



FUNDAÇÃO
GONÇALO DA SILVEIRA

The Gonçalo da Silveira Foundation



| WHO WE ARE |

The FGS – Fundação Gonalo da Silveira (Gonalo da Silveira Foundation) was set up in 2004, and stemmed from an initiative of the Portuguese Jesuits. The priority was to optimise the work of its missions and missionaries overseas, and the name given to the Foundation was that of the most famous Portuguese Jesuit missionary in Africa, Gonalo da Silveira.

As our work through the Jesuit missionaries developed over the decade, we extended our partnership base and redefined our mission: to contribute to integrated human development and raise awareness of the need in society for a greater commitment to equality and social justice.

Today, we are involved in projects covering Global Citizenship Education and Cooperation for Development – above all in the fields of Education and Rural Development. We also provide humanitarian and

emergency aid, through our links with international organisations. We see ourselves as facilitators and intermediaries. We put the spotlight on the needs, motivations and efforts of those in the field, working to build a fairer and more human world.

We are a non-governmental organisation for development (NGDO), recognised as a nonprofit institution of public benefit.



VISION | OBJECTIVES | PRINCIPLES

Vision:

a world that is fairer and more humane, where all can live with dignity, in freedom and equality, in harmony with and respect for nature.

Objectives:

Improve the living conditions of the communities living in the most abject conditions;

Raise awareness and motivate people as to how they can exercise their global citizenship;

Focus on capacity-building and empowerment in transforming society.

Principles:

Social Justice

Equality of opportunities

Sustainability

Fraternity



| methodology |

How do we act?

With a balanced view that is local-global

Resolving concrete problems

Working together

Making room for critical reflection

Commitment to the full realisation of all human beings

An integrated process

We see Development from an integrated point of view, only possible with everyone's commitment as part of a single whole.

Partnerships for Development

We value action allied to critical appraisal and rely on multi-sectoral collaborations working towards the same goal, the common good.

Our partnerships are a guarantee of the relevance and effectiveness of our work.

The Jesuit missions: working with those who better know the ground, and can point out the most pressing needs;

The academic world: emphasising a greater convergence between research and action;

International networks: giving value and a spur to strategies involving joint action with international networks;

Other NGOs and nonprofit organisations: joining forces, capacity and expertise.


A positive vision


In a world which is structurally imbalanced and where intolerable injustices are the norm, we believe in the transformational power of each and every citizen. Above all we have a positive vision of the future and look to inspire others through our actions.





Promotion of Citizenship

In the context of Schooling
PORTUGAL


90 Schools with
FGS input across
the country


500 people
who receive
the specialized
weekly
newsletter


25 Teachers with
on-going support
in the field of the
Global Citizenship
Education network


10 National Meetings coorganised
for educators with an average of
70 participants;

The FGS has been working in the field of Development Education / Global Citizenship Education since 2006 and during this period there has been an growing link with Educators throughout the country. The aim of the FGS is to take Global Citizenship Education even further, both in the framework of formal and informal education.

The activities of the FGS include:

- Training for those involved in education
- Promoting and monitoring of educational activities
- Elaboration of pedagogical materials
- Collaborating with the social sector of Jesuit schools


- Support and actively participate in the Global Citizenship Education Network
- Participating in the construction of the Development Education reference tool with the Portuguese Ministry of Education.

We need to work in a concerted way,
with different actors in order to
increase public awareness about the
problems of the world today.

Development Education Synergies

Getting to know so as to act better
– promoting research on DE action in
PORTUGAL


