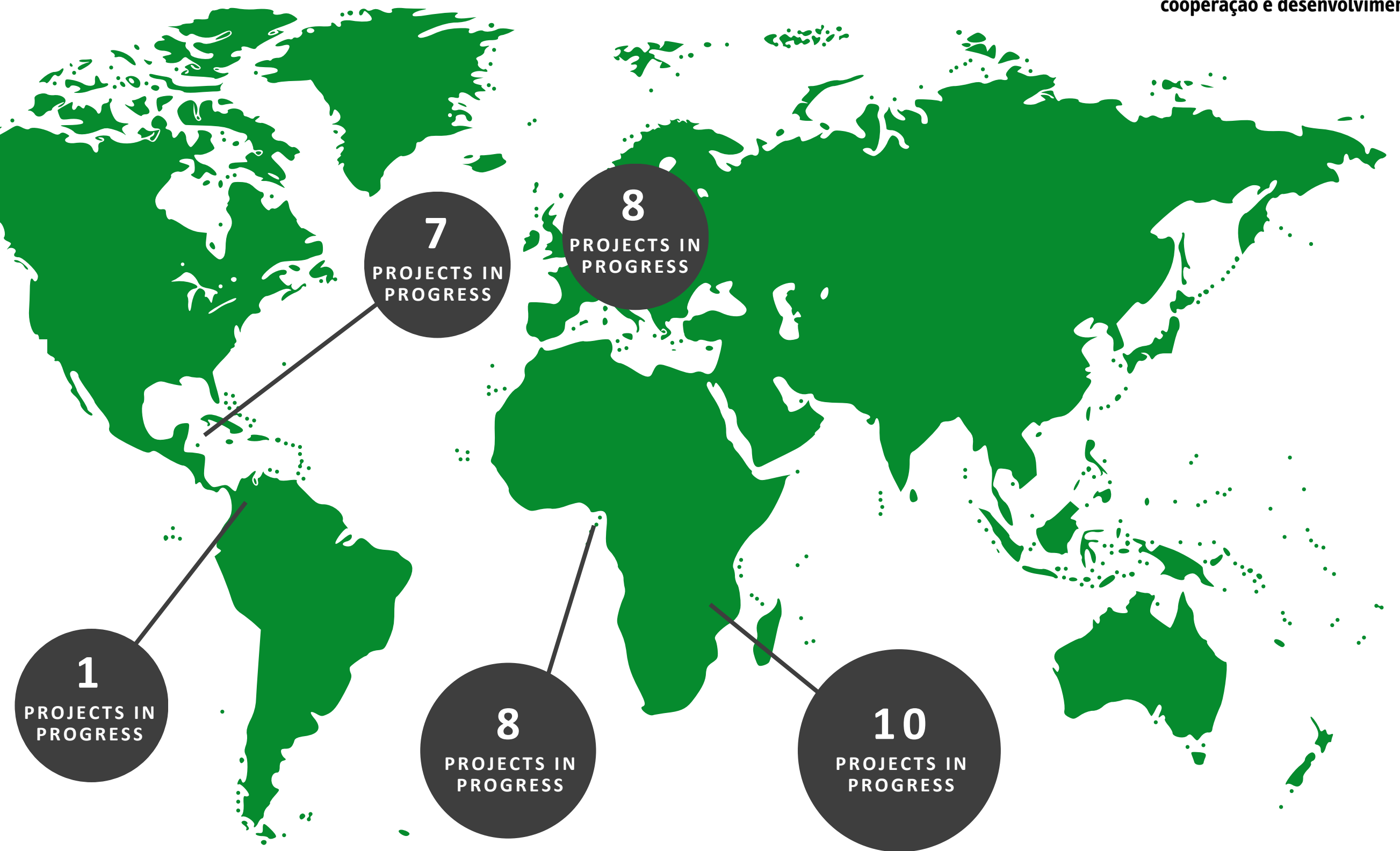


**TRANSPARENCY AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY**



# WHERE WE ARE

The work of Oikos currently extends to Portugal, Africa and Latin America with its own delegation in Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mozambique, Peru, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe. Since its foundation, Oikos has worked in 5 the continents. We were in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Panama, Uruguay and Timor-Leste.

