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10 Years of **ACTUAR**

a decade in defense
of Human Rights and the
promotion of sustainable
and just food systems

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADAPA : Action for the Agro-Livestock Development and Protection of the Environment

CSF : United Nations Committee on World Food Security

CNA : National Confederation of Agriculture

CONSAN-CPLP : Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries

CPLP : Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries

CSM-CFS : Civil Society Mechanism at the United Nations Committee on World Food Security

ESAC : Coimbra Agricultural School

ESAN-CPLP : Food and Nutrition Security Strategy for the Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries

EU : European Union

FAO : Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FONG : Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations in São Tomé and Príncipe

FSN : Food and Nutrition Security

HRAFN : Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition

IFAD : International Fund for Agricultural Development

IFSN : International Food Security Network

IMVF : Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr

MARAPA : Sea, Environment and Artisanal Fishing Association

MSC-CONSAN : Mechanism for the Facilitation of Civil Society Participation in the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries

PALOP : African Portuguese Speaking Countries

PC-CPLP : Peasants Platform of the Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries

REALIMENTAR : Portuguese Network for Food Sovereignty and Food and Nutrition Security

REDSAN-CPLP : Civil Society Network for Food and Nutrition Security in the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries

RESCSAN-STP : Civil Society Network for Food and Nutrition Security of São Tomé and Príncipe

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Uma década de conquistas e desafios, do presente e para o futuro

6 A **ACTUAR** celebrou em 2017 os seus primeiros dez anos. Este é, pois, um momento de recordar todas e todos quanto contribuíram para a Organização nesses anos, de celebração de conquistas e aprendizagens, e também de lições colhidas num caminho de consciencialização e mobilização para a necessidade imperativa de construirmos sistemas alimentares sustentáveis, justos, diversos e inclusivos.

A génese da **ACTUAR** está intimamente ligada à promoção da participação cívica nos espaços onde nem sempre está garantida a voz daquelas e daqueles que são mais impactados pelos principais problemas dos atuais sistemas alimentares globalizados.

Ao longo do percurso, e em função do trabalho realizado, da transparência, da capacidade técnica, do profundo respeito pelo trabalho coletivo e da clara opção preferencial pela defesa dos grupos sociais mais vulneráveis, a **ACTUAR** foi fortalecendo a sua ação enquanto articuladora de redes com outras organizações da sociedade civil nos Países Africanos de Língua Portuguesa (PALOP), numa relação de mútua aprendizagem e florescimento.

De facto, a primeira década da existência da **ACTUAR** foi acompanhada por um percurso sem paralelo de desenvolvimento das redes da sociedade civil dos PALOP em torno da soberania e segurança alimentar e nutricional. A mobilização regional abriu-se posteriormente aos demais países da Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (CPLP), envolvendo a Rede da Sociedade Civil para a Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional na CPLP (REDSAN-CPLP) e a construção de alianças entre organizações da sociedade civil e, sobretudo, de organizações de agricultoras e agricultores familiares.

Tal mobilização contribuiu inegavelmente para a elaboração de Estratégias Nacionais de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional em todos os países africanos de Língua Portuguesa e para a formulação e aprovação da Estratégia de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional da Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa (ESAN-CPLP). Contribuiu ainda para a constituição e funcionamento do Conselho de Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional da CPLP (CONSAN-CPLP), um mecanismo de governança adequado à construção de sistemas alimentares mais sustentáveis e justos na CPLP.

Estas são conquistas importantes para a região da CPLP mas também para o contexto global. Nesse sentido, a **ACTUAR** participa no Comité de Coordenação da Rede Global para o Direito Humano à Alimentação e Nutrição (GNRTFN – Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition) e na Rede Internacional para a Segurança Alimentar (IFSN – International Food Security Network).

Desde 2017, a **ACTUAR** é também membro eleito do Comité de Coordenação do Mecanismo da Sociedade Civil no Conselho Global de Segurança Alimentar (MSC-CSA), em representação das Organizações Não Governamentais do hemisfério Norte, onde tem participado ativamente do processo global e europeu de monitoramento do DHANA. Tem também promovido momentos de articulação e partilha sobre políticas públicas para a agricultura familiar, com organizações representativas da agricultura familiar e da sociedade civil de diferentes regiões, nomeadamente, da Ásia, América Central, América do Sul e África Ocidental. Ainda no contexto internacional, a **ACTUAR** foi convidada a trabalhar com organizações como o Fundo Internacional de Desenvolvimento Agrícola (FIDA), o Banco Africano de Desenvolvimento, a Comissão Europeia e a Organização das Nações Unidas para a Alimentação e Agricultura (FAO), entre outros.



Se, por um lado, ao longo destes anos, a **ACTUAR** ganhou crescente experiência internacional, menos visível foi talvez o trabalho realizado em Portugal onde é da maior importância promover uma mudança cultural nos espaços de governança, técnicos e científicos, influentes sobre as políticas públicas de alimentação. Importância que se funda na consolidação e apropriação de uma perspetiva ampla de segurança alimentar (*food security*) por oposição a uma visão restrita à segurança dos alimentos (*food safety*).

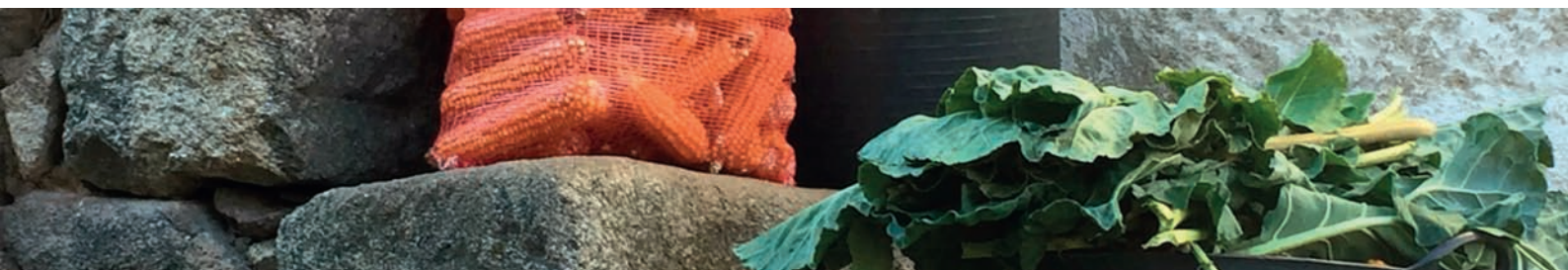
Consideramos também ser fulcral que as políticas públicas de alimentação estejam assentes em princípios de multi-setorialidade, participação inclusiva e indivisibilidade dos Direitos Humanos. A **ACTUAR** dinamiza, desde a sua fundação, a ReAlimentar – Rede Portuguesa pela Soberania e Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional, procurando ampliar um movimento nacional capaz de promover esta mudança.