Average of 560
magazine downloads


22 organizations* involved

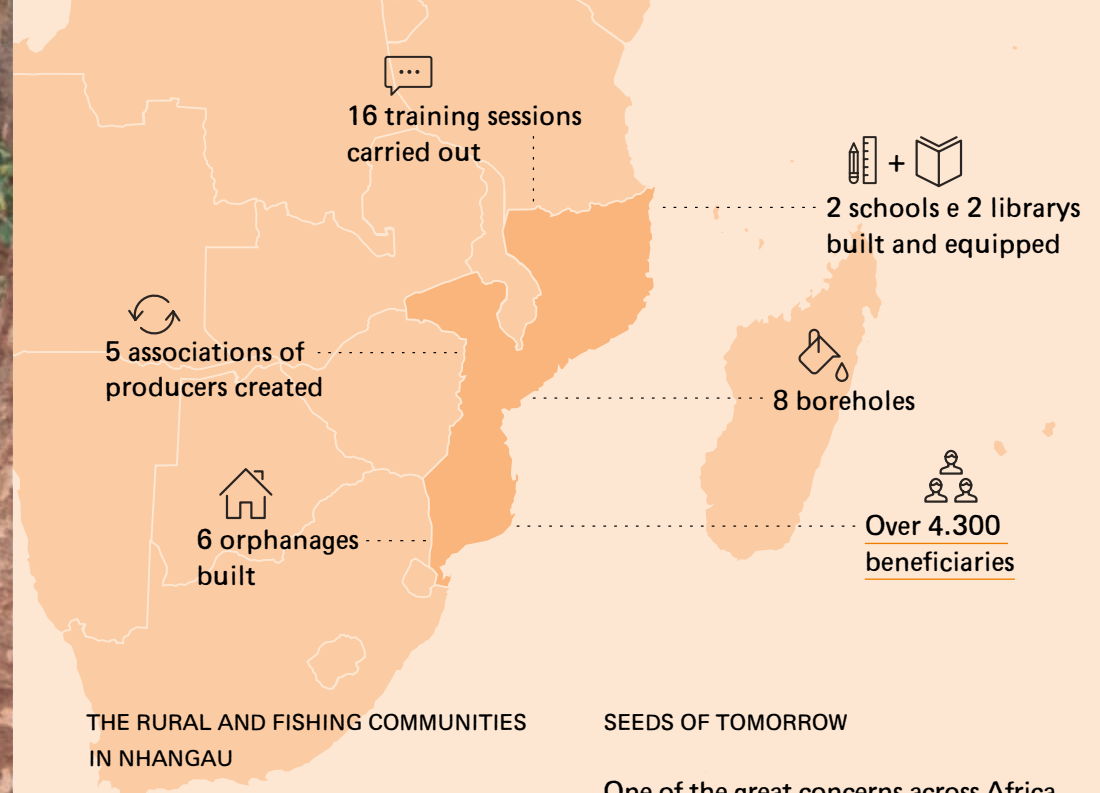

More than 12.700 page views
and 4.848 website visits

The FGS joined up with CEAUP – Centro de Estudos Africanos da Universidade do Porto (the Centre for African Studies at Oporto University) to provide greater opportunities in the research/action area, focusing on enhanced knowledge of Development Education (DE). The project is geared to Civil Society Organisations and Institutes of Higher Education, along with their researchers. The aim is to undertake joint projects in this field. A scientific review and the website www.sinergiased.org provide the back-up for the knowledge and know-how that has to be brought together, systematised and made public.

* CEAUP + TESE
CEsA/ISEG + PAR
ESE/IP Castelo Branco + EcoGerminar
ESE/IPLeiria + IMVF
ESE/IPLisboa + CIDAC
ESE/IPPorto + Rosto Solidário
FCSH-UNL + FEC
FPCEUP + AidGlobal
FPCEUP + ISU-Porto
IE-UL + VIDA
IE-UM + FGS

EDUCATION and RURAL development

MOZAMBIQUE



The FGS has been working with the Jesuits in Mozambique since 2004. The work has been divided into two main geographic areas, one of which the Rural Community of Nhangau, made up of a group of villages situated around 20km from the town of Beira (Sofala Province). It was the extreme poverty and the isolation of these settlements that led to integrated support to underpin rural development. Our work covers education, community health and boosting the local economy. This has already led to the setting up and support for five Producers' Associations and the building of two community schools – in Nhambira and Nhangulo – focusing on literacy and primary education, with greater access to learning for around 2,000 people – children, adolescents and adults.