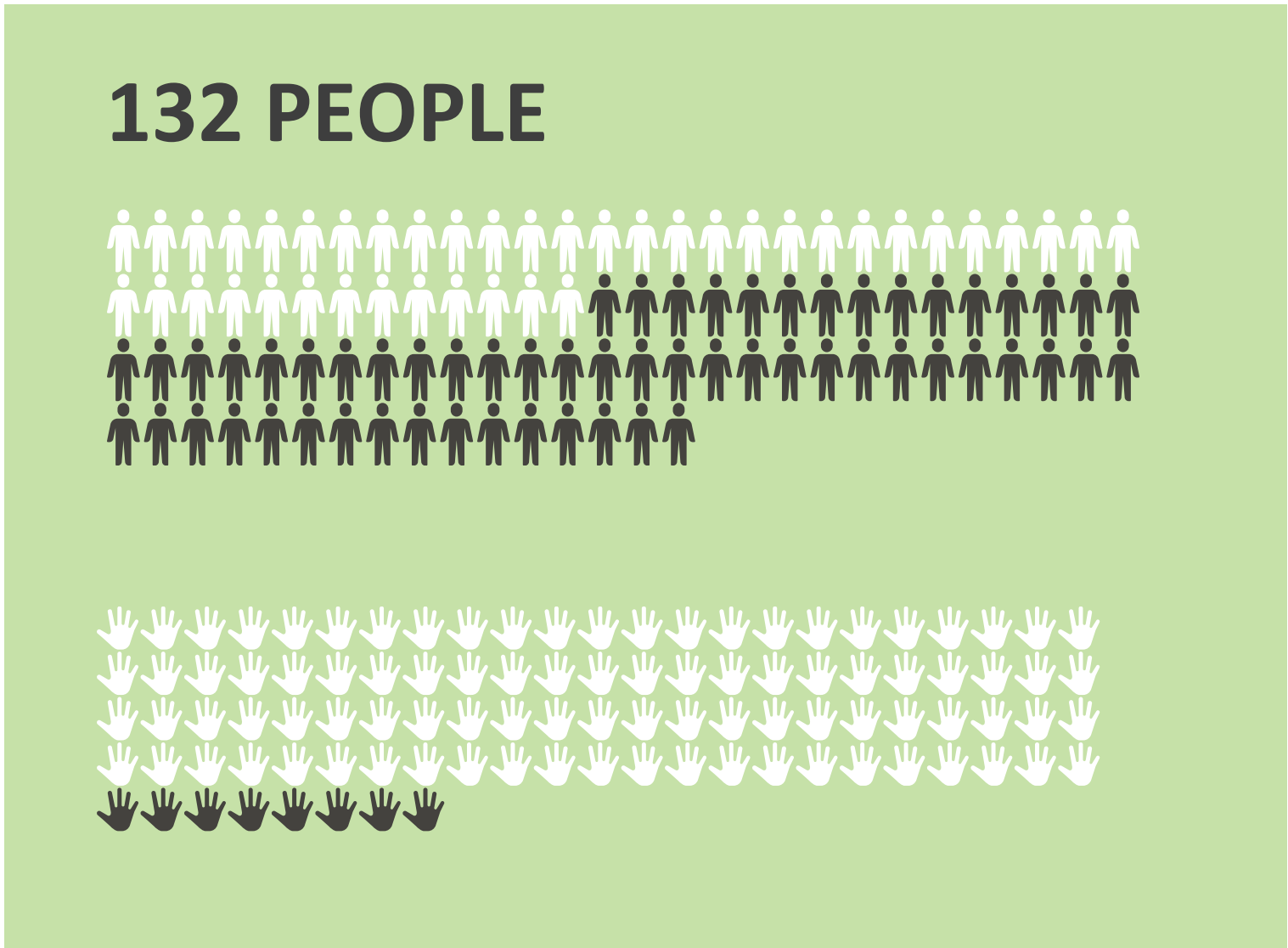
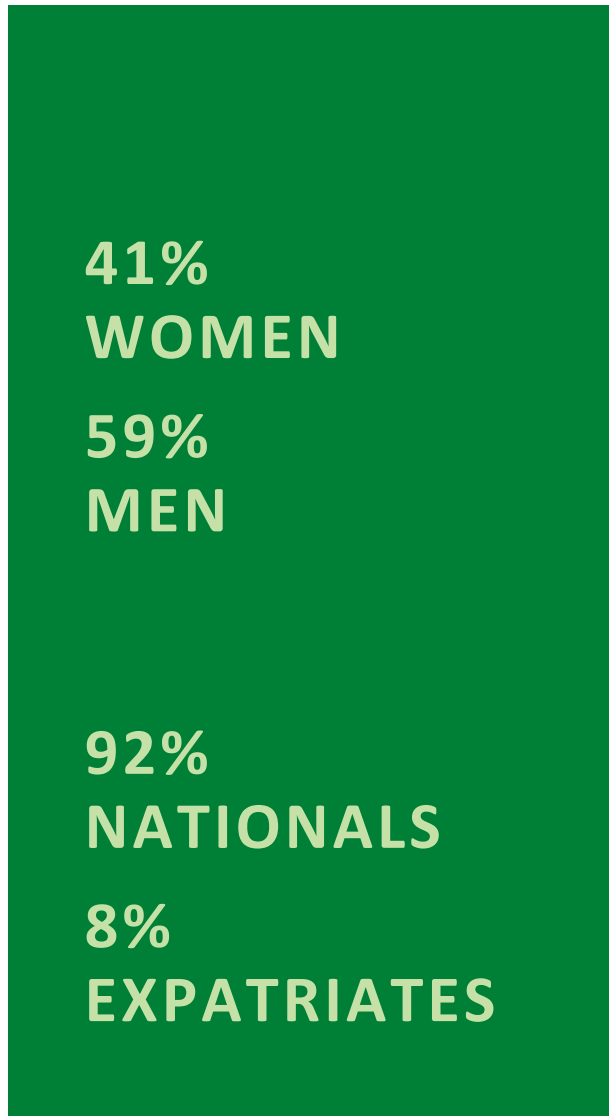






