



# PROGRESS REPORT 2024

## ADPP GUINEA-BISSAU



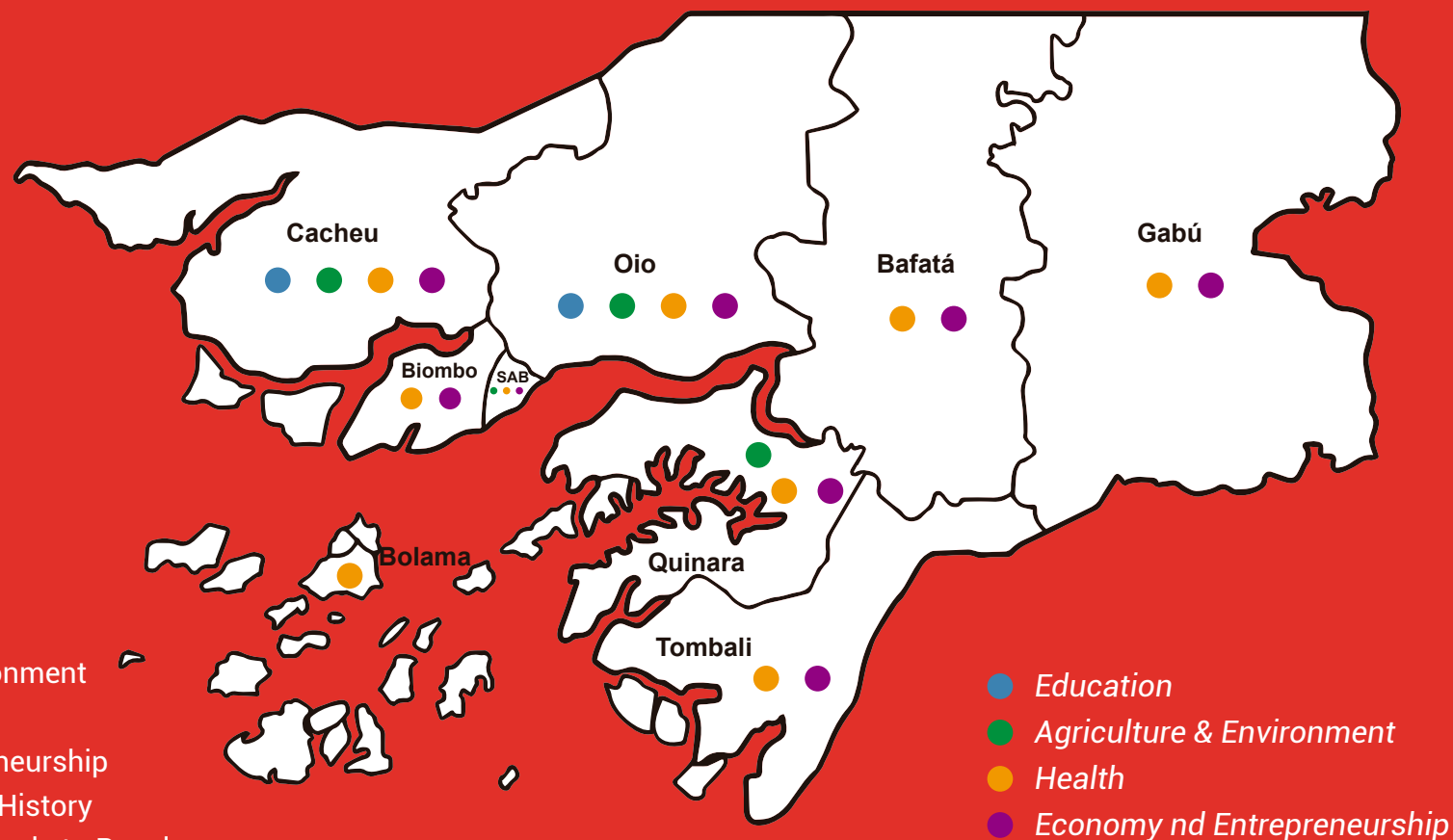






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# Mission

Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo Guiné-Bissau (ADPP-GB) is a national Bissau-Guinean Non-Governmental Organization.

The mission of ADPP-GB is to support the people in Guinea-Bissau in general and the neediest communities through economic, social, and cultural development projects.

The aim is to increase the well-being of the people through their active participation.

Our approach is to promote solidarity among people by establishing a foundation and creating an organisational framework so that many people can participate actively

in the development of the country and shape their future.

Human Rights and Gender Equality, economic and social empowerment, environmental sustainability, and awareness of current world issues are cross-cutting themes in all ADPP-GB programmes.

ADPP-GB believes that every person has the same right to the best possible life, meaning people need to join forces, agree to move forward and support each other in creating an environment where all have a good life, and each person contributes and is part of the local and global community.

## ADPP-GB implements projects in 4 main programmes:

1. **Education**
2. **Agriculture and Environment**
3. **Health**
4. **Economy and Entrepreneurship**



Inclusion is key for human diversity and creating a world where everybody is actively involved in shaping the future.

## Greeting to People and Communities and Partners in Development

Through this we salute the dedication, effort and success of the People in Guinea Bissau in the struggle to create decent condition for the daily life for families and communities, and for maintaining the wish, perspective and energy for establishing the foundation for the lives of the coming generations.

This is happening despite all odds originating from forces acting globally, being it global warming and climate change, galloping economical inequalities, an unbearable arms race and lack of respect for human life and dignity in some places.

People and communities in Guinea Bissau are highly entrepreneurial, and applying the understanding that “only People can Liberate themselves” is the road to success for change and creating the future of our common vision.

To contribute to this is the reason for our being and daily efforts in ADPP Guinea Bissau.

