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EDITORIAL

Dear reader,

It is with great pleasure that we present the second edition of our Informative Report.

With this instrument, it is our vision to publicize our activities in different areas; promote the image of our company; establish possible partnerships of interest to the company and keep our target group updated and beyond.

In this edition, among several articles, we share our Community Delimitation strategy, in the context of COVID-19 because, it is a fact that this pandemic has been affecting the performance of several companies in the world, requiring quick and strategic thinking to go ahead. Since our work is done, fundamentally, in rural community contexts, care must be taken to contain the spread of this virus, without, therefore, harming the quality of our intervention. Also in this edition, you will learn about the inspiring story of a Natural Resources Management Committee located in the community of Tondué, in the district of Mocuba. This Committee is an example of selflessness at work and pure altruism for the welfare of the community, especially in the sustainable management of natural resources.

A novelty in this edition is the inclusion of a special **Success Stories** section where, we debuted with the story of Ms. Regina Mussaela, a Small Emerging Commercial Farmer (PACE) who, thanks to the action of Regularizing the Right to Use and Benefit from Land promoted by Verde Azul, within the scope of the SUSTENTA project, has achieved huge successes for herself and for her community.

We wish you a great reading!

SAFETY RULES AND STANDARDS FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION



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VERDE AZUL ADOPTS A NEW COMMUNITY DELIMITATION APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19



The New Coronavirus Pandemic, in addition to infecting and decimating human lives worldwide, continues to impact on a large scale, contributing to the weak performance of several companies in the world, thus constituting a challenge in which we are all called to combat, without jeopardizing the quality of our intervention, let alone the health of our employees.

In this context, Verde Azul (VA), as part of the implementation of the Landscape Project (SUSTENTA and MOZFIP) in the provinces of Zambézia and Nampula, developed a community intervention approach that allows the continuation of the activities of Community Delimitation (DELCOM) in its different stages. This strategy is a contribution to the

strict prevention and containment of COVID-19.

Below, we present, in summary, the measures in use by VA during the implementation of DELCOM activities, in the context of COVID-19, which focus, fundamentally, on the observation of social distance, the mandatory use of masks and the significant reduction of population clusters at different stages of DELCOM activity.

1. TECHNICAL MEETING

This first stage aims to outline, together with the Community Leader and his administrative machine, the activities that correspond to the DELCOM stages. In the context of COVID-19, the Technical meeting will be held with a maximum of 10

people, including the Technical Team of Verde Azul, and will last for only one day;

2. INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION

At this stage, the objective is to make the community aware of the entire DELCOM process and obtain their consent.

In the current approach, the activity will be carried out with a maximum of 20 people including the leader or Régulo of the Beneficiary Community, the leaders of the neighboring communities and 3 representatives for each administrative division of the community, the Vice-Leaders and / or Secretaries of each division community administration, community members, who will constitute the Natural Resources Management Committee (CGRN), and Community Facilitators.

3. TRAINING OF CGRN AND COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

The objective of this stage is to establish a local grassroots body (Natural Resources Management Committee - CGRN), capable of supporting community leadership in the adoption of good practices in the use and management of land and other natural resources at the community level.

In response to the challenges imposed by COVID-19, the training of the CGRN, made up of 20 members, is divided into two subgroups of 10



VERDE AZUL ADOPTS A NEW COMMUNITY DELIMITATION APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 (cont.)

members, who are presented with the terms of reference on the same day (in the morning and in the afternoon) of the CGRN, and its constitution.

The second day is dedicated to training, which is also done alternately, at different times (on the same day), for each of the groups of 10.

4. SOCIAL PREPARATION

This stage seeks to ensure the empowerment of communities, so that they are able to plan and lead the management of land and other local natural resources.

To this end, 4 people are chosen to serve as community facilitators, whose main task is to supervise and guide the VA's DELCOM technician; collect, from the community, its history, its limits, the situation of social infrastructures, socio-economic situation, and occupation and use of land. This activity is aided by the leadership and heads of the zones.

The compilation of information collected by the facilitators and the design of the participatory maps is done in a restricted meeting, carried out only with the local leadership (régulo, secretary, heads of zones / cells) and community facilitators.

