

SOLIDARIEDADE EVANGELICA – SOLE ANGOLA

Community Ophthalmology Project

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TO: SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

PROJECT PRESENTATION LETTER

We are sending this presentation of our project to your organization with the aim of requesting material support to enable the continuity of this project.

BOA VISTA OPHTHALMOLOGICAL PROJECT

Health Clinic called Boa Vista, Benguela, Angola

Responsible for the Project: Solidariedade Evangelica (*“Association of Evangelical Solidarity of Angola”*) abbreviated “SOLE Angola”



Solidariedade Evangelica - SOLE Angola

SOLE-Angola is a non-profit social and religious organisation based in Benguela, which has developed a number of social projects. One of them is *“Casa de Saúde Boa Vista – Projecto de Oftalmologia comunitária”* – a Community Ophthalmology Project, a secondary Health Care Clinic called Boa Vista in the province of Benguela, which provides ophthalmology services in 10 of Angola’s 18 provinces. SOLE is focused on training competent professionals in eye health in order to provide high

quality services combined with modern technology, even in rural environments in the provinces. In Angola, »SOLE« is registered as a charitable and religious NGO and has its office in Benguela.

“Boa Vista” Health Clinic – Centre of Excellence

The Boa Vista Health Clinic was founded in Benguela on March 25, 1994 by SOLE and since then it has performed more than 70,000 cataract surgeries, more than 700,000 consultations and 140,000 glasses dispensed to correct refractive errors, provides training for nurses in eye care, always in partnership with the local Churches and the Provincial government.

Currently, the Boa Vista Health Clinic is more than a clinic, it is also a training site where several nurses are trained and practice their profession in a place with good facilities for admission, referral, patient follow-up, and for cataract and cataract surgery and other eye problems.

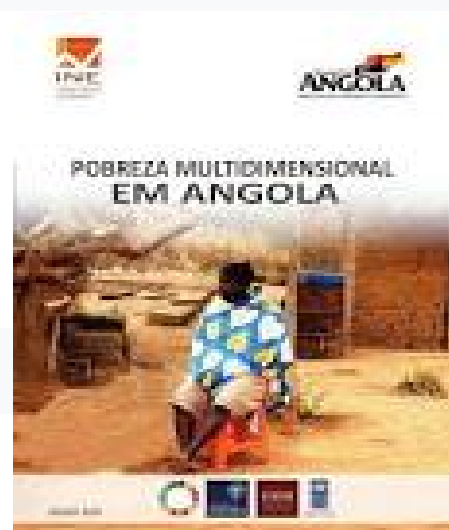
Population of Angola:

Angola has a population of 36,265,463 inhabitants with female to male ratio 50.5 to 49.5.

65% are young people, the average poverty rate is 48.9%, 22% of young people are unemployed, 85% work in low-quality jobs; young women living in rural areas and young people from families are even worse.

The network currently covers 10 provinces

Clínica de Saúde Boa Vista is an excellent clinic with adequate infrastructure and equipment, has competent staff capable of performing cataract surgery using the sutureless incision technique (SICS) with PMMA intra-ocular lens. It has a comprehensive network in 10 provinces, Benguela, Huambo, Huila, Cunene, Kwando Cubango, Bié, Moxico, Lunda Sul, Lunda Norte, Zaire. We are working on expanding into 4 more provinces: Uíge Malange Luanda and Cabinda. In these Provinces, the poverty index is estimated at 65% of the rural population. Because of this high poverty rate, the blindness rate is estimated as 15 blind per 100 people, who cannot afford a consultation or surgery, the project has avoided a effort via surgery campaign.



Executive Team of the Clinic

Clinical Director – Dr. Salomão Chiambo

Administrator - Mr. David Chivinda

Nursing Superintendent – Dr. Armando Salis

Medical Team

Dr. João da Costa Kakolio – Cataract Surgeon

Dr. Stephen James Fraser Collins – ophthalmic surgeon

Dr. Marlene Delgado Marcial - Ophthalmologist surgeon

Clinical and non-clinical personnel.

The Boa Vista workforce consists of 13 nurses/healthcare assistants trained in ophthalmology: 2 with medium training and 11 with basic training, and 21 non-clinical staff.

Partnerships

- Currently SOLE works with a health network of Angolan Churches
- Government Health Authorities
- SAMglobal - Switzerland
- Support and Development Organization - United Kingdom.

SOLE – Angola already has operational experience and know-how (methodology, technique), and is seeking to find partners that have innovative approaches (communications, business model) and financial resources to implement social projects of significant and measurable impact.

Thus, the Boa Vista Community Ophthalmology project wishes to continue working in the currently 10 provinces of Angola and to expand SOLE's work to a further four provinces in the north of Angola (Uíge, Malange, Luanda and Cabinda).

Since 1996, SOLE has been the only healthcare provider to perform eye surgeries outside Benguela, Luanda and Lubango. SOLE's surgeon operates in several hospitals and health centres that are associated with local churches, and in some state hospital centres (such as in Moxico Province, Cuando Cubango, and Lunda Sul).

Objectives**Quality, Reliability and Sustainability.**

According to the objectives of the project, it aims to contribute to the reduction of poverty in Angola, significantly reducing the level of avoidable blindness in the country, thus improving the quality of life of those who suffer from visual impairment, and restoring their economic independence.

The main objectives are:

- Provide high quality eye health services;
- Provide training for healthcare professionals, including cataract surgeons, nurses, and community health workers
- Eliminate preventable blindness in the areas served by the Boa Vista Health Clinic and its Partner network;
- Promote the sustainability of the Project, ensure the contribution of eye health services through local partners.

Problems.

The project faces several problems especially the procurement of Ophthalmic Medicines, Hospital Instruments, and other Hospital Material. Human Resources: Specialized doctors to support the population in need.

Economic and social context.

The Poverty Index is estimated at 65% of the rural farming population whose yields are not sufficient for subsistence. Because of this substantial poverty, the estimated blindness rate is 10% blind per 100 people, who cannot afford a consultation or surgeries, the project has avoided an effort via surgery campaign in 10 provinces of Angola.

Results.

Decrease of eye problems in the country.

The Casa de Saúde Boa Vista Project has been developing work in the area of ophthalmology since its foundation. In the past 5 years the following consultations and surgeries have been carried out (see table next):.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Consultations	28 994	29 492	29 796	19 642	20 513	128 437
cataract surgeries	2 746	2 845	2 985	1 501	2500	12 127
Other surgeries	285	301	423	236	184	1429

Operating room in
Boa Vista,
Benguela



Surgeries and appointments forecast for 2023/2024

The community ophthalmology project Casa de Saúde Boa Vista plans to expand the network of ophthalmology campaigns in the north of Angola, in the province of Malange, Uíge, with the aim of reaching the target of consultations and surgeries as shown in the table below.

	2023	Total
Consultations	28 994	28 994
cataract surgeries	2 746	2 746
Other surgeries	300	300

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The Administrator
At the Boa Vista House of Health Community Project
David Chivinda