We strongly believe that communities themselves understand the need and have the power to create change. Our role is to facilitate, support and advocate for their inevitably bumpy journey.

In the name of the Board of ADPP Guinea Bissau, I send this greeting of gratitude to all people and communities, our employees, partners and supporters, and the Governmental entities with whom we shared efforts for results achieved during the year 2024.

This gratitude also reaches out to our partners in the Humana People to People Federation, who are struggling day to day in contributing to the battle.



**Asger Nyrup**  
Board Chair

**I wish that the activities, efforts, achievements and people presented on the following pages shall bear the evidence for the saying, “Dare to visualise, dare to start and fight, dare to fail and dare to try again and succeed”.**



# Education



# Education

**Education is all about Learning to Know, to Understand and then use the understanding to Create Change with the people in your community, your Country and in the World at large.**

**That is why ADPP Guinea-Bissau invests in education programs.**

**Education requires the effort of many actors, and is, therefore, one of the important pillars of social and human development.**

**Education is an inspiration and a life-long experience. Caring for life in a constant individual and collective learning for creating development in decades to come, where the people in the community are the test and inspiration in the daily work.**

**Educating oneself for the humble purpose of contributing to the education of others creates personal pride and long-life joy, and personal development never stops.**

**ADPP Guinea Bissau operates two permanent education institutions:**

The Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil and the ADPP Vocational School Bissorã, where youth train themselves for their future and for bringing development to the communities, and where the students have longer periods of community practice as part of their training.

Throughout the training, students confront what they have learned with the reality in which it is going to be applied, being it at the Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil or at the ADPP Vocational School Bissorã.

As in most other countries, the consequences of Global Warming and Climate Change is the major factor in influencing the life of people, and for which people must unite to prepare and counteract. Therefore, this element is an important element of the training at both schools.

Beside this Guinea-Bissau is a country with a fragile education system and low financing capacity. The response to the lack of teachers, especially in rural areas, is critical for the education system.

**Results since start:**

**284**

*teachers have graduated from Teacher Training College DNS Bachil*

**2. 681**

*students have graduated from ADPP Vocational School, Bissorã*



# The Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil

In 2024, students and teachers at the Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil, besides training to be teachers, also worked with 200 communities in Environmental Health in cooperation with graduated teachers from the college.

Climate Changes are severe in Guinea-Bissau, and they cause environmental health problems for people, animals and plants.

In 2024, 42 teachers graduated. In total, 284 graduated teachers contributed to a skilled and capable new generation, with a special focus on early childhood education, evidenced by the enrolment of 28

children in the pre-school at the Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil. Because of the promotion of female participation, the Teacher Training College nearly reached 50% female participation, contributing to gender equality and the enrolment of girls in rural schools.

Each year, a new team of students starts in August and graduates in July, 3 years later, to give time to be employed by the Ministry of Education before the public-school year starts in October.

Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil, in partnership with the NGOs ASAD and ADPP-GB, is sharing information



with the students in Bubaque High School and Primary School about 'Strengthening the quality of teaching in the Bijagós archipelago, Guinea-Bissau.'

Training the next generation needs committed Teachers. The Teacher Training College established the Network of Graduates, which grew to 30 teachers in 2024. It builds on working together across the different schools where

the teachers work, contributing to the improvement of daily teaching, the operation, and the quality of their schools.

## Supported by or in cooperation with:

Foundation S, The Sanofi Collective, ADPP Counterpart Fund, the Humana People to People partners, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the Ministry of National Education of Guinea-Bissau.



# The ADPP Vocational School Bissorã

**The students and teachers increased their capacity at the ADPP Vocational School Bissorã to include processing facilities, which support resilience in food security, entrepreneurship, farming activities and storage.**

ADPP Vocational School continues to offer six courses, operates as a boarding school and welcomes young people from across the country. Its goal is to provide personal and socially comprehensive training and to enhance students' understanding of the various Guinean cultures.

The courses have evolved over the years to suit the changing environment and cope with the fundamental changes in demand

in Guinea-Bissau.

The training, which combines theory and practice, is highly valued. It enables the students to test their newly gained skills by planning and implementing community initiatives that improve people's living conditions.

Students in construction, electricity and plumbing practised their skills by constructing a pedagogical centre, upgrading the chicken production facility, and constructed 3 houses in the community.

ADPP Vocational School has established an entrepreneurship office, and in 2024, 324 people and organisations trained in entrepreneurship. In addition, 76 students who graduated from the ADPP Vocational School had entrepreneurship training.



Capacity training of staff and improving the physical environment was provided by cooperation with ENABEL.

The Vocational School continues to encourage women to enrol in the courses. During 2024, 31% of the 247 students were women.

ADPP Vocational School continue to support the preschool in Bissorã, which was initiated by a volunteer in

the eighties and was upgraded to a primary school in 2000.

## **Supported by or working together with:**

European Union in Guinea-Bissau, the African Development Bank, ADPP Counter Part Fund, ENABEL, Humana People to People partners and the Ministry of National Education of Guinea-Bissau.

# Culture project in Bissau.

**Culture isn't just about looking back at history to preserve what we have; it's also about looking to the future. We can learn from the past to plan for the future.**

The Culture programs build on the previous culture project implemented by ADPP-GB. Community centres, led by local associations, with active participation, give new opportunities to the community.

The creation of the studio at the Plack II Cultural Centre in Bissau aims to promote local culture and support emerging artists. The studio serves as a meeting and production point for musicians from the region.

An experienced person ensures continuous operation. To date, the studio has collaborated with 10 artists, and there are expectations of receiving even more talent in 2025.

The Quelelé Cultural Centre complements its activities with training in music, cooking and dance and has supported youth in creating their businesses.

The entrepreneurship team has followed and supported three new businesses, supported by the culture project Art in West Africa.