5. LIMIT CONFRONTATION

The objective of this stage is to ensure that the limits shown in the design of the participatory maps (cartogram) of the beneficiary com-

munity are recognized and validated by the neighboring communities. Therefore, after the community information has been compiled, and having the participatory maps duly identified and drawn, it is requested that the community leadership in delimitation invite the neighboring leaders with whom it limits its community, to confront limits.

In this meeting, the régulos of the community in delimitation and neighboring communities can be with 5 people, the régulo and his secretary and three other influential people who have mastery of the community's limits.

6. PARTIAL RETURN OF PRODUCTS

At this stage, the objective is the validation of the following products: the outline and its memory, the Community Development Agenda and the Zoning.

In this return meeting, for product validation, there is the presence of the administrator and his collaborators, not passing the number of 5 people, and only the leaders (régulo of the first category, régulo of the target community, secretary and the president CGRN) of the target community and neighbors.

7. DELIVERY OF DELCOM PRODUCTS

The objective of this stage is to guarantee that the products, already validated by the communities and with their competent bodies, are deliv-

ered to the beneficiary communities of the DELCOM process.

In order to ensure the prevention and combat of all forms of propagation of COVID-19, mainly in rural areas, where we work, we have taken the following measures:

- We reduced the number of people, that is, currently, each community is represented by 3 people, namely Régulo, Secretary and the President of CGRN;
- The meetings start to be held in open places;
- The benches / chairs are organized according to the minimum distance of 1.5 meters;
- It is mandatory that the participants of the event wear the mask and we now provide a bucket with water and soap for washing hands.

MORE THAN 190,000 DUAT TITLES ISSUED TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCES OF ZAMBÉZIA, NAMPULA AND CABO-DELGADO

Of a total of 349,041 parcels registered by Verde Azul, under the Landscape project (SUSTENTA and MOZFIP), in the provinces of Zambézia, Nampula and Cabo Delgado, 192,547 DUAT titles were issued, corresponding to just over 60% of the goals defined by the project.

Although the percentage of DUAT bonds issued still does not correspond to the number of collections made so far, Verde Azul is quite optimistic in reaching the targets until the end of the project, in May 2021.

Overall, 282,133 parcels were inserted from the National Land System, of which the province of Zambézia leads the list of registrations with 143,286, followed by Nampula with 136,237 and, finally, Cabo-Delgado with 2,610 registered parcels. The reason for the low level of survey and / or registration of parcels, in Cabo-Delgado, is due to the suspension of activities in that region, motivated by the recurrent wave of attacks in some districts of this province.

With regard to the beneficiaries of the titles, they total 297,339, including individuals, co-owners. Of this number, 53.4% are female and 46.6% male, that is, women are at the forefront of security of land tenure.

It should be noted that the process of regularization of land rights, acquired by occupation in accordance



with customary norms and practices and occupation in good faith, has been accompanied by the work of communication, sensitization and mobilization of communities, publicizing the objectives of the process, its importance, advantages and the work methodology to be adopted during the registration of parcels, in order to ensure greater coverage and conscious participation of the beneficiary communities of the project.

After this mobilization work, the survey/registration of parcels follows, with the help of community collaborators, selected and trained by Verde Azul.

This work culminates with the public exposure of the Notice, for 15 days, allowing the consultation and validation of data (geographic and



alphanumeric) by the communities, before proceeding to its processing and the consequent issuance of the DUAT title.

Thus, by the end of the project, 320,000 DUAT titles are expected to be issued and delivered to the local communities benefiting from the project.

With their land rights registered and protected, project beneficiaries are safer and empowered to actively participate in investment processes, value chain activities, including the support provided by the SUSTENTA project in the agriculture sector.

TONDUÉ COMMITTEE INCREASEDLY STRENGTHENED FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



The Natural Resources Management Committee of the locality of Tondué, in the district of Mocuba was created in 2018, with technical support from Verde Azul, within the scope of the SUSTENTA project. Since its creation, the committee has been a success, standing out for its selfless altruism in favor of a more effective and efficient management of Tondué's natural resources. The Committee is legally recognized by the order of the Administrator of Mocuba, a fact that gives them greater legitimacy to act. At the beginning of its creation, the group consisted of 25 people, but over time, 7 people gave up, leaving 18 people.