# OUR TEAM

Oikos promotes social equity in its team, without discrimination of gender, nationality, ethnicity, creed, political affiliation, physical, social, economic or cultural condition. We always seek gender balance and privilege local hiring, considering it as a form of social development and creation of new opportunities in the countries where we operate.





# RELEVANT GLOBAL DATA

Annual data from the last activity report and accounts.

**627.407** BENEFICIARY PEOPLE

**34** PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

**321**

**BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

Our work also involves benefiting social organizations. Thus, our work is multiplied.

**53**

**LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

We don't work alone. Partnerships are a constant in Oikos' work.

**110**

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

We have collaborated with 91 schools up to 3rd cycle in Portugal and have 19 partnerships with the Academy around the world.



**PRIORITY SDG**



# STRATEGIC AXES

Oikos' activity is focused on 4 main thematic pillars



## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

We protect the environment and biodiversity; promote the sustainable use of natural resources, disaster preparedness and prevention, mitigation, and adaptation to climate change.



## FOOD SECURITY AND LOCAL ECONOMY

We promote physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritionally adequate food. At the same time, we support local production and economy.



## ACCESS TO BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

We support access to basic social services, especially housing, education, health, clean water, and sanitation.



## CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We strengthen the capacity of organized civil society in the defense of its rights, access to education, health, and democratic participation.