**Supported by** PROCULTURA, managed by Camões, I.P. and AWA, with funding from the European Union and Humana People to People Partners.



**IMPACT GUINEA-BISSAU**  
**IMPACT Guinea-Bissau is a project aimed at protecting children in Guinea-Bissau, focusing on preventing violence and exploitation, including human trafficking.**

The project operates on three levels of action: strengthening collaboration between the Public Administration, community leaders and civil society organisations to identify good practices and develop action plans; raising awareness among

communities about the issue of trafficking of children; mobilising and training, especially young people and women, to lead community projects with a positive impact.

These activities involve creating partnerships with religious leaders, communities, and authorities, which are key to strengthening civil society and addressing relevant national issues.

**Supported by** or working together with NGOs such as AMI, IMC and AGLUCOMI-TSH, European Union and Humana People to People partners.



# Case Stories



*Dalanda Sidibe Nhabali*

## Education

"Learn to know, understand, and use the understanding to create positive change in your community"

I left my husband and children to attend ADPP Vocational School Bissorā agriculture training.

After six months, I felt equipped to support my community Gā-Mamudo, in reducing agriculture losses, as I have learned different processing methods like drying fruits, vegetables and juicing.



*Fatumata Fati*

## We can realise our dreams

I've been working at Pro-solia as an electrician for 5 years. I finished my electrical course at ADPP Vocational School Bissorā in 2019 and got this job. I'm one of the best electricians in the company and the only woman. Every day, I perform solar panel maintenance, and I'm the first one up the ladder. Many of my colleagues don't, but I believe that being a woman in 'men's' professions requires more hard work on our part.

Every day, I prove to myself and the other women in my community that we can realise our dreams. I encourage them to study and enrol in courses that many consider impossible.



*Meta Sanha*

## Stop dropouts

I graduated from the Teacher Training College DNS Bachil and started working as a teacher in 2021.

I am a creative teacher and another kind of teacher, and I have supported the purchase of school materials for the students in my class. My rural community is about 12 kilometres from the city of Bula.

I implemented a micro-project to build an oven to bake bread and cakes. The community supported the initiative.

It has made it easy for the students to buy bread, cakes, snacks and sandwiches at break time.

This initiative encourages the students to stay in school and not go home at break time.

This small micro-project has made it easier for the community to buy bread. It reduces their dependence on a supplier who lives far from the community.

It supports the materials needed for teaching. I intend to continue with this initiative despite the difficulties.

# Agriculture and Environment





# Agriculture and Environment

**Food and food security is essential for the 2 million people living in Guinea-Bissau. About 80% of the population is involved in farming activities.**

**Most food is produced by small-scale farmers, who consume it and sell a little to the growing cities.**

**Vulnerability and malnutrition are factors, as storage and processing facilities for later use are limited.**

**It demands resilience and cooperation between farmers to adapt to the Climate changes.**

**Furthermore, infrastructure and support to the sector are limited, rain patterns change and wells go dry, which affects production and demands understanding and adaptation.**

To adapt, the Small-scale farmers need to work together to be resilient and be supported by tools in the production and processing to secure food for their families and communities.

Since 2008, ADPP-GB has been working with Farmers' Clubs, using the Farmers' Clubs methodology with thousands of farmers constantly developing and adapting to the constant changes to secure food security and protect the environment.

## 32.000

*People reached*

A new development is that youth selected in and by the communities are in a 6-month Farmers' Clubs training at ADPP Vocational School Bissorā and continue for one year in an on-the-spot training and work in the communities, thus contributing to the sustainability.

**Supported by** or working together with European Union in Guinea Bissau, African Development Bank, Economy Community of West African States (ECOWAS) & Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), University of California, Davis & USAID, Green Climate Funds, Humana People to People partners and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Ministry of Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action. National Institute of Meteorology (INM), Guinea-Bissau Civil Protection Service (SNPC),

# Farmers' Clubs Climate Adaptation Project in Northwest Guinea Bissau

## The “Adaptation of Agricultural Production Systems in Coastal Areas of Northwest Guinea-Bissau”

project seeks to strengthen climate information and early warning systems for climate-resilient development and adaptation in Guinea-Bissau.

Wells drying up, storms, and shifts in rainfall patterns are the primary challenges faced by people in rural areas.

People in the communities will benefit from increased climate-resilient sustainable development through actions that address livelihoods, protect coastal areas and

riverbanks and increase the resilience of people's health, food and water security.

In 2024, the 5-year project started with funding from Green Climate Funds through Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) as responsible for the overall implementation and ADPP-GB as the executing entity.

**The aims are to enhance the climate resilience of livelihoods and food security for the most vulnerable populations in the coastal areas of the Oio and Cacheu regions of Guinea Bissau.**



The project was launched in February 2024 and is expected to impact 82,450 people in 34 villages in Oio and Cacheu regions. The project includes 8,500 small-scale farmers, 40,000 people, 460 youth, 110 community members and 150 government extension workers and decision-makers.

### The project partners:

Ministry of Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action (MoEBCA), Institute of Biodiversity and Protected Areas (IBAP), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR),

### Supported by

Green Climate Funds



# Farmers' Clubs in Oio & Cacheu

Farmers in Guinea-Bissau need to develop resilience. They must work together to be able to handle the unexpected.

The project including 2000 farmers organised in 40 Farmers' Clubs in Oio & Cacheu started in 2020 and ended in August 2024 with the celebration of the achievements with the European Union and the local authorities.

The headline for 2024 has been sustainability. Two cooperatives have been strengthened, meeting structures agreed upon, and 20 Farmers' Clubs fences and wells have been enforced to secure future production to the two processing centres in Oio and Cacheu regions.

