

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair and red glasses smiling at a young child with curly hair. The child is wearing a striped sweater and is looking towards the camera with a happy expression. The background is softly blurred.

Challenges, Priorities and Results 2022

Aga Khan Foundation, Portugal



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In Portugal, the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) leads a range of integrated, innovative and gender sensitive interventions in civil society; early childhood development; education; and work and enterprise. Target geographies include Lisbon, Greater Lisbon and Porto. AKF's interventions in Portugal place particular emphasis on supporting seniors and migrant communities, fostering pluralism and inclusion, and addressing climate change.

AKF has operated in Portugal since 1983 with a mandate to improve the quality of life for migrant communities in urban contexts through social and economic support. Fundação Aga Khan was established as a Portuguese foundation in 1996.



Civil Society

Key challenges

- Insufficient collaboration between local organisations and key stakeholders
- Limited representation of migrants and vulnerable youth
- Ageing population

Key initiatives

- Strengthening civil society organisations and professionals
- Culturally sensitive networks and services
- Supporting seniors and caregivers

Results

- **346** civil society organisations supported | **89,149** people reached by supported civil society organisations (36% male, 42% female, 22% unknown)
- **135** sub-national government agencies supported | **147,769** people reached by sub-national government agencies (35% male, 43% female, 22% unknown)
- **1,347** government officials supported (25% male, 66% female, 9% unknown)
- **26,515** people directly reached by civil society interventions (38% male, 49% female, 13% unknown)
- **\$891,682** of support raised from local donors by civil society organisations



Climate Resilience

Key challenges

- Low energy efficiency and high energy consumption patterns

Key initiatives

- Decarbonisation Living Lab
- Micro-forests

Results

- **1,147** people reached by climate resilience related interventions
- **8** civil society organisations and **5** sub-national government agencies supported



Early Childhood Development

Key challenges

- Limited services for children aged zero to three
- Limited access to quality early childhood development services

Key initiatives

- ECD workforce development in participatory pedagogy
- Support to parents and other caregivers

Results

- **1,829** children reached (55% male, 43% female, 2% unknown)
- **302** parents and caregivers reached (50% male, 50% female)
- **393** early childhood development staff reached (3% male, 97% female), out of which **94%** received training (2% male, 98% female)
- **12** early childhood development centres and community spaces reached



Education

Key challenges

- Limited local evidence-base to inform decision-making
- Few school environments with a limited pluralistic outlook
- Asymmetry of holistic learning outcomes

Key initiatives

- Early literacy and family literacy
- Education Improvement

Results

- **10,764** learners reached (50% male, 50% female)
- **927** teachers and school heads reached (19% male, 80% female, 1% unknown), out of which 68% received professional development training (19% male, 80% female, 1% unknown)
- **119** schools and learning spaces reached



Work and Enterprise

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Key initiatives

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