# INTERVENTION AREAS

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**ENVIRONMENT  
AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**



**RESILIENCE AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE**



**LIVELIHOODS**



**WATER AND  
SANITATION**



**SHELTER AND  
INFRASTRUCTURES**



**FOOD SECURITY**



**EDUCATION**



**LOCAL ECONOMY  
DEVELOPMENT**



**HEALTH**



**CULTURE AND  
COMMUNITIES**



**CIVIC SPACE  
AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS**



# AREAS OF SOCIAL IMPACT

Creating positive impacts in the communities where we operate is our reason for existing. Impacts are achieved through a human rights approach.

RIGHT TO LIFE AND SECURITY	RIGHT TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES	RIGHT TO SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS	RIGHT TO SELF-IDENTITY	RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CITIZENSHIP
<p>Promote a safe and dignified life, acting to reduce the effects of natural and man-made disasters.</p>	<p>Enhance access to essential services, namely education, health, drinking water, and basic sanitation.</p>	<p>Induce the rehabilitation and promotion of food production and economic livelihoods, enabling the achievement of sustainable levels of food security and income.</p>	<p>Promote the right to difference, equal employment opportunities and participation, regardless of gender identity, social status, economic status, religious faith and political convictions</p>	<p>Strengthen the capacity of organized civil society in the defense of its rights, access to education, health, and democratic participation.</p>







**FIELD PROJECTS**

Oikos works and manages its activity through projects contracted under national and international tenders. The European Union, Portuguese Cooperation and other international donors are the main sources of funding. Oikos acts directly and with a wide network of local partners in socially and environmentally vulnerable communities on several continents.



**PUBLIC POLICY INFLUENCE**

We promote policy advocacy actions, such as study and analysis, public information, consultation, dialogue, pressure or denunciation, accompanied by alternative proposals for action, giving a voice to the most vulnerable among policy makers. The goal is to monitor and contribute to public policies that promote social justice and sustainable development.



**SOCIAL BUSINESS**

Oikos has sought to create social businesses, investing in solutions with social impact that make local economic activities sustainable and lasting, providing the beneficiary populations with the means to continue the action that benefits them and to remunerate the investing partners.



**PROVISION OF SERVICES**

Oikos provides consulting, training and networking services to ensure that the social and environmental dimensions (integrated with the economic one) of any investment are met.



**AWARENESS PROGRAMS**

Involvement of educational communities and empowerment of social organizations, through different forms of communication and formal and non-formal education.



**SOCIAL MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGNS**

Awareness-raising, mobilization, training, and production of (in)formative materials aimed at involving civil society, including children, youth, and vulnerable groups, in the proposition of public policies that promote equity and social justice, sustainable development, and respect for human rights.





# WE WORK FOR AND WITH THE COMMUNITIES

OIKOS' LOCAL INTERVENTION RELIES ON A PARTICIPATORY METHODOLOGY:

- WE PROMOTE THE PROACTIVE AND DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE WHOLE PROCESS.
- COMMUNITIES ARE A MAJOR ACTOR FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION TO EVALUATION.
- WE PROMOTE EFFECTIVE AND LASTING IMPACT.



# MAIN DONORS

## European Commission

Oikos' projects are mostly financed by different funds and programs of the European Union.

## Camões - Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, I. P.

A public institute, integrated in the indirect administration of the Portuguese State, it pursues the attributions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MNE) in the various fields of cooperation.

**Other Public Donors - Financing through bilateral or multilateral entities.**

### Relevant long-term financing:

- **United Nations agencies, namely:**
  - IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development
  - FAO - Food and Agriculture
  - UNICEF - Children's Emergency Fund
  - WFP - World Food Programme
- **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation**
- **CIJ - Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality**
- **Private Funds → Citizens, Companies and Foundations through campaigns and donations.**







# PRACTICAL EXAMPLES OF THE INTERVENTION OIKOS

With a well-defined operation model, the way we work in the countries where we operate is similar and replicable depending on our areas of activity.





# ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



## ESTABLISHMENT OF A NETWORK OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE

Establish a participatory fisheries management and conservation system, prioritizing community involvement in an ecosystem governance approach to planning.(Jul. 2018 - Dec. 2023)

- 76% of São Tomé residents report positive attitudes towards marine biodiversity conservation;
- 3 projects initiated to stimulate the creation of alternative established employment opportunities;
- 56,4% of residents in project communities report income activities that do not depend on marine resources.
- In Príncipe, data collection on community-led fishing landings has increased from 10 to 15.

Funded by Blue Action Fund and Camões, I. P.

Partners: Fauna & Flora International, Príncipe Foundation and MARAPA





## FOOD SECURITY AND LOCAL ECONOMY



### SUPPORT FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AS A WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD SECURITY FOR THE POPULATIONS MOST AFFECTED BY CYCLONES IDAI AND KENNETH, MOZAMBIQUE

Promote development and reduce poverty for families and communities affected by cyclones, train populations in techniques to reduce the impact of future calamities.

(Feb. 2020 - Sept. 2022)

- 983 CSO and community leaders (86% men and 14% women) improve their skills on advocacy and promotion of access and sustainable use of natural resources;
- 24 community plans and agendas produced in a participatory way for natural resource management;
- 31 created/revitalized and active natural resource management committees;
- 501 students and teachers involved in community awareness actions.

Financed by Camões – Cooperação Portuguesa



## ACCESS TO BASIC BASIC SOCIAL



### CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE CENTRO MÉDICO PSICOPEDAGÓGICO "LA EDAD DE ORO" - HAVANA, CUBA

Improve services and quality of life for residents of the Psychopedagogical Medical Center "The Golden Age".

(Apr. 2009 - Dec. 2015)

- Construction from the ground up of a new building with capacity to accommodate 186 resident patients, in addition to the outpatient clinic and with specific areas for education and treatment - physiotherapy, psycho-pedagogy, labor education, infirmary, and pharmacy rooms - as well as with recreational areas, green spaces, and auxiliary services.
- It has become a reference unit for Cuba and countries in the region.

Funded by the Embassy of Qatar and the Embassy of Japan in Cuba, by the Religious Order of the "Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul" and by other companies.

Partners: Cerro Municipal Health Directorate; Havana City Provincial Health Directorate; National Unit of Donations and Projects, MINSAP; MINCEX.







# CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS



## PROMOTING GOVERNANCE AND RESTITUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY RIGHTS, CENTRAL AMERICA

Promoting civil society governance for the prevention, restitution of rights and prohibition of torture and ill-treatment of women, youth and LGBTI people.

(Jan. 2021 - Apr. 2024)

- 82% of victims know how to identify their innate human rights and 63% know how to activate complaint and denunciation mechanisms;
- 80% of the partners' technical staff improved their capacity to respond to and protect local human rights defenders;
- 4 forums on torture and ill-treatment of women, youth and LGBTIQ+ people held (2 national and 2 regional).

Financed by European Union and Camões I.P.

Partners: SSPAS, Center for LGBTI Development and Cooperation -SOMOS, CDC, CEM-H, CFDL Association





# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

## PARTNERS OR CLIENTS

If you want to internationalize your activity, we can bring you closer to local authorities, communities and/or markets. We do it with you (in partnership) or for you (consulting/services rendered).

## MEMBERSHIP

Any person or community can be an Oikos Associate. This way you can actively participate in the life of Oikos, and benefit from discounts and offers provided by our partner companies.

## DONORS

Your donation enables Oikos to continue to work with communities in the poorest regions and countries. Both entities and individuals can make a one-time or regular donation.

## CONSUMERS

Support Oikos' social businesses, such as Smartfarmer and Oikos Fair and Natural, where you can purchase sustainable products. Oikos also has merchandising products and solidarity vouchers.

## VOLUNTEERS AND PROBONO SERVICES

At the headquarters, in Portugal, volunteering is occasional, for specific needs. We have a number of partners that work with us pro bono, be one too!



**SHARE OUR MISSION:  
TO ERADICATE POVERTY SO THAT ALL  
PEOPLE CAN BENEFIT FROM THE RIGHT  
TO A DIGNIFIED LIFE.**



THANK YOU



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