## Some achievements

- New learning such as intercropping, crop rotation and crop diversification and soil protection and improvements.
- Increased production of vegetables and understanding of why it is important to eat vegetables.
- Sixty cooks learned to make nutritious food for their families and schools.
- Farmers learned to store and process vegetables and fruit so they can last longer.
- Established a processing centre, and a cooperative in Oio and Cacheu.
- Women's groups were trained in the production and transformation process and got better economic results from the products.



- 40 Farmers' Clubs model fields with wells supported the farmers in growing crops such as tomatoes, salad, eggplant, onions, peppers, cabbage, kale, beetroot, cucumbers, okra, carrots and beans.
- 60 youths selected from the involved communities continued their training and contributed to the professional operation of the Farmers' Clubs.
- Agricultural fairs in Cacheu, Bissorã and Bissau promoted and sold fresh and processed organic produce.

## New learning:

Three farmers from each of the 40 clubs in the Oio and Cacheu regions met to share their knowledge, and new knowledge and understanding grew from this. This will continue through a WhatsApp platform.

In 2024, the farmers produced 51.211 kg of vegetables.

## Supported by :

European Union Guinea-Bissau.

# Agriculture and Environment in Quinara

The Farmers' Clubs Project in Quinara started in 2023 and will end in October 2025. It focuses on production entrepreneurship training and processing.

ADPP-GB works in cooperation with Swiss Aid, NGOs such as Tostan, COPE and AA with a total of 3500 farmers in 70 Farmers' Clubs.

The Farmers were trained in intercropping, crop rotation, crop diversification soil protection and improvement, and the promotion of good agroecological practices.

The Farmers' Clubs had challenges to protect the fields from animals, and in 2024, the farmers were supported with fencing materials, which will improve the production result. Furthermore, irrigation and wells have been established in three clubs, and more will be established in 2025.

In securing sustainability, 140 micro projects were started in agriculture, fishing and small animal production.

In cooperation with Swiss Aid, ADPP Vocational School held five days of entrepreneurship training for 133 farmers from the Bafata, Gabu and Quinara Regions.



## 3.500

farmers in 70 Farmers' Clubs.

### Supported by

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) & Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).



# Farmers' Clubs in Bissau, Oio and Cacheu

**Most of the rural farmers are women, and therefore, their training and capacity building promote equality, influence, economic earning, and independence and strengthen their say in the communities. This is highly reflected in our Farmers' Clubs Programs.**

The project Feed the Future Innovation Lab, aims at building capacities in horticulture production, is supported by the University of California, Davis, and the University of Ghana, implemented by ADPP-GB in cooperation with Amilcar Cabral

University, the National Institute for Agricultural Research (INPA) Confederaçao da Associaçoes de Mulheres de Actividades Economicas (AMAE).

The overall objective is to improve farming capacities through training, better farming methods, improved seeds, simple structures for processing and storage and support for the farmers in trading their surplus.

Training of farmers at the Amilcar Cabral University and a plan to improve the curriculum started with the University of Ghana.

At the University of Amilcar Cabral, a training field was established with fencing and a well, to facilitate the training of the students.



INPA Agricultural Research will research three kinds of seeds, Onion, Okra, and Tomato, to improve the seeds to the climate of Guinea Bissau.

Three testing fields were established, with two variants of onion, okra and tomato planted to see which ones were resistant and had the best production results.

AMAE is training female farmers in improved farming methods and processing.

In Bissau, equipment was acquired to protect the vegetables from the strong sunlight and new simple structures were established for washing, packing and drying the vegetables for local sales.

## 2.000

farmers

**Supported by**  
the University of California, Davis  
through funds from USAID



# Farmers' Clubs

Where farmers identify the challenges, they face and work together as a team

Each Farmers' Club has 50 members, men and women, who jointly make decisions and take action. Clubs can be informal or formally registered and they also have opportunities to create co-operatives or join other farmers' organisations. This means they can benefit from shared structures and financing opportunities.

Project leaders live and work among the farmers. They are part of the community and work with the farmers and the clubs.

The organisation of clubs is a way for farmers to get together to share their knowledge and experiences. They work together in demonstration fields and have meetings and sessions. Field days and agricultural shows are organized in the whole community.

**Protecting the environment is a matter of high priority for Farmers' Clubs, as they depend on living in balance with nature.**

The Clubs strengthen the relationship between farmers' groups and public and private agricultural institutions in the local area through two-way sharing of knowledge and long-term collaboration.

The Farmers' Clubs are also linked to local government structures, which add expertise and help extend the project's impact beyond its time.

Farmers' Clubs extend into the social and cultural lives of the farmers and their families.

They improve the participation of women, and they care for health and nutrition, disease prevention and sanitation, as well as protection of land rights.

**It's a methodology which is flexible and adaptable to local climatic, socio-cultural and economic conditions.**





# Case Stories



*Same Sambe*

## The project "Nha Horta Nha Sabura"

significantly impacted our production and economy. NTCHULA community club became a member of the Farmers' Clubs and made us a well-organised 50-member club. We received training on various topics and the project installed a solar system, a borehole, and fencing. I, Same Sambe, am the president of the NTCHULA community club.

Previously, we encountered challenges with fencing, water management, and tackling pests and diseases. Production and yields were low. We are grateful for the support that has enhanced production and the economy in the NTCHULA community.



*Oceano Sanha Tchongo*

## Students and teachers unite and manage the agricultural production

At the Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil, we, teachers, students and the management team prepared the school garden.

The field was provided by the community Régulo de Bachil for the cultivation and production of peanuts and beans. We produced 547 kg of peanuts that supplied and enriched the school menu.

Furthermore, it encourages future teachers to set up school gardens in their communities.