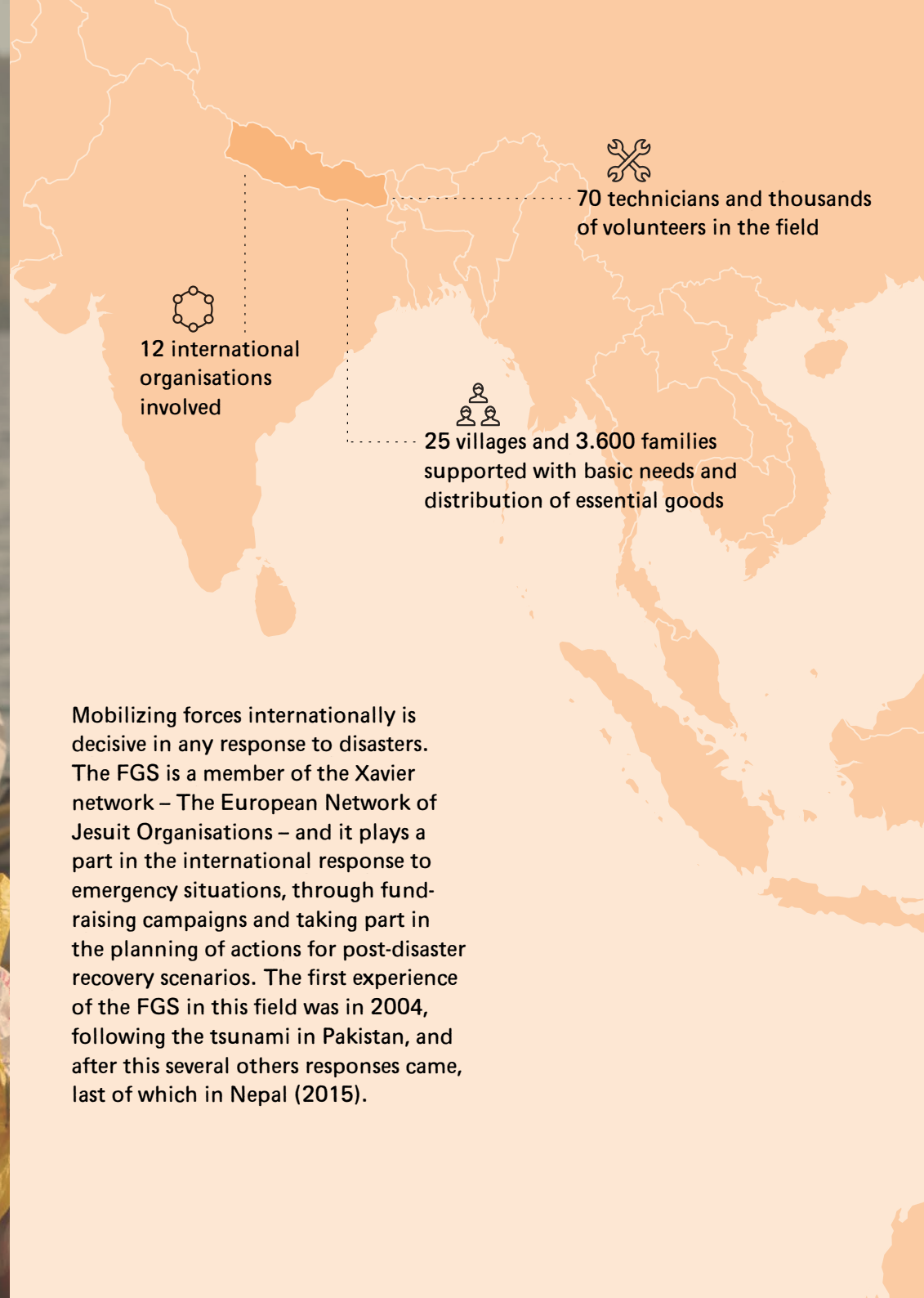
SEEDS OF TOMORROW

One of the great concerns across Africa is the day-to-day living conditions of orphans – children who have lost their father, mother or both, because of the scourge of HIV/AIDS. In the northern part of Mozambique, on the high plains of Angónia, by the side of the Fonte Boa Jesuit mission, the FGS helped to set up a network of shelter-homes to provide a haven for orphan children, victims of negligence and stigma. The response to this local need was carried out using local means and counting on the support of the communities. There are 62 children in the 6 shelter-homes, aged between 0 and 12. They are provided with a family environment and ensured human dignity for their development. FGS now runs a Sponsorship Program in order to cover maintenance costs.



| Humanitarian | Aid

NEPAL



Mobilizing forces internationally is decisive in any response to disasters. The FGS is a member of the Xavier network – The European Network of Jesuit Organisations – and it plays a part in the international response to emergency situations, through fund-raising campaigns and taking part in the planning of actions for post-disaster recovery scenarios. The first experience of the FGS in this field was in 2004, following the tsunami in Pakistan, and after this several others responses came, last of which in Nepal (2015).

Financing, networks

FINANCING

Main sources of financing:

- Portuguese Cooperation
- Enterprises
- Individual donors
- Portuguese Jesuits
- Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
- Other Foundations

NETWORKS

FGS is a member of:

- Xavier Network
- Global Ignatian Advocacy Network
 - Right to a Quality Education
(<http://edujesuit.org/>)
- Portuguese NGDO Platform
- Global Citizenship Education Network
- National Strategy for Development Education – member of the monitoring committee
- Social Apostolate of the Society of Jesus

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