Jamal Forma Vulano, chairman of the committee, said that this figure represents all those actively engaged in the activities of the Committee. Vulano says that one of the strategies used to combat mem-

bers' dropouts is to involve them, as much as possible, in everything the committee does. "It is important to be transparent throughout the process. It is also important to develop a sense of belonging in all members so that there is a greater commitment to the group's activities", revealed Jamal.

The committee's focus is on controlling uncontrolled fires, monitoring illegal wood logging and raising awareness among the local community about the effective management of soils and forests and wildlife resources. In this action, the committee saw an opportunity to guarantee financial sustainability for the group, discouraging harmful actions or practices to nature.

The President explains that, as an example, whenever they find an illegal wood logger, members retain

their equipment, which can only be recovered by paying a security deposit, which is merely punitive. "We capture their illegal logging work tools, and for their return poachers are required to make a payment ranging from 100 to 200 meticaís, which serves as a punishment, and with this amount we use to develop our committee". The president explained.

With the money they have already managed to collect, the Committee purchased land for the construction of its headquarters and a working corner for the local Polivalent Elementary Agent to improve the care of patients in the community, since the health units are very distant. This year, the committee foresees the opening of a community farm to further catapult its income.

TONDUÉ COMMITTEE INCREASEDLY STRENGTHENED FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (cont.)

Ordem Maugente, leader of the Tondué community and member of the committee/committee advisor understands that the group has made a relevant contribution to the reduction of illegal wood logging in its community.

“My perception is that before the creation of the committee, there were many illegal wood loggers, but now I feel that the number has reduced and that is very good because our resources will be able to develop well and later can benefit us”. Said, Maugente.

During its performance, one of the great challenges faced by the committee members was the lack of a work uniform.

Maugente commented that without a uniform, people are suspicious of the legitimacy of the group, as well as that there is a great risk of people posing as committee members.

“The lack of work uniforms made our work very difficult”, concluded Maugente.

To meet this challenge and support the group, Verde Azul in Zambézia offered 18 personalized vests to all members of the Tondué committee.

They did not hide their satisfaction and by voice they thanked the gesture. “Receiving the vests is like fuel for us. I am very happy and very motivated to exercise my activity because from now on we will be more recognized and respected by the



Future Headquarters of the Tondué Committee

community and no one will pretend to be a committee member”, satisfied, said the Maugente Leader.

On the same occasion, the provincial coordinator of Verde Azul, Xavier Lucas, urged the committee to carry out a more systematic control of the uncontrolled fires that are occurring in Tondué.

To support this activity, Verde Azul offered notebooks and pens to the committee members.

“These notebooks and pens are used to record uncontrolled fires here in the community of Tondué.” said Xavier, adding that this technique will allow to have an estimate of the level of fires in each year, thus facilitating their comparison and design of strategies for their mitigation at the local level, through actions of awareness and sensitization implemented by the CGRN.

SUCCESS STORIES

SUSTENTA GUARANTEES GREATER SAFETY IN LAND HOLDING TO SMALL FARMERS IN MACUANE



Regina Mussaela, PACE of Mugeba locality, Macuane community

Regina Mussaela is one of the Small Emerging Commercial Farmers (PACE) that is a beneficiary of the Regularization of the Right to Use and Benefit from Land under the SUSTENTA project. She is 40 years old, lives in the community of Macuane, Mugeba-Sede, district of Mocuba, lives in a de facto union and is the mother of 5 daughters. Regina proceeded with the regularization of the Right to Use and Benefit from Land in two farms. The first, with 6 hectares, acquired through the purchase of improvements, with the spouse, and registered under co-ownership. The second, with 4 hectares, family

heritage, registered individually. In these two farms, Regina cultivates Maize, Bóer Beans and Sesame. Regina said that before registering the parcel of 4 hectares, inherited from her late father, she faced conflict of ownership of the same, with her Uncle, who claimed to be also heir to the land. The conflict was resolved in the local community court and Regina won the case. "As soon as my father lost his life, my uncle, my father's brother, always complained that the land was his and that we had to abandon it, but I didn't accept it, because we had nowhere to go and that land, my father bought with my mother". Explained Regina.