*Aua Suleimane Indjai*

## Farmers' Clubs organisation support our community

In 2023, the community selected me as vice-president of the Association Nafa. From that moment, I became a key figure in the association, supporting and collaborating with club members to give feedback on the four components of Agroecology, Social leadership, Transformation and the Conservation of agricultural and horticultural. What made a difference to me in responding to the demands of these four components was the methodology of the Farmers' Clubs, as we used to find it very difficult to meet people when we had tasks in the horticultural field, community action, literacy, community meetings, field visits between clubs.

After we trained the Farmer's Club Methodology by the project leader, we began to put this methodology into practice, making it easier to carry out all the tasks, partly because, according to the list of 57 members, they are divided into micro-groups, where each micro-group has a leader who is responsible for managing the group. Everyone's job has become much easier since all 57 members are active in their respective micro-groups.

# Health





# Healthy life and well-being for all

**"By 2030, it is intended to end the epidemics of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and tropical diseases, and fight against hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other transmitted diseases".**

**The solutions depend on the greater dissemination of information on preventing, treating or stopping its spread. There is a need for good allocation of resources and the improvement of the general living conditions of citizens.**

**The country's health challenges stem from a series of intertwined factors that reinforce the cycle of human poverty. These include an unstable social situation, with one of the lowest scores on the human development index.**

**The HIV prevalence rate in the country is around 3,8% for the population between 15 and 49 years. HIV 1 and 2 are the most identified in the country.**

Furthermore, regarding Sexual Reproductive Health, Female Genital Mutilation of women between the ages of 15-49 who had some form of Female Genital Mutilation is 52,1%. On top of this, 9.000 women die for every 100.000 births.

Since 2009, ADPP-GB has worked with HIV programs and several other Disease Prevention programs such as Sexual Reproductive Health, Female Genital Mutilation, Obstetric Fistula, Zika, Ebola, Covid, and Malaria.

Clean water & sanitation campaigns, as well as vaccination campaigns, have been part of the work.

ADPP-GB is working in the whole country together with the Ministry of Health and NGOs, with the goal of "ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages". Furthermore, ADPP-GB is working with Plan International in 5 regions, focusing on Sexual Reproductive health.

To change the health situation in Guinea Bissau, a strong people-to-people participation is needed as strong health is central to human happiness, well-being, and economic development. Therefore, community knowledge, awareness and capability are in the first lines of defence.

## **Supported by**

European Union, DHAPP (Department of HIV Prevention Program), Ministry of Public Health (HIV & TB program Global Fund), Expertise France, Plan International, UNAIDS, Camões, I.P., Coalition Plus, GAT, and Humana People to People partners.

# 92.084

*People reached*

# Healthy life and well-being for all

**Only people can liberate themselves from HIV & TB, and that is why all people in the communities must know their status.**

ADPP-GB works in the whole country with universal access to treatment concerning Gender and Human Rights, and by so doing, people take control of their health, preventing new HIV & TB cases.

ADPP-GB has since 2021 worked in cooperation with the organisations RENAP+GB (The network of the associations from people living with HIV), AGMS (Guinense Agency for Social Marketing), AGUIBEF (Guinean Association for Family Welfare),

ENDA (Environment and Development Action in the Third World) the Military and the Ministry of Health in creating awareness about TB and HIV.

In 2024, activities were expanded with hepatitis B & C and Syphilis activities.

People have limited access to health services, this situation mostly impacts children and women. ADPP-GB cooperates with partners and communities to facilitate and bridge the gap with the Ministry of Health.

National awareness campaigns in 11 Regions about HIV showed that people's knowledge has increased compared to 5 years ago.



People are willing to know their status, but still much more needs to be done to improve accepting the HIV status and taking the medication. Stigma and discrimination are challenges, which people need to be aware of. 86 HIV-positive mothers support nurses in the health centres to prevent mother-to-child transmission, and 344 pregnant mothers were supported in 2024.

Community Health Workers made a door-to-door campaign, entering 231 households, and 72 children under 5 were submitted for treatment.

Military, Police and agents of Justice trained in TB & HIV prevention and Human rights and gender-based violence.

1.560 patients were supported by 104 activists, who got 155 patients back for treatment.  
1.113 people tested and increased their understanding of HIV  
2.492 lost treatment patients returned to the health centres.

## 47.119

*people reached*

### Supported by

The Ministry of Health (HIV & TB program Global Fund), Expertise France, UNAIDS, Camões, I.P., GAT, DoD/ DHAPP program and Humana People to People Partners.



# Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

ADPP-GB is involved in promoting general health and mobilising youth to be active in communities to raise awareness about the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Teachers were trained as agents for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. This brings knowledge to the many students the 248 teachers teach daily.

The new curriculum was well received and supports the education that brings new knowledge addresses gender equality in schools and supports a new generation with new knowledge.

Community Health Agents, community leaders, parents and youths have, in the last two years, improved the understanding and prepared the next generation on sexual reproductive health issues, violence and gender inequality.

Six project leaders have worked daily with the communities and supported communities in being able to be in a dialogue and recognise the importance.

In rural communities, girls often get pregnant at a premature age. They bear five to six children on average.



In the last two years, Family Planning and contraceptive methods have been part of supporting the families.

In that context, 4000 youths were mobilised to use condoms and shared their doubts and concepts about Sexual Reproductive Health.

Furthermore, 100 health technicians were trained in data and data collection in the five operational regions supporting the availability of data.

## 44.965

*people reached in 2024.*

Implemented in cooperation with Plan International and supported by the European Union, The Ministry of Health and Humana People to People Partners.

# Case Stories



*Vanessa Naianca Ferreira Correia*

## Stop TB

Guinea-Bissau faces a high prevalence of TB (tuberculosis), but our community works to improve access to treatment. The people we reach have few resources, and TB is felt in our communities.

In the SAFE SPACE Project, activists are screening and doing rapid tests in remote communities (hard-to-reach places), helping to ensure that those who need it the most are diagnosed with less travel to the health facilities.

