ANGOLA PROJECT FACTSHEET

Promoting Angolan Women Empowerment through CSOs

CONTEXT

This project is contributing to advocacy, awareness and empowerment of women and young girls in peri-urban and rural areas to exercise their fundamental political, social and economic rights. The project is implemented by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on gender mainstreaming through provision of grants by UNDP.

ACTION

1) Capacity building for women leaders and aspiring leaders on electoral processes, leadership skills work with media, negotiation, constituency building, and public lobbying in order to advance gender inclusiveness in political processes;

2) Support advocacy campaigns, studies, education programs on targeted thematic areas in order to influence policy, to design strategies and/or action plans that can help mitigate or eradicate constraints against women;

3) Assist state and non-state actors and women with capacity development on gender based violence, economic and social rights;

4) Promote media events/debates towards advocacy, awareness and sensitization on prevailing current issues.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

COMMUNITY TITLE: Promoting Angolan Women Empowerment through CSOs

TIMEFRAME: 9/30/2011 to 12/31/2018

BUDGET: US$ 2,100,000

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS: UNDP and Government of Norway

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: Ministry of Family and Women’s affairs Foreign Affairs (MFA) and CSOs
IMPACT

- 22 CSOs implemented 25 micro-projects, in 22 municipalities in 14 of Angola’s 18 provinces;

- Until 2015, 11,370 women and girls directly benefited;

- Participants recognized the usefulness of educational and awareness raising activities (lectures, seminars and campaigns);

- Adult literacy classes (1742 women and 642 men);

- Supported the opening and functioning of a Family Counseling Center and a Shelter for GBV victims;

- Supported and monitored access to formal work and social protection services of 234 girls sex workers;

- 10 local enterprises supported with micro-credits; 650 leading women and entrepreneurs improved their skills;

- 275 community activists were trained;

- Women’s groups were organized to produce alternative income;

- 2 New women associations were legally constituted;

- 12 community green gardens managed by women were installed and are operational;

- The coordination between CSOs and the government improved;

- Strengthened the capacity of CSOs to intervene in gender issues.

KEY RESULTS

- A strategic, multi-sectorial response by women’s groups to issues affecting women is promoted;

- Women and society are sensitized of their rights with focus on gender based violence;

- Greater participation of women in public decision-making processes through the CACs (Social Consultation Councils) and advocacy.

Training on business management closing ceremony, in Luanda. © UNDP Angola/Maria Casal

Woman attending a literacy class in Huila, 2014. © UNDP Angola/Maria Casal