Esta transformação é tão mais premente quanto a devastação dramática que o país sofre com os incêndios florestais, sintoma da desertificação humana do interior associada à perda de práticas tradicionais de agricultoras e agricultores e outros agentes essenciais à manutenção da agrobiodiversidade dos territórios. Ainda, o crescente e preocupante aumento de doenças relacionadas com a alimentação ameaçam a sustentabilidade do sistema nacional de saúde pública e a saúde das gerações futuras. Tais problemas derivam e afetam também as cidades, cada vez mais pressionadas ao nível ambiental e social.

Consideramos que não está ainda garantida uma compreensão holística sobre a SAN em Portugal, que explicita a ligação entre estes efeitos e as suas causas. A **ACTUAR** posiciona-se perante este novo tempo e novos desafios, procurando construir e reconstruir novos e renovados enquadramentos para o seu trabalho em Portugal e no mundo, aprofundando algumas das suas áreas de trabalho. É o caso da sua experiência acumulada nos temas diretamente vinculados à Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional (SAN), como por exemplo, o desenvolvimento territorial, agroecologia e sistemas de produção agrícola sustentáveis, proteção e promoção da biodiversidade e conhecimentos tradicionais associados a paisagens alimentares e dietas sustentáveis.

Por certo, os próximos dez anos tomarão o seu lugar e seguirão o curso que a riqueza e a força das dinâmicas humanas próprias dos espaços onde participamos determinam. Porém, renovamos o nosso compromisso de participar ativamente numa história de lutas mas também de resiliência e de alternativas concretas, onde o reconhecimento pelo trabalho efetuado e a solidariedade têm vindo a pontuar de alegrias a nossa trajetória.

A Direção da **ACTUAR**
Coimbra, 2018



FOREWORD

A decade of achievements and challenges, in the present and for the future

8 **ACTUAR** celebrated its first ten years in 2017. This is a moment to remember those who contributed to the Organization along those years, celebrating achievements and learning, and also learned lessons in a path of awareness and mobilization for the imperative need to build sustainable, fair, diverse and inclusive food systems.

The genesis of **ACTUAR** is closely linked to the promotion of civic participation in spaces where the voice of those who are most affected by the main problems of today's globalized food systems is not always guaranteed.

Throughout the course, and in the light of the developed work, the transparency, technical capacity, deep respect for collective work and a clear preferential option for the defense of the most vulnerable social groups, **ACTUAR** strengthened its action as a coordinator of networks with other civil society organizations in the African Countries of Portuguese Language (PALOP), in a relationship of mutual learning and flourishing.

In fact, the first decade of **ACTUAR**'s existence was accompanied by an unparalleled development of PALOP civil society networks around Food Sovereignty and Food and Nutrition Security. The regional mobilization was later opened to other countries of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), involving the Civil Society Network for Food and Nutrition Security at CPLP (REDSAN-CPLP) and forging alliances between civil society organizations and, above all, women farmers and family farmers organizations.

Such mobilization undoubtedly contributed to the elaboration of National Strategies of Food and Nutrition Security in all Portuguese speaking countries and to the formulation and approval of the Strategy for Food and Nutrition Security for CPLP (ESAN-CPLP). It also contributed to the constitution and functioning of the CPLP Food and Nutrition Security Council (CONSAN-CPLP), a governance mechanism adequate to the construction of more sustainable and fair food systems in the CPLP. These are important achievements for the CPLP region but also for the global context. In this sense, **ACTUAR** participates in the Coordination Committee of the Global Network for the Human Right to Food and Nutrition (GNRTFN) and in the International Network for Food Security (IFSN).

Since 2017, **ACTUAR** is also an elected member of the Civil Society Mechanism Coordination Committee of the Global Council on Food Security, representing Northern Nongovernmental Organizations, where it has actively participated in the global and European monitoring process of the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition. It has also promoted moments of articulation and sharing on public policies for family farming, with organizations representing family farming and civil society from different regions, namely Asia, Central America, South America and West Africa. In this context, **ACTUAR** was invited to work with international organizations such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the African Development Bank, the European Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others.



If, on one hand, **ACTUAR** has gained increasing international experience, less visible was perhaps the work carried out in Portugal where it is of the utmost importance to promote a cultural change in the spaces of governance, both technical and scientific, influential on public policies for food security. An importance based on the sense of consolidation and ownership of a broad food security perspective as opposed to the restricted view of food security as food safety. We also consider essential that public food policies are based on principles of multi-sectoriality, inclusive participation and indivisibility of human rights. Since its founding, **ACTUAR** has dynamized the ReAlimentar – Portuguese Network for Sovereignty and Food and Nutrition Security, seeking to expand a national movement capable of promoting this change. This transformation is more pressing as the dramatic devastation that the country suffers from forest fires, a symptom of human desertification in the rural areas associated with the loss of traditional practices of women farmers and other agents who essential to the maintenance of agrobiodiversity of the territories. Also, the growing and worrying increase in food-related diseases threatens the sustainability of the national public health system and the health of future generations. These problems derive from, and also affect, cities, which are increasingly under pressure at the environmental and social levels.