Having these flexibilities will support people to be diagnosed, get treatment and stop spreading TB.



*Laura Fernandez*

## World Café Session in Guinea Bissau

In the beginning, we only did formal epidemiological surveillance. If you imagine an iceberg, there's a part that's outside the water and a part that's inside. The part that's inside is bigger than the part that's outside.

Formal epidemiological surveillance is only the part that is outside. That part of the iceberg that is bigger concerns people who have not yet been diagnosed and therefore concerns a series of infections that we don't know about.

Epidemiology of Sexual Infectious Diseases of Catalonia Centre (CEEISCAT).



*Braima Marena*

## Support people on treatment

In 2024, the TCE & TB project was expanded to the whole country with a complex package of activities, such as the distribution of nutritional kits to patients with TB and multi-registered TB in the intensive phase of treatment.

First, we did a national survey of all the health facilities treating TB patients.

The surveys were done via telephone, and we compiled the information obtained and submitted it to our partner, the Ministry of Public Health.

I learned a lot by using the method TELL ME AND SHOW ME, as it was an effective way to ensure the people on treatment got support in their treatment.



# News



## Refurbishment of the Environmental Health Education Centre

On 6 July 2024, the Teacher Training College DNS Bachil completed the refurbishment of the new Environmental Health Education Centre.

The Environmental Health Education Centre will be used as part of the Environmental Health Education Centre project, which aims to

train 600 young people in 200 communities in the regions of Oio, Quinara, Cacheu, Bafatá and Gabu.

This initiative is being implemented by ADPP Guinea-Bissau, funded by the Sanofi Foundation, and has the support of the regional accelerator, Enda Dakar.



## ADPP Guinea-Bissau supports inclusive Christmas for deaf and mute children

The event on 23 December 2024 was organised by the Women's Digital World Club of Jean Piaget University.

They welcomed the deaf and mute community to the Gorilla space in Bissau, promoting interaction with speaking children in an environment of respect and equality.

This event was only possible thanks to the support of various partners in Guinea-Bissau.



## ADPP Vocational School Bissorā and the Teacher Training College DNS Bachil cooperated with DEBURAM and UNIVERSEL in the training of salt production.

DEBURAM instructed teachers and 41 students from the Vocational School and 61 students from the Teacher Training College DNS Bachil and introduced a manual to give guidance step-by-step production of salt production without using firewood.

In 2025, the DEBURAM & UNIVERSEL will support the students with materials for training in the communities.

# Economy and Entrepreneurship





# Economy and Entrepreneurship

ADPP-GB started Fundraising through 2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes in 1988 for emergencies and some sales to generate a small income for the project implementation in Guinea-Bissau.

2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes Project supports development at various levels by providing income for many people, from personnel involved in sales and administration down to the traders. This directly affects the families, who can afford to send their children to school and generally improve their living conditions.

2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes Project supports the essential goods for people. The availability of clothes and shoes at reasonable prices allows people to dress with dignity without placing heavy demands on the household budget.

Secondly, the 2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes trade has created a workplace and gives opportunities for youth.

2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes sale is fundamental in our program bouquet, both for the economy and for environmental protection and sustainability on a global level.

The clothes are sold in big and small bales. Creating the sorting centre in 2020, the clothes are sorted into 145 categories in bales from 15kg, 22,5kg or 45kg, which facilitates the vendor's needs.

The 2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes Project employs 37 people in sorting and sales.

Furthermore, 190 vendors are buying the clothes & shoes in one of the four outlets and reselling them at the market.



In 2024, 2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes donated cleaning materials to the agency in the port and donated 502 kgs to social solidarity.

The project is operated according to the General Agreement with the Government of Guinea-Bissau.

Since 2020, the 2nd Hand Clothes & Shoes Project has sorted the clothes into categories.

This was convenient to the vendors as they got the quality and supply of what they needed in their business.

**693**  
tons were sold

**549**  
tons were sorted into small bales



# Entrepreneurship

Being in one of the poorest countries in the world, people in Guinea-Bissau need to be highly entrepreneurial.

**ADPP-GB methodologies and services support groups and individuals in acquiring the understanding and skills to do a successful business.**

Entrepreneurship training is included in the ADPP Vocational School, Bissorã, Teacher Training College DNS-Bachil, and the Farmers' Clubs program, supporting groups and individuals in acquiring understanding and entrepreneurship skills.

WACOMP Idea Centre has supported the entrepreneurship office at the Vocational School, where youths are supported to create or apply for jobs. In 2024, 324 people and organisations were trained in entrepreneurship: 67 students trained for six months; 94 young people trained for 15 days; 87 cooperation's and associations in Oio and Biombo were trained for 15 days.

In addition, 76 students who graduated from the ADPP Vocational School Bissorã had entrepreneurship training.

The Farmers' Clubs programs have two purposes: securing the family's food and a better economy, including



entrepreneurship training and processing, which empower women to be economically sustainable. In 2024, 133 farmers were trained for 15 days from the regions Gabu, Bafata and Quinara.

The Entrepreneurship team has followed and supported the new businesses established: five cooperation in chicken production, one as a tailor, and two as hairdressers.

## Supported by :

African Development Bank, the European Union, ECOWAS/-GIZ/Swiss Aid, Humana People to People Partners and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Guinea-Bissau.

# 324

Trained



# Cashew Plantations and Cashew Processing Centre

**Small-scale farmers have cashews as their cash crop.**

**The cashew apples can be used as fresh fruit, juice or jam.**

**The nuts are often sold raw through middlemen, which limits the farmer's income.**

ADPP-GB established the Cashew Plantations in the eighties, and in recent years hired it out in plots of 4,15 to 147 farmers who are earning a surplus while paying a fee to ADPP-GB.

