



## PROMOTING ANGOLAN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH CSOs

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### Annual Progress Report

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**Reporting Period:** July 2015 – December 2015

**Project Title:** Promoting Angolan Women's Empowerment Through CSOs

**Implementing Partner(s):** CIES, AAM, FOJASIDA e CVA

**Development Partners:** MFA Norway and UNDP

**Donor Reference Numbers:** UNDP - 00012

MFA Norway - 00187

#### Summary of Objectives

The project has been implemented since 2012. The 1st cycle ended in June 2015 having involved 13 CSOs and 16 micro-projects in its implementation. A new 3 year cycle has been agreed and signed with the Norwegian Embassy and four (4) new CSOs started the implementation in November 2015.

The 2nd cycle (2015-2018) aims to consolidate the achievements and results of the previous grants and to contribute to emerging issues. The main objective of the project is to improve awareness of women and to empower them with abilities to claim and to exercise their political, social and economic rights in society and thereby contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. To this effect, the focus is on contributing to the improvement of women's knowledge about their rights through access to information, strengthening the capacity of women's groups and networks in advocacy, to influence policy, and to implement and to monitor public programmes on gender and women's empowerment.

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On June 29, 2015 a new Cost Sharing Agreement was signed as planned between UNDP and the Norwegian Embassy in Angola for the implementation of the Second Cycle (2nd Cycle) of the project 'Promoting Angolan Women Through CSOs' in the period 2015-2018 (beginning on the second half of 2015). The 1st Phase took off in July with the launch of a public tender on the newspaper and on the UNDP Angola Facebook page. A total of 37 project proposals were submitted, of which 11 were pre-selected by the Project's Technical Review Committee (TRC) during a working session held in August. The pre-selection was based on the following criteria:

- A. Organisations had to demonstrate proof of institutional, human resources and structural capacities;
- B. Project proposals had to align with the following three (3) thematic areas:
  - Affirmation of women's political rights and strengthening of their capacity for civic participation;
  - Protection against gender violence;
  - Promotion of women's empowerment and economic and social rights;
- C. Alignment between the target groups / beneficiaries and the project;
- D. Budget: the resources had to be directed at activities and not regular operational costs of the organization, such as office structure, investment in vehicles or in other organizational assets, except for producing designed project results.
- E. Period of implementation: 11 months; and
- F. Geographical area.

The final selection was the following: AAM, CIES, CVA and FOJASSIDA (see below). The selected CSOs were notified, their legibility to be part of the project was reconfirmed through the collection of documents and completion of all the UNDP requirements.

In October, a two day capacity building workshop on UNDP financial procedures and project planning and evaluation was organized in the UN Building in Luanda for the teams of the selected CSOs IPs. The first component of the training was administered by UNDP staff, and the second component was administered by an external consultancy firm named *Access*.

### **2. External Evaluation**

This external evaluation was undertaken to fulfil the provision of the Framework Agreement on Programme Cooperation signed by UNDP and Norway. The services of two external consultants were obtained in accordance with UNDP procedures. The external evaluation was carried in July-September 2015 on the 1st Cycle of the implementation of the Project which occurred in the period 2012-2015. The final report was submitted and approved in September 2015.



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#### 3. Donor Final Report

UNDP is preparing a final report for the three year (2012-2015) of the project implementation for submission to Donor/Norway at the end of December 2015.

#### 4. Planned Outcomes for the 2nd Cycle of the Project

Promote empirical investigation, research-based data, and public education on women's rights;

- Promote women's political participation in national and local forums, with special focus on CACs and municipal administration;
- Strengthen the economic rights and participation of women in the job market, with special focus on small and medium entrepreneurial initiatives and cooperatives directed at youth;
- Mainstream gender issues, especially GBV and sexual violence;
- Strengthen the capacities of women groups and women networks to advocate and influence policy and to implement and monitor efforts related to women's empowerment.

#### 5. Implementing Partners for the 1st Phase of the 2nd Cycle?

**AAM** (Acção Angolana para a Mulher / *Angolan Action for Women*)

**Project Title:** Promotion of Job Opportunities and Women Economic Empowerment

**Main Goal:** Promotion of social and economic inclusion of 210 women from three (3) communities in Uige municipality, Uige Province, through development of skills and competencies needed to facilitate their access to employment and starting of own business.

**CIES** (Centro Informação e Educação allo sviluppo / *Information and Education Center*)

**Project Title:** Promote the Empowerment and Participation of Women in a Fair and More Inclusive Society.

**Main Goal:** Promotion of positive practices for ensuring respect for women's rights and their security in particular in the reduction of violence against women in the provinces of Kwanza Sul and Benguela.

**CVA** (Cruz Vermelha de Angola / *Angolan Red Cross*)

**Project Title:** Strengthen Equitable Relations between men and women in Civil Society Organizations and Spaces of Encounter and Exchange with Local Authorities.



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**Main Goal:** Affirmation of women's rights, strengthening their civic participation capacities, gender equality and protection against gender-based violence in Chinguar and Chitembo municipalities, Bié Province.

**FOJASIDA** (Fórum Juvenil de Apoio à Saúde e Prevenção da SIDA / *Youth Forum for Health Support and AIDS Prevention*)

**Project Title:** "Promotion of Political Participation of Women in Municipal Social Consultation Forums (CACS) in Cazenga"

**Main Goal:** Strengthen the participation of 40 women in local governance processes, with special focus on CACs, community groups and municipal administration in Cazenga municipality, Luanda Province.

#### 6. Achievements (from July to December 2015)

The following achievements have been made:

- A. The 4 selected CSOs started implementing their projects in November 2015, in 7 municipalities in the provinces of Bié, Luanda, Kwanza Sul, Benguela and Uige.
- B. The three project thematic areas are covered in the activities of the micro-projects, namely, political and public participation, access to resources and job opportunities and gender based violence.
- C. The target groups are women that are part of networks, of municipal community boards and vulnerable girls.

#### 7. Challenges and Lessons Learned

##### A. Challenges and Response:

The depreciation of national currency and the subsequent inflation (price increase) may affect the IPs activities and the value of the resources initially allocated. For mitigate these risks, UNDP required the project budgets to be presented in both Kwanza and Dollar.

##### B. Lessons Learned:

- Capacity building for CSOs through the project is highly important. This is an important asset for efficient monitoring of project results.
- It is important to enable networking between the CSOs involved in the project. This asset has been induced through facilitation of interactive space between them.



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#### 8. Way Forward

The next main steps until April 2016 are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Narrative and Financial report must be sent to UNDP Angola in February 2016?
- 2nd Disbursement shall be made in February/March;
- Field visits to the projects ;
- TRC meeting;
- 2nd training session for the CSOs/IPs teams.

#### 9. Resources and Financial Status

Disbursements to CSOs:

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> tranche</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> tranche</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> tranche</u>
AAM	\$16.125, 38		
CIES	\$15.818, 97		
CVA	\$ 9.090, 88		
FOJASIDA	\$14.341, 79		

<b>Financial status as of 31/12/2015</b>	
<u>CSO Disbursements:</u>	\$55.377, 02
<u>Remunerations</u>	\$29.650, 83
<u>CSOs training</u>	\$11.991, 86
<u>External Evaluation (2012-2015)</u>	\$12.490, 85
<u>GMS</u>	\$7.817, 08
<u>Other</u>	\$81, 66
<b><u>Total Expenditures:</u></b>	<b>\$117.409, 30</b>
<b><u>Closing Balance:</u></b>	<b><u>\$141.990, 00</u></b>

*Note: The above table should present figures only for the period being reported on, i.e. not cumulative figures across quarters or years.*



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