We believe that a holistic understanding of food and nutritional security in Portugal is not yet guaranteed, which explains the link between these effects and their causes. **ACTUAR** positions itself before this new time and new challenges, seeking to build and rebuild new and renewed frameworks for its work in Portugal and in the world, deepening some of its current work areas. This is the case of the accumulated experience in issues directly linked to Food and Nutritional Security, as for example, territorial development, agroecology and sustainable agricultural production systems, protection and promotion of biodiversity and traditional knowledge associated with food landscapes and sustainable diets.

Indeed, the next ten years will take their place and follow the course that the richness and strength of the human dynamics of the spaces where we participate determine. However, we renew our commitment to participate actively in a history of struggles, but also of resilience and concrete alternatives, where recognition for the work done and solidarity have been a source of joy for our trajectory.

ACTUAR board team
Coimbra, Portugal, 2018.



NOTA DE APERTURA

Una década de logros y desafíos, del presente y para el futuro

10 **ACTUAR** celebró en 2017 sus primeros diez años. Así, este es un momento de recordar todos y todas los que contribuyeron para la Organización en estos años, de celebración, de logros y aprendizajes, y también de lecciones en un camino de concientización y movilización para la necesidad imperativa de construir sistemas alimentarios sostenibles, justos, diversos y incluyentes.

La génesis de **ACTUAR** está íntimamente enlazada a la promoción de la participación cívica en los espacios donde no siempre está garantizada la voz de aquellas y de aquellos que más sufren los impactos causados por los principales problemas de los actuales sistemas alimentarios globalizados.

A lo largo de la trayectoria histórica, y en función del trabajo realizado, de la transparencia, de la capacidad técnica, del profundo respeto por el trabajo colectivo y de la clara opción de preferencia por la defensa de los grupos sociales más vulnerables, **ACTUAR** fue fortaleciendo su actuación como articuladora de redes con otras organizaciones de la sociedad civil en los países africanos de lengua portuguesa (PALOP), en una relación de florecimiento y aprendizaje mutuo.

De hecho, la primera década de la existencia de **ACTUAR** fue acompañada por una trayectoria de desarrollo de las redes de la sociedad civil de los PALOP sin paralelo alrededor de la soberanía y seguridad alimentaria y nutricional. La movilización regional fue expandida posteriormente a otros países de la Comunidad de Países de Lengua Portuguesa (CPLP), involucrando la Red de la Sociedad Civil para la Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional en la CPLP (REDSAN-CPLP) y la construcción de alianzas entre las organizaciones de la sociedad civil y, principalmente, de organizaciones de agricultores y agricultoras familiares.

Esta movilización, indiscutiblemente, ha contribuido al desarrollo de estrategias nacionales de seguridad alimentaria y nutricional en todos los países africanos de lengua portuguesa y para la formulación y aprobación de la Estrategia de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional de la Comunidad de Países de Lengua Portuguesa (ESAN-CPLP). Ha contribuido aun para la constitución y funcionamiento del Consejo de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional de la CPLP (CONSAN-CPLP), un mecanismo de gobernanza adecuado para la construcción de sistemas alimentarios más sostenibles y justos en la Comunidad. Estos son logros importantes para la región de los países de lengua portuguesa, pero igualmente relevantes para el contexto global. En este sentido, **ACTUAR** participa en el Comité de Coordinación de la Red Global para el Derecho Humano a la Alimentación y Nutrición (GNRTFN – Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition) y en la Red Internacional para la Seguridad Alimentaria (IFSN – International Food Security Network).

Desde 2017, **ACTUAR** es también miembro electo del Comité de Coordinación del Mecanismo de la Sociedad Civil en el Consejo Global de Seguridad Alimentaria (CSA), en representación de las Organizaciones No Gubernamentales del hemisferio Norte. En este marco, ha participado activamente en el proceso global y europeo de monitoreo del DHANA. Ha promovido, además, momentos de articulación y intercambios sobre políticas públicas para la agricultura familiar, con organizaciones representativas de la agricultura familiar y de la sociedad civil de diferentes regiones, en particular, de Asia, América Central, América del Sur y África Occidental. Aun en el contexto internacional **ACTUAR** fue invitada a trabajar con Organizaciones



internacionales como el Fondo Internacional para el Desarrollo Agrícola (FIDA), el Banco Africano de Desarrollo, la Comisión Europea y la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO), entre otras.

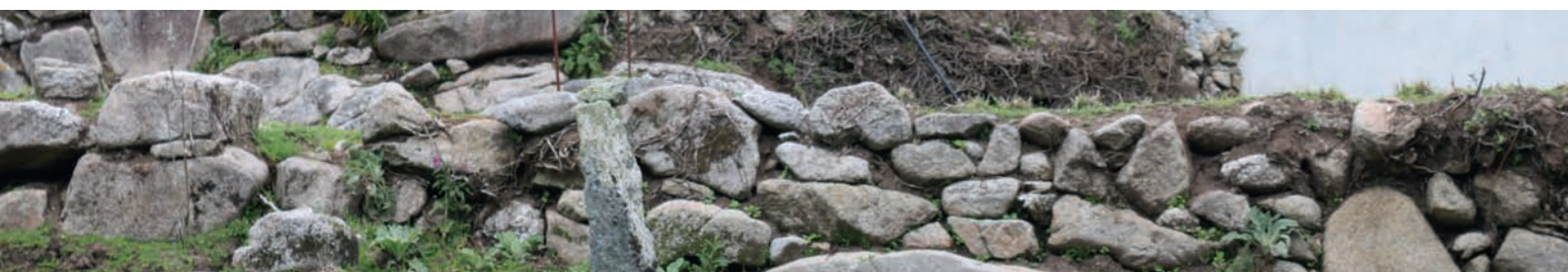
Por un lado, en los últimos años, **ACTUAR** ha ganado una creciente experiencia internacional, pero quizás menos visible fue el trabajo realizado en Portugal donde es de suma importancia para promover un cambio cultural en los espacios de gobernanza, técnicos y científicos, influyentes en la política pública de alimentación. Importancia que se basa en la consolidación y apropiación de una perspectiva amplia de seguridad alimentaria (*food security*) en oposición a una visión restricta a la seguridad de los alimentos (*food safety*). Además, consideramos fundamental que las políticas públicas de alimentación estén basadas en principios de multi-sectorialidad, participación incluyente e indivisibilidad de los Derechos Humanos. Desde su fundación, **ACTUAR** dinamiza la ReAlimentar – Red Portuguesa para la Soberanía y Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional, buscando ampliar un movimiento nacional capaz de promover este cambio. Este cambio cultural es tan más urgente por la devastación dramática que el país sufre con los incendios forestales, síntoma de la desertificación humana del interior asociada a la pérdida de prácticas tradicionales de agricultoras y agricultores y otros agentes esenciales para el mantenimiento de la agrobiodiversidad de los territorios. El creciente y preocupante aumento de enfermedades relacionadas con la alimentación amenazan la sostenibilidad del sistema nacional de salud pública y la salud de