A 7-person plantation team operated throughout 2024 to secure and improve the value of the asset, which the plantation represents.

In 2024, the farmers produced 200 tons of raw cashew nuts. Most farmers delivered the cashew nuts to the cashew-processing centre



owned and operated by ACACB (Associação de Clubes de Agricultores Comercial de Bissorã).

Around 60% of the production is processed and sold to Naturkost Ernest Weber in Germany, and the other 40% is sold on the local market.

The factory is working on getting more local customers and securing production in 2025.

# 200

tons of raw cashew nuts.

# Case Stories



*Mamado Ierro Cande*

## Entrepreneurship

Providing good quality 2nd hand clothes is essential for the people in Guinea Bissau. I am selling 2nd hand clothes, and I started to sell second-hand clothes with the help of acquaintances - they would buy, and I would choose some pieces to resell where I made a profit.

Today, I created a business. I managed to marry, I've bought a farm to raise sheep and cows, and everything has been thanks to my work selling 2nd hand ADPP clothes.

I started this business as I lost my job in my brother's restaurant when he immigrated to Portugal, but I was able to create a business to support my family. I would also like to reiterate my thanks to ADPP-GB for what they have done in Guinea Bissau.



*Nuno Alfa Ié*

## Second hand clothes

I am working in the 2nd hand clothes as a machinist pressing the clothes to small bales and taking care of the equipment. This job has had a big impact on my life. After starting with ADPP Clothing, I started getting paid every month, and it helped me to plan my daily and monthly expenses.

Now, I'm in a position to support my niece's and son's studies, pay for health care if necessary, and support them with food. Before, I was a temporary worker for 2 or 3 days a week, meaning my resources were limited. I am very happy with my job, in the 2nd hand clothes. The 2nd hand clothes are not only about the economy. It is also about 2nd hand-quality clothes for people in Guinea Bissau and reusing and reducing the consumption of natural resources.



*Dalanda So*

## Entrepreneurship has transformed my life, and given me resilience and an innovative spirit.

I believe in the power of opportunities and the capacity for personal growth through challenges.

I am an entrepreneur and the founder of DAMAIA, a company dedicated to the transformation and processing of fruits, soaps, and medicinal creams.

In 2012, I started to work in ADPP-GB Farmers Clubs in the area of commerce and later as an administrator.

The experiences I gained inspired me to invest in my own business, and I participated in the ENGIM competition. It resulted in receiving a machine that significantly increased production.

Today, I am the focal point for the women transformers of Bissorã through the NGO, ACACB.

Furthermore, I am employed at Vocational School, providing entrepreneurship training to NGOs and people interested in starting a business.



# News



## Mário Cabral and Beatriz Cabral visits at ADPP Vocational School Bissorã

Mario Cabral has, since the sixties, been active in the Liberation struggle.

He went to Guinea Conakry in 1971 with the liberation movement. Later, he was part of the first Government of Guinea-Bissau and had many different positions. From 1981 appointed as the Minister of

Education and member of the United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organisation. He has, until he went on pension, been a UNESCO ambassador and an ambassador of Humana People to People, where he went to Zimbabwe and contributed in many ways to the development of Guinea Bissau.

Mario Cabral became a member of the ADPP-GB Board from 2016 to 2023 and from 2023 to actual Beatriz Cabral is a member of the Board.



Mário Cabral, a former member and Beatriz Cabral a member of ADPP-GB's Board of Directors, paid a special visit to ADPP Vocational School Bissorã.

They received a warm welcome as a gesture of appreciation and recognition for their substantial contributions to the organisation.

The reception was marked by moments of joy and many memories, highlighting the positive impacts.

The visit not only strengthened ties between former and current board members but also highlighted ADPP-GB's ongoing commitment to provide quality education and development opportunities in the community.

# ADPP Guinea-Bissau

## History in brief

The history dates back to the early 80s when a group of volunteers on a solidarity and development mission travelled across the world. Upon their arrival, they learned about the culture and the socio-economic dynamics of the people.

In that period, the country had just ended the colonial rule, and the people lived in extreme poverty. Volunteers from the north joined forces with the people of Guinea-Bissau in action. The first brigade of Norwegian and people from Guinea-Bissau worked in hygiene and sanitation. Building Blair Latrines in public places in the suburbs of Bissau, at the Bôr health centre, Ilheu de Rei, Undme, and double latrines in primary schools. Mobilised cleaning actions in schools and health centres.

In 1981 volunteers from Norway, Sweden and Denmark increased their scope of actions with the people of Guinea-Bissau.

Construction of primary school "ADPP Bôr", Ilhei de Rei, Fulacunda in Quinara. Construction of Vocational school on Victory Road in Empada and the primary school Confidence in One's Strength in Buduco Empada.

In 1983, an adult literacy campaign was launched in the Tombali and Quinara regions. Several adults in communities of Catio, Bedanda in the Tombali region and the Empada sector in the Quinara region became literate.

In 1985, technical training began in a three-year intensive course: agriculture, mechanics and carpentry at the School Caminho de Victória.

In 1987, ADPP-GB decided to move from the southern provinces of Guinea-Bissau to the northern province of Oio, Bissorã sector. A commercial cashew plantation was established during some years of intense work.

ADPP-GB established around 750 hectares of well-selected and technically well-established cashew orchards, employing and training around 900 men and women in land preparation, nurseries and planting.

In 1988, ADPP-GB started Clothes & Shoes for emergencies and some sales to generate small income for social projects.



In 1991, ADPP-GB started the Child Aid program in response to the prediction by UNICEF, according to which millions of children would die of hunger and preventable diseases during the next decade.

ADPP-GB created pre-schools and the 10 lines in the comprehensive Child Aid community program.

