

AFTER CABO DELGADO PROVINCE

CDD and Plan Moçambique publicize the “SOU JOVEM” project in Sofala and exchange experiences with local organizations

- On the 8th of June, the second *workshop* publicizing the “SOU JOVEM” project took place in Beira, an initiative implemented in a partnership between the CDD and Plan International Mozambique, co-funded by the European Union and Plan International Finland. The objective of the workshop was to establish partnerships and involve several local institutions, as well as young representatives of youth organizations and associations from Sofala, the province that represents the center of Mozambique.





The event was attended by 35 participants, mostly young representatives of youth organizations and associations in Sofala. The

opening notes were made by CDD Program Coordinator, Américo Maluana, and by the representative of the Youth Parliament, Jossias Sixpence.



After the opening notes, the interactive moment followed, where some representatives of organizations and associations had the opportunity to talk about the work they have been developing, with

emphasis on Associação FACE de Água and Sanitation Association, represented by the field technician, Márcia Isabel, and for Associação Feminista Juvenil, represented by its founder, Naira Cardoso.



Created in 2016, Associação FACE de Água e Saneamento is a non-profit organization that works to improve the living conditions of communities, through advocacy, consultancy, training, and implementation of programs and projects on water, sanitation, hygiene and environmental protection. Feminista Juvenil, in turn,

is a non-profit organization founded in 2019. Feminista Juvenil promotes advocacy actions for the benefit of young people, considering their main needs: inclusive education, health for all and a sustainable economy, thus contributing to youth development, with a special focus on women and people with disabilities.

After this interactive moment, there was a presentation session on the “SOU JOVEM” project, made by Glédice BizaT, CDD Program Assistant.



The presentation focused on the project objectives, considering the four *outputs* (Ops) or results:

1. OP1 - A *Youth Sounding Board* (YSB) working towards youth empowerment and democratic participation;
2. OP2 - Motivated and empowered Youth Champions become agents of change;
3. OP3 - Lessons learned and best practices from youth-led project interventions are disseminated;
4. OP4 - Youth-led research on best institutional advocacy and civic engagement techniques is improved.

Output 2 falls within the scope of engagement of youth associations/organizations in the “SOU JOVEM” project since it provides for the training of *youth champions*, and members of youth organizations/associations, so that they become agents of change and develop their initiatives, supported with small funds. This capacity building will be carried out through a methodology based on approaches that, having been previ-

ously tested by CDD, have proven to develop cognitive capacities and intrapersonal skills for the development of agency and influencing capacities of young people. To this end, 45 organizations/associations led by young people across the country, that is, in the southern, central and northern regions, will be selected. And so, the selected organizations will be able to benefit from training in modules on Youth Leadership and Change Management, Negotiation and Conflicts, Civic Engagement, Youth Rights and Participation.

Support with small funds will be provided during the project’s second year for youth organizations/associations to implement 12 initiatives that promote meaningful youth participation. Therefore, the 12 organizations with the best proposals will be selected (out of a total of 45 target youth organizations/associations).

After the presentation of the project, a question and answer session was opened, which consisted of an interactive discussion and clarification of doubts related to the project. This session was dominated by interventions by young women, reflecting a strong gender component.



As in Cabo Delgado, participants expressed concern about the requirement that organizations must have to be formally registered, as many youth organizations/associations in Beira operate informally. The funding scope of organizations or associations was also much questioned, as this funding aspect is the one that most worries and challenges organizations led by young people. Another relevant issue is related to the number of youth organizations or associations that will be selected in Beira, as expectations are high. Some questioned the possibility of participating in two *outputs* simultaneously: *Youth Sounding Board* and the Youth Champions. These issues were clarified by the CDD Program Coordinator, Américo Maluana.



The *workshop* was covered by the press, especially on Televisão de Moçambique (TVM), the public television channel, in addition to other local television and radio channels. The journalists interviewed the CDD team and some leaders of youth organizations/associations based in Beira, with emphasis on Eric Korea, President of Associação Esperança Moçambicana, whose mission is to promote social well-being, improve the

quality of life of the population and supporting young people in achieving self-realization.

In short, the “SOU JOVEM” dissemination *workshop* was a success, as it allowed, on the one hand, to present the project to the youth organizations/associations present at the event and, on the other hand, the CDD team got to know the organizations/associations led by young people in the city of Beira.



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