las generaciones futuras. Tales problemas derivan y afectan también a las ciudades, cada vez más presionadas a nivel ambiental y social.

Creemos que aun no está garantizada una comprensión holística de la SAN en Portugal, que explica la relación entre estos efectos y sus causas. **ACTUAR** se posiciona ante este nuevo tiempo y nuevos desafíos, tratando de construir y reconstruir nuevos y renovados marcos para su trabajo en Portugal y en el mundo, profundizándose en algunas de sus áreas de trabajo. Es el caso de su experiencia acumulada en los temas directamente vinculados a la Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional (SAN) como, por ejemplo, el desarrollo territorial, agroecología y sistemas de producción agrícola sostenibles, protección y promoción de la biodiversidad y conocimientos tradicionales asociados a paisajes alimentarios y dietas sostenibles.

Seguramente, los próximos diez años tomarán su lugar y seguirán el curso que la riqueza y la fuerza de las dinámicas humanas propias de los espacios de donde participamos determinan. Sin embargo, renovamos nuestro compromiso de participar activamente en una historia de luchas sociales pero también de resiliencia y de alternativas concretas, en que la que el reconocimiento por el trabajo efectuado y la solidaridad han puntuado con alegrías nuestra trayectoria.

La dirección de **ACTUAR**
Coimbra, Portugal, 2018.



A photograph of a garden scene. In the center, a vertical concrete post stands amidst various green plants. To the right, a large, round, yellow pumpkin rests on a wooden branch. The background shows a brick wall and more foliage. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**A MISSION
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ACTUAR Association for Cooperation and Development

is a private, non-profit, nonpartisan and secular legal person founded in Coimbra, Portugal, in 2007.

Since 2008, ACTUAR is recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization for the Development by the Camões - Public Institute of Cooperation and Language.

ACTUAR actively works for a more just, equitable, humane, inclusive and egalitarian society, guided by ecological ethics and the promotion of respect for human rights.

Since its foundation, **ACTUAR** works in areas related to sustainable rural development, Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) and the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition (HRAFN). Its main objectives are: promoting territorial development; fighting against poverty; defending and promoting the realization of human rights; and actively cooperating for a just world, free from all forms of social exclusion and inequality.

In this comprehensive and interdisciplinary work, we highlight the following specific areas of practice: sustainable agriculture and agroecology; public policies (education, health, agriculture, economy, law, among others); rural and territorial development; globally important agricultural heritage systems; biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge; food and nutrition; rural women's rights; social technologies and food landscapes.

To reach the objectives that it intends to fulfill, **ACTUAR** assumes as primary vectors of its action:

- a)** Promotion, development, and implementation of **participatory territorial development actions**, with particular attention to the valorization of endogenous resources and protection of the environment and biodiversity, to ensure a fair sharing of benefits;
- b)** Structuring **cooperation and dialogue actions** between, and with, populations, integrating their most vulnerable social groups and organizations, paying particular attention to ensuring the realization of Human Rights in developing countries;
- c)** Development of **awareness-raising actions** for the principles of solidarity, gender equality, active, civic and democratic participation, and the importance of fighting poverty, injustice and all forms of inequality and social exclusion;
- d)** Design, development and implementation of **mobilization actions** for the definition and materialization of public policies based on a Human Rights approach, in particular, in the HRAFN;
- e)** Promotion of intercultural dialogue and enhancement of multiculturalism through constant **support and networking** with other civil society organizations;
- f)** Promotion and implementation of capacity-building and related activities, such as **studies, seminars, exchanges and training events**.

WORKING PHILOSOPHY AND TEAM



ACTUAR's working philosophy builds on principles such as collaboration and cooperation, grassroots participation, joint learning and respect for the diversity of perspectives and ways of working.

These are fundamental elements for the fulfillment of its role as a human rights advocacy organization. Based on these premises, **ACTUAR** assumes as a preferred methodology the development and structuring of cooperation projects and initiatives in Portugal, at a regional and global level, with particular attention (but not restricting its action) to other Portuguese language speaking countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe and Timor-Leste.

The creation of working ties focused on generating mutual benefits is a priority, as well as establishing partnerships with institutions with similar vision, principles and action spheres, such as other NGOs, universities, research centers, thematic networks, and farmers associations.

ACTUAR has a multidisciplinary and multicultural team with professional experience and academic training in various fields (agrarian sciences, social sciences, environmental sciences, health sciences, tourism, law, and so on).

This formative and professional heterogeneity, coupled with established partnerships, stimulates the development of collaborative work methodologies, which allow the generation of more appropriate answers and solutions for the most diverse intervention scenarios.

ACTUAR's governance model includes the following corporate bodies elected under its Statutes and Internal Regulations: Board, General Assembly, and Supervisory Committee.



**MAIN AREAS
OF COMPETENCE
AND ACTIVITIES
OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
ORGANIZATION**

ACTUAR develops activities in differentiated areas such as technical assistance, projects and programs evaluations, training, capacity building and knowledge exchange on traditional and popular food systems¹.