In August 1992 ADPP-GB was registered as a Guinean NGO.

In 1997, the ADPP Vocational School, Bissorã were constructed and began training in Agriculture, Construction and Commerce.

In 1998, ADPP-GB was one of the civil society organisations that did not close its doors. ADPP-GB supported the country's refugees by distributing food and clothes to the communities, mainly in the Gabu, Bafata and Oio regions.

From that time, ADPP-GB has increased its activities together with partners, the government and the people of Guinea-Bissau.



# Humana People to People Federation

**ADPP-GB is a member of the federation for associations connected to the international Humana People to People movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.**

Our common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.

The federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support and help to promote our common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda.

Together with the people in the communities and our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.



# Accountability and Transparency

**ADPP- GB has policies, guidelines and internal controls that live up to international best practices to ensure that funds received and generated are spent for their intended purpose only.**

As a Guinian Non-Governmental Organisation. ADPP follows the Guinian generally accepted standards for policies and procedures, risk assessments and internal best practices.

Accounting is under Guinian laws and International Auditing Standards.

Use of funds received from international and local partners, as well as funds generated from second-hand clothes sales, are audited by internationally reputed audit firms, following international auditing standards.

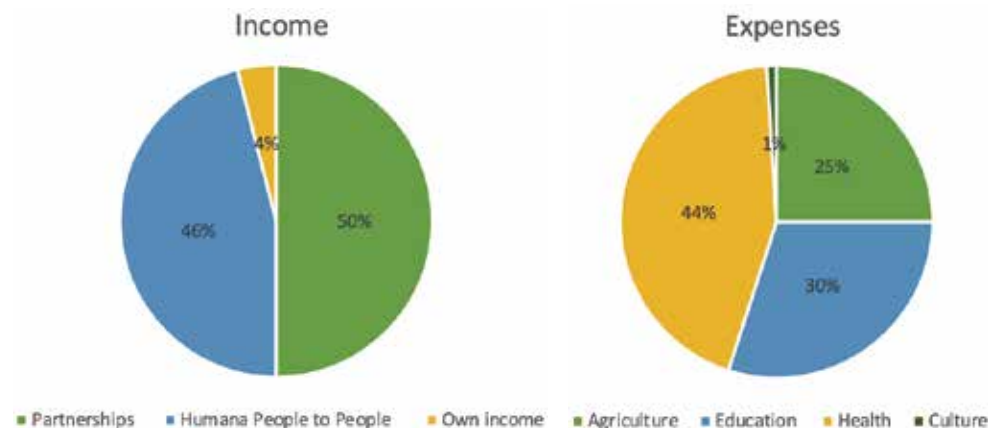
**ADPP-GB was certified in 2024 for the second time for governance policies and procedures through the ACPO NGO Benchmarking Standard.**

This comprises an audit of best practices across policies and procedures and the organisation's compliance with these standards in 12 defined areas. ADPP-GB continued to improve its policies and procedures.

ADPP-GB is registered as a local Guinea-Bissau organisation. Grant Thornton has audited the accounts. In 2024, ADPP-GB spent \$4.500.000 on development projects. Income raised through partnership contributed 46%, Humana People to People partners 50%, and ADPP-GB generated through its own income 4%. Expenses: Education 30%, Agriculture 25%, Health 44%, Culture 1%.

ADPP Guinea-Bissau Partners  
ADPP-GB is proud of the diverse range of National and International partners which support human development in Guinea-Bissau.

Partnerships offer a relationship that helps the projects to prosper. The funding partner provides funding for the project, and ADPP-GB provides ideas, energy, experience and resources to make things happen.



Thank you to all partners for their continued support and commitment to working with people and pursuing much-needed development for positive change.



# ADPP Guinea-Bissau Partners in 2024

## MULTILATERAL FUNDING

- European Union
- African Development Bank
- IFAD/REDE
- UNAIDS
- ECOWAS
- Green Climate Funds

## BILATERAL FUNDING

- Instituto Camões, I.P.
- Ministério da Saúde Pública (HIV/TB Programme Global Fund)
- ACP- EU
- US Department of Defence (DoD) HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme
- German Society for International Cooperation( GIZ)
- Expertise France
- ENABEL
- United State Agency for International Development (USAID), University of California, Davis

## FUNDS FROM NGOS AND FOUNDATIONS

- Coalition Plus (Rede Losófona)
- Foundation S, The Sanofi Collective
- Schneider Electric Foundation

## HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

- Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo, Spain
- Humana People to People Baltic
- Associação Humana Portugal
- Ulandshjælp fra Folk til Folk – Humana People to People
- U-landshjælp fra Folk til Folk, Norge
- Federation Humana People to People


## IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS




- GAT Portugal
- RENAP+ Guinea-Bissau
- Aguibef
- ESSOR
- CIDA & Alternag
- Enda Sante
- PLAN International
- Guinea-Bissau Health Network
- ENABEL
- Swiss AID
- CNAPN
- IMC
- AMI
- AGLUCOMI- TSH
- AGMSGGB
- Pro-Bolama
- Plataforma da Associação de Pessoas com deficiência
- Associação das Mulheres de Atividade Económica (AMAE)
- INPA (National Institute of Agrarian Research)
- UAC (University Amicar Cabral)
- Universel/ Deburam
- OSS (Sahara and Sahel Observatory)

## COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE GUINEA-BISSAU STATE

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Ministry of National Education
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of the Environment Biodiversity and Climate Action
- Ministry of Women, Family and Social Solidarity
- General Direction for International Cooperation
- General Direction for Planning
- The National Institute for the Development of Education (INDE)
- State Secretariat of the Environment
- State Secretariat of the Communities
- Institute for Biodiversity and Protected Areas (IBAP)
- National Secretariat for Fighting AIDS (SNLS)



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