Concerning applied research, we highlight the realization of studies and analyzes on topics such as the HRAFN, rural women's rights, rural development, natural resource governance, food governance, food security and nutrition, social technologies and social inclusion.

In this context, we produce publications such as articles, brochures, and thematic bulletins, aiming at disseminating relevant information to a broader public. The formulation, management, and evaluation of projects and programs focused several areas, such as the infrastructures for the support of food security, the institutional frameworks for food and nutrition security and the Impact of Food Security Programs at the national level.

The development of all of these projects and programs considered the application of the CAD/OECD evaluation criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impact), and using participatory methodologies.

ACTUAR has also carried out advocacy, training, and capacity building activities at local, national and international levels in several areas: public policy design and implementation; agroecology; biodiversity governance and associated traditional knowledge; family farming; food security and nutrition; systemic territorial diagnosis; sustainable agricultural production systems; globally important agricultural heritage systems; school feeding programs; and HRAFN.

It is also worth mentioning the organization of exchanges of experiences and knowledge concerning these topics in other countries of the CPLP countries. The technical assistance activities also concerned several areas, as multi-stakeholder governance, education, sustainable development, social participation in governance processes related to the HRAFN, productive chains and differentiated quality, land governance, climate change adaptation, and mitigation and participatory generational analysis for the territorial development and renewable energies in rural territories.

More recently, **ACTUAR** also develops exchanges of knowledge on traditional and popular food systems, dedicated to the identification and promotion of essential food systems and landscapes in Portugal, with the purpose of recovering, disseminating and preserving traditional knowledge associated with sustainable food production and popular and traditional food culture.

1. To know about **ACTUAR**'s activities in detail, see the Annex at the end of this publication.

ACTUAR: AN ORGANIZATION LINKED TO THE WORLD

ACTUAR works globally, supporting public and private entities in designing, implementing and evaluating projects and programs in areas of activity related to the HRAFN, food security and nutrition, and sustainable rural development.

18 **ACTUAR** counts with a technical team and collaborators with work experience in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, having accumulated knowledge and the capacity to solve complex and interconnected challenges, typical of most processes of sustainable development.

Within its field of activity, **ACTUAR**, representing Civil Society Network for Food Security and Nutrition in the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (REDSAN-CPLP), is involved in the context of the multilevel legal framework and multi-stakeholders worldwide debate concerning FSN, participating in ongoing discussions within the structure of the UN World Food Security Committee (CFS), in particular within the CSM-CFS. Moreover, **ACTUAR** also engages in the IFSN and the GNHRAFN Coordination Committee.

These participations are very fruitful for the learning process of **ACTUAR**, and it contributes to the international dissemination of its good practices and achievements.

It is important to mention the numerous participations and the organization of international events related to the promotion of family farming, sustainable development, food, and nutrition security, among others, including public positions with other organizations in the context of civil society demands for the compliance of Human Rights.

ACTUAR IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE PORTUGUESE SPEAKING LANGUAGE COUNTRIES

At the regional level, **ACTUAR** has participated and (co) organized several events and initiatives integrating civil society, as well as other actors from governments, multilateral organizations, universities, among others. In particular, we highlight conferences and seminars, actions for civil society mobilization within the CPLP, forums on public policies of FSN and agriculture, participation in the formulation of the ESAN-CPLP, workshops, and training in **ACTUAR**'s areas of activity.

Working as the MSC-CONSAN Secretariat, **ACTUAR** followed the implementation of ESAN-CPLP itself in several CPLP countries and is currently participating actively in the discussion and monitoring of its application.

Also, as the Secretariat of the MSC-CONSAN, **ACTUAR** facilitated the national and regional discussion processes for the creation of the Guidelines for the Support and Promotion of Family Farming in the CPLP. The local mobilization as a network – with its origin in REDSAN-CPLP –, the building of coalitions between civil society organizations and, in particular, family farmers and peasants organizations, undeniably contributed to central achievements in the region.

We can name:

- i) formulation and approval of the ESAN-CPLP;
- ii) constitution and functioning of the CONSAN-CPLP and its Working Groups (with emphasis on the Working Group on Family Farming);
- iii) constitution and strengthening of the MSC-CONSAN;
- iv) participatory construction and approval of the Guidelines for the Support and Promotion of Family Farming in the CPLP.

ACTUAR IN PORTUGAL

In Portugal, we highlight activities such as the organization of seminars, workshops, and congresses, coordination, and implementation of studies, as well as actions in the community of Coimbra in the sphere of urban agriculture, involving local government actors, urban farmers, and academic entities.

ACTUAR is the secretariat of REALIMENTAR - Portuguese Network for Food Sovereignty and Food Security and Nutrition, established in 2012, which is the national focal point for the representation of the Portuguese civil society within the scope of the MSC-CONSAN in the CPLP.

Among its members, there are confederations of farmers, fishermen, rural women, consumers and associations working together in the areas of food and nutrition security, HRAFN and food sovereignty, creating a space for dialogue, articulation of efforts, resources and actions in the processes of formulating and decision-making on national public policies.

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Since its inception, REALIMENTAR has conducted public advocacy and training activities on the HRAFN areas. In this context, the “AlimentAção!” campaign (meaning in English Food+Action!) began, in 2017. It brings together FAO, the College of Food, Forest and Farming of the University of Lisbon (College F3), REALIMENTAR, the National Rural Network and a significant number of interested Portuguese municipalities working on the theme of the HRAFN; more specifically, in the creation and strengthening of short food supply chains and local food strategies based on the HRAFN.

Besides, REALIMENTAR is an observer member of the National Network of Portuguese Municipalities for the Human Right to Adequate Food, a network created in 2017, with the participation of 20 national municipalities.



**ACTUAR:
ACTING IN NETWORK(S)**



ACTUAR is a member of several networks and platforms in the field of food security and nutrition, sustainable development and land governance at the global, regional and national levels, in which it plays an active role with different responsibilities:



Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition

Launched in 2013, this network is an initiative of civil society organizations of public interest and international social movements, including peasants, fishermen, pastoralists, indigenous peoples and agricultural and food workers, who strive for the realization of one of the most violated Human Rights in all the world - the human right to adequate food and nutrition. More information: www.fian.org/what-we-do/issues/monitoringaccountability/global-network-for-the-right-to-food-and-nutrition/.



IFSN – International Food Security Network

Present in 34 countries (Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe), the IFSN project has been underway since 2005 and has been co-funded by the European Commission with the aim of strengthening social participation in the policy dialogue for food security and nutrition at local, national, regional and international level. **ACTUAR** is a member of the IFSN steering committee and has the responsibility to facilitate the joint intervention of the civil society networks of the Portuguese-speaking countries. More information: www.ifsn.info.



Right to Food and Nutrition Watch

This global Consortium publishes an annual report on the FSN situation and the HRAFN, highlighting cases and examples of circumstances affecting the most vulnerable groups. **ACTUAR** is a member of the Editorial Board. More information: www.rtf-watch.org.



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Land Portal

A platform designed to simplify the search, sharing, and collaboration around information on access to land. This initiative aims to improve the transparency, monitoring, and identification of gaps in the access to and the management of land and it brings together various institutions such as NGOs, universities, networks, international organizations, including the International Land Coalition (ILC), FAO, IFAD and the Coordination of Family Farms of MERCOSUR. **ACTUAR** was a founding member of the Land Portal and had responsibilities in the coordination of the Working Group on Urban Agriculture. More information: www.landportal.info.

REDSAN CPLP

REDSAN-CPLP – Regional Civil Society Network for Food Security and Nutrition at the CPLP

REDSAN-CPLP is a forum for civil society organizations working together to strengthen dialogue with Governments and international organizations on food security and the right to food in Lusophone countries. Founded in 2007, it integrates the national networks of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Brazil, Timor-Leste and Portugal. **ACTUAR** currently has the REDSAN-CPLP secretariat and is responsible for its facilitation and technical support.

More information: www.redsan-cplp.org.



The mechanism for the Facilitation of Civil Society Participation in the CONSAN-CPLP

The MSC-CONSAN aims to facilitate the coordinated participation of Civil Society in the negotiations, decision-making processes and regular work of this regional council, as well as in the follow-up of the ESAN-CPLP implementation. It is an independent mechanism created accordingly with the guidelines approved by the Member States for this purpose. The goal is that the MSC-CONSAN reinforces the dialogue and participation dynamics of Civil Society in the formulation of ongoing public policies related to this theme at the national and regional level in the space of the CPLP.

More information: www.msc-consan.org.



CPLP Peasants' Platform

The Platform brings together the representative structures of small producers and family farmers in CPLP countries: UNAC (Mozambique), UNACA (Angola), CNA (Portugal), CONTAG (Brazil), FENAPA (S. Tomé and Príncipe) Association of Farmers (Cape Verde), KAFO (Guinea-Bissau). **ACTUAR** is responsible for the technical and administrative support of this platform. More information: www.pccplp.com



Observatory of the Human Right to Food in CPLP

This Observatory is an initiative of different Universities and Research Centers of the CPLP, which aims to promote access, exchange, production and dissemination of information and knowledge on the Human Right to Adequate Food, thus favoring debate and strategic planning based from a critical, open and constructive perspective. More information:www.observatoriodha.com

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ReAlimentar – Portuguese Network for Food Sovereignty and Food Security and Nutrition

The ReAlimentar is an initiative of the Portuguese civil society and constitutes a space for dialogue, articulation of efforts, resources and actions to intervene in the processes of formulation and decision making on national public policies related to food sovereignty and food security and nutrition and the Human Right to Food. More information:www.realimentar.org



National Rural Network

The National Rural Network is a governmental liaison structure for rural development in Portugal, aiming at sharing experiences, improving the performance and dynamics between different stakeholders. **ACTUAR** is a member of this network since 2010. More information: www.rederural.pt

RAU – Portuguese Network of Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture

RAU is a network of institutions that promote debate and exchange of experiences around the sustainable development of urban and peri-urban agriculture. This network integrates civil society organizations, municipalities, research centers and groups of farmers in Portugal. **ACTUAR** is a founding member of this network and is active in several working groups. More information:www.portau.org.

FONG-STP – Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations in Sao Tome and Príncipe

Created on April 2001, it hosts national and international NGOs, with the main objectives of promoting greater cooperation and coordination between National and Foreign NGOs and the Government with donors and other persons and institutions involved in Humanitarian Assistance and the processes of Development in the Country. It also aims to promote the strengthening of national NGOs to facilitate their long-term sustainability. More information: <http://fong-stp.net/spip.php?rubrique1>



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

As part of its work on cooperation for development, **ACTUAR** has been connected with privileged partners and with whom it has developed different actions.

The identification of partners in Portugal and abroad, both in the countries of the Southern and in the Northern Hemisphere, was and still is, a central strategy for **ACTUAR** to consolidate its activities.

Below we present the central partnerships **ACTUAR** has had and those it maintains.



IEH – Institute of Hunger Studies (Spain)

Think Tank that develops research, training and technical assistance to support governments, public and private institutions and NGOs in guiding their policies and programs in the field of Food Security and Nutrition.



FIAN International – Food First Information for Action (Germany)

An organization that has been working on the Human Right to Adequate Food over the last 31 years.



CPLP – Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries

An intergovernmental organization aimed at deepening friendship and cooperation among Portuguese language Speaking Countries.



FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

UN agency mandated to fight hunger and promote agriculture and food.



ActionAid International

A non-governmental organization, working on the fight against poverty within a human rights-based approach.



PROFIFORMA – Professional Training and Consultancy Office (Portugal)

Company with 30 years of activity that works in the field of consultancy and professional training in different areas, including rural development.



Agrarian School of Coimbra (Portugal)

A Faculty of the University of Coimbra. It's an institution with 125 years of existence and competence in the field of agricultural sciences.



UniLurio – University of Lúrio (Moçambique)

A University of Mozambique with competence, among others, in the areas of health and nutrition.



CERESAN – Reference Center on Food and Nutrition Security (Brasil)

A Center of studies, research, and training aimed at bringing together researchers, technicians, students and other professionals interested in issues related to food and nutritional security in Brazil and worldwide.



AGROSUISSE – Consultancy in farming and Agroindustry (Brasil)

Brazilian company with more than 30 years of work in the field of consulting and technical assistance in agriculture, rural development, and agro-industries.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding dark, rich soil. The person is wearing a red and black striped shirt. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting an agricultural or natural setting. The text 'ACTUAR: SHARING INFORMATION' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

**ACTUAR:
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Right to Food and Nutrition Watch

ACTUAR is a member of the Editorial Board of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch, published annually by the Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition. The Watch assesses the food security situation and HRAFN annually at a global level, highlighting cases and examples of circumstances affecting the most vulnerable groups and it is of free access.

In 2016, **ACTUAR** coordinated the technical translation of the 7th edition – “The nutrition of the people is not a business,” a number that also included an article on the Portuguese language region entitled “The Laboratory Island: Governance and Sustainable Agriculture in Sao Tome and Principe and the CPLP.” Since then, the publication remains available in Portuguese, in physical and digital format.

ACTUAR in the digital world

In 2016, **ACTUAR** emphasized the importance of strengthening its position in the digital world through the development, creation, and monitoring of communication tools, to disseminate its work to the broader public interested in the work themes of the organization.

The continuous work of the collaborators, volunteers, and partners allowed to aggregate and to share, in a more continuous way, information and documents of different countries of the CPLP. In the digital age, where such news and information become rapidly obsolete, it is crucial to continually and systematically promote and share information within the perspective of human rights (such as food and nutrition security and access to land and natural resources in CPLP countries).

LandPortal

ACTUAR and the LandPortal Foundation started a process of collecting and disseminating data and information on governance and access to land from a digital portal in 2016. All data was made available in the Portuguese language, and from January 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2017, 984 news, events and employment opportunities in Portuguese were gathered together with 542 documents, published through regular newsletters, with a summary of the main news on governance and access to land in the CPLP countries.

This collaboration materialized in virtual thematic debates in partnership with civil society representatives of the CPLP and other relevant actors, namely: *Covenant for the improvement of land governance in the CPLP; The struggles of rural women for access to land and other natural resources in Portuguese-speaking countries; communitary management of forests in the CPLP.*

Based on these premises, **ACTUAR** seeks to have effective information tools on its website (www.actuaracd.org) the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/actuaracd>) and the regular newsletter.

ACTUAR also manages, updates and monitors the REDSAN-CPLP websites (www.redsan-cplp.org), the CPLP Peasants’ Platform (www.pccplp.org) and the MSC-CONSANSAN (www.mscconsan.org).

ANNEX

The following table presents some of the main activities developed by ACTUAR in the last 10 years (non-exhaustive list):

28 EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- *PRIASA - Project for the Rehabilitation of Infrastructures to Support Food Security: Mid-Term Evaluation of the PRIASA Project.* 2014.
- *Evaluation of applications in the area of Food and Nutrition Security.* Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal. 2012-2013.
- *A comparative evaluation on institutional frameworks for Food and Nutrition Security at the national level.* FAO. 2012.
- *Impact Assessment of Large-Scale Food Security Programs.* Technical review of the methodology developed by FAO and the University of Wageningen, in partnership with the Institute of Hunger Studies.
- *Decentralized Food Security Project.* Evaluation of the project financed by the European Commission and implemented by IMVF, FONG, ADAPA and local partners in São Tomé and Príncipe. 2011.
- *Food Security in Angola (GCP / ANG / 033 / SPA).* Evaluation of the institutional strengthening component of the project implemented by FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture with AECID funding. 2010.
- *Promotion of Food Security in Mozambique.* Evaluation of the project funded by the European Commission and implemented by ActionAid. 2008.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- *Training action on advocacy for the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition.* Guinea Bissau. 2018.
- *Training action on World Heritage Systems.* Sao Tome and Principe. 2017.
- *Seminar on public policies for the promotion of World Heritage Agricultural Systems in São Tomé and Príncipe.* 2017.
- *Exchange of experiences with Guinea-Bissau on the valorization of family agriculture products.* Portugal. 2017.
- *Training action on the Human Right to Food and Adequate Nutrition.* Guinea Bissau. 2017.
- *Training course on Agroecology.* Sao Tome and Principe. 2016.
- *Training Action on Biodiversity Governance and Associated Traditional Knowledge: Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity.* Sao Tome and Principe. 2016.
- *Organization of the Second Forum of the CPLP for Family Farming and Food and Nutrition Security (FAFSAN II).* Lisbon, Portugal. 2016.
- *Training action on Systemic Territorial Diagnosis.* Autonomous Region of São Tomé and Príncipe. 2015.
- *Capacity-Building Action Strengthening Governance in Food and Nutrition Security,* in Mindelo and Praia (Cape Verde). 2015.
- *Organization of the 1st CPLP Forum of Family Farming and Food Security.* Sao Tome and Principe. 2015.

- *Organization of the exchange of experiences and knowledge on Public Policies and Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems in the CPLP*. Bragaça, Portugal. 2015.
- *Organization of the exchange of experiences and knowledge on Food Security and HRAFN between Timor Leste / São Tomé and Príncipe / Brazil and Portugal*. 2015.
- *Organization of the “Semeando - Sementes Comunitárias” initiative in partnership with ESAC and the Confraternity of Cabbages of Castelo Viegas, commemorating the International Food Day*. Coimbra, Portugal. 2015.
- *RESCSAN-STP lobbying and advocacy capacity-building action to strengthen the National Food and School Health Program (PNASE) based on the human right to food approach and the principles of political agreement enshrined in the ESAN-CPLP*. Instituto Marquês de Valle Flor. Sao Tome and Principe. 2014.
- *Coordination and facilitation of the seminar on “Sustainability of Family Agriculture,” in the ambit of the International Year of Family Farming 2014, in partnership with ESAC, CNA, and other entities*. Coimbra, Portugal. 2014.
- *Training action “Diagnoses of Food Security,” held in São Tomé and Príncipe, addressed to technicians and partners of the National Fisheries Department and MARAPA*. 2012.
- *Training course “Food Security and Territorial Development,” held in Luanda, Angola, addressed to the technicians of the Office of Food Security (GSA) of the Ministry of Agriculture*. 2012.
- *Training Workshop “Public Policies and Food and Nutrition Security,” promoted by the PDSA / IMVF project in São Tomé and Príncipe and directed to civil society actors*. 2012.
- *Action on “Food Security and the Right to Food,” held in Fortaleza, Brazil, addressed to civil society organizations in Portuguese-speaking countries*. 2007.

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APPLIED RESEARCH

- *Regional Monitoring of the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition in the CPLP: the implementation of the ESAN-CPLP*. 2018.
- *Comparative study of Food and Nutrition Security Laws and Programs in CPLP countries and UEMOA / ECOWAS space*. 2017.
- *The institutional and legal framework of São Tomé and Príncipe on biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge*. 2017.
- *Booklet Social Participation and the Human Right to Adequate Food in the CPLP, with the objective of evaluating the progress made in the countries of the CPLP, based on the international commitments assumed by their governments, particularly, in the political agreement principles of the ESAN -CPLP*. 2015.
- *Thematic Bulletin entitled Rural Women’s Rights in the CPLP, created with the purpose of giving voice to the Rural Women of the CPLP, with several testimonies of Women from civil society organizations*. 2015.
- *Organizational diagnosis of the members of REDE.BIO – a network of civil society organizations working on matters related to environmental preservation in Sao Tome and Principe – and a strategic plan based on such a diagnosis*. 2015.
- *Series Rural Development and Food Sovereignty. Thematic Brochures aiming to broaden access to information and strengthen the skills of Non-State Actors in Timor-Leste. With the support of the IMVF*. 2014.
- *Study on Land Governance in Portuguese-speaking African Countries, in partnership with the CPLP Peasants’ Platform*. Funded by the International Land Coalition. 2014.
- *Study Social Mobilization for Food and Nutrition Security: the experience of working in multi-thematic networks of REDSAN-PALOP*, 2012.
- *Study Interconnection and reciprocity between the right to food and land tenure rights*. 2012.


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- Analysis *Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Land Governance, Fisheries, and Forestry in the Context of Food Security: Key Elements for Achieving Good Results*. 2012.
 - Analysis of *Food Security Governance: Challenges for the CPLP*. 2012.
 - Study *Food Price Volatility in the PALOP*. 2011.
 - Publication *Integrating a Gender Approach to Water and Land Resource Management (Angola, Cape Verde, Mozambique, and East Timor)*. 2010.
 - Study *Achieving Food Security in Cities: the potential of social technologies applied to urban agriculture*. 2009.
 - Publication *Social Technologies for Urban Agriculture*. 2008.
 - Analysis *Including the Poor in the Market: innovative grassroots strategies*. 2008.
 - Publication *Civil Society and Food Security in the PALOP: Challenges of Networking*. 2008.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Competence Center for Sustainable Family Farming at the CPLP. PRIASA II. 2018.
- *Socio-environmental Development Plan of Sao Tome and Principe*. Contributions to the application to the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems secretariat (GIAHS). 2017.
- *Organizational Diagnosis of Rede.Bio*. 2016.
- Project *Building Food and Nutrition Security in Sao Tome and Principe through multi-stakeholder governance platform*. UNDEF. 2016.
- Project *Building Good Multi-stakeholder Governance for Food and Nutrition Security in Guinea Bissau*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2016.
- Project *Raising public awareness of development issues and promoting education in the European Union*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2016.
- Project *Construction of a sustainable cluster of agricultural products of differentiated quality in São Tomé and Príncipe (BIOCLUSTER.STP)*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2016.
- Project *Strengthening civil society participation in governance processes related to the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2016.
- Project *Support the productive food chain of rice in Cantanhez, Guiné Bissau National Park (PACARROZ)*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2014.
- Project *Building the Governance of Food and Nutrition Security in Guinea-Bissau*. European Commission / EuropeAid. 2014.
- Project *Strengthening of civil society and relevant stakeholders for participation in the institutional construction of biodiversity conservation and benefit sharing policies in Sao Tome and Principe*. EuropeAid. 2014.



- *Earth - Global Policies and Local Strategies for Sustainable Development* Project. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation / EEA Grants. 2013.
- Research project *Governance of the Earth centered on people, with people and for people: experiences and recommendations of the CPLP Peasants' Platform*. ILC - International Land Coalition. 2013.
- Project to strengthen REALIMENTAR, Portuguese Network of Sovereignty and Food Security. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation / EEA Grants Active Citizenship Program. Partnership with CNA, ASP, and ACOP. 2013.
- Project *Building capacities for food security governance in the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP)*. ACTUAR / CPLP / CPLP Peasants' Platform. European Commission, EuropeAid. 2012.
- Project *Immediate Implementation of Climate Change (Fast Start) in the context of Food Security in the CPLP*. ACTUAR / CPLP. Fast Start Initiative, Government of Portugal. 2012.
- Project *Strengthening the Capacities of Non-State Actors - Actions in Partner Countries*. ActionAid / ACTUAR / AIPE / CCRD / FIAN. European Commission, EuropeAid. 2012.
- Project *Strengthening the Civil Society Network for Food and Nutrition Security at CPLP*. ACTUAR / ADRA / MuGeDe. IPAD, Portuguese Cooperation. 2011.
- Project *Participatory Generational Analysis for Territorial Development*. ACTUAR / ESAC. National Rural Network, Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture, Development, and Fisheries. 2010.
- Project *Promotion of Renewable Energies in the Rural Territories of Malcata*. ACTUAR. Portuguese Environment Agency, EEA Grants. 2010.
- Project *Strengthening the International Food Security Network*. ActionAid / ACTUAR / FIAN / Peoples Solidaires / SOS Sahel. European Commission, EuropeAid. 2009.



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