For Regina, the arrival of the SUSTENTA project and the regularization of the Right to Use and Benefit from Land in the Macuane community, in 2018, constituted a unique opportunity to legalize her right to the land, inherited from her father, and to put an end to insecurity and fear of loss of inherited land. "Thanks to SUSTENTA, I registered that land that was in conflict, and managed to have my document, the title of DUAT. Now I am rested, there is no way my uncle will come to make noise again, because the DUAT title is in my name and the government already knows this, now I can say that the conflict is over for good and I am already safe". In September 2019, with her land already regularized, Regina became PACE, with 199 small farmers (PA) in

her network, starting to contribute to the improvement of the means and techniques of agricultural production, disposal and commercialization of the production of small local farmers. Regina said she received from the project, a truck, improved seeds, pesticides and technical assistance from an extension worker allocated by the SUSTENTA project, which, in turn, significantly improved her production, income and living conditions.

Regina revealed that, before becoming PACE, she used unimproved seeds, lacked pesticides, had very precarious means of production and lacked the means of disposing of her production and, ultimately, doubled her effort, maintaining a rate of very low production and yield. "Before being PACE of SUSTENTA, on my 6 hectare plot, I managed to harvest only 1 ton, because many seeds gave nothing and others were consumed by pests, and also the shape I planted (soil ridging and furrow) took up a lot of space and I didn't allow myself to enjoy the land well. With SUSTENTA, on the 6-hectare farm, I manage to take between 9 to 10 tons because I learned how to put a good spacing when launching the seeds, I received the pesticides to kill the animals that attacked the plantation and the seeds always produce, they do not die. In relation to the truck, it made our lives a lot easier, today we are not waiting for Bangladesh

SUCCESS STORIES

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traders to come and buy here in the community with their low prices, my PA and I joined our production and go looking for buyers in Mocuba and Quelimane, at a fair price.”

For Regina, the SUSTENTA project is like a mother who teaches the child how to walk and then leaves it to walk on its own feet. “I thank the SUSTENTA Project.”



Maurício Franco PA from PACE Regina, Macuane community

Maurício Franco, 55 years old, resident of the Macuane community, lives in a de facto union and is PA of PACE Regina.

He has two parcels of land, acquired through the purchase of improvements, of which one, with 3.5 hectares, registered in his name and the other, of 3 hectares, registered in the name of his wife.

Maurício says that he has never experienced a land conflict before, however the decision to register one of the plots in his wife's name, is to guarantee the security of the land tenure, in case of his death.

“My wife and I don't have any children, so if I registered all the land in my name, in case of death, she could lose the land we are producing together, because my family members can come and take the land for inheritance, because my wife didn't give me children, but as soon as she has the production land with the title of DUAT in her name, I know that, at least, in this land she is safe, no one will be able to take her away, even though we don't have children”.

Maurício explained, adding that the act of registering the land gave him the opportunity to protect his wife and avoid any potential conflict of ownership in the future.

In addition, Maurício revealed that because he registered his share, he qualified to be part of the PACE Regina PA network.

As he explained, his connection with PACE helped him gain access to improved seeds, pesticides, information on effective agricultural practices, means of disposal, among other benefits.

“Our PACE has helped us a lot. In the past years, pests were the main enemy of our farms, but now we have the extension worker who helps in spraying the farms and teaches us better ways to work the land.

The yield is not comparable, since it has increased a lot, where it only took 800 kilos of corn, in 3 hectares, now we have already taken more than 3 tons.

To get the production to Mocuba was a big transportation expense, so we preferred to receive the traders here in the community, but they were the ones who dictated the prices, but now all our product is taken from our PACE car to sell in Mocuba, at the right price,” revealed Maurício.

SUCCESS STORIES

SUSTENTA GUARANTEES GREATER SAFETY IN LAND HOLDING TO SMALL FARMERS IN MACUANE (cont.)



Laura Mário, PA of PACE Regina, Macuane community

Laura Mário, 40 years old, married and mother of 4 children, lives in the community of Macuane, Mugeba locality, in the district of Mocuba.

During the interview with Laura, she informed us that she has a plot of 6 hectares that she inherited from her mother and registered as an individual.

For a long time, the plot was in conflict of ownership between her and her aunt, her father's sister, but that was later resolved by local structures, having won the case.

"My mother used to buy the field, but my aunt, after my mother lost her life, wanted to take the land away from us. I didn't accept it. I submitted the problem to the community leader who, after failing to resolve it, sent the case to the locality, where, thank God, I won."

With the entry of the SUSTENTA project in her community, Laura did not miss the opportunity to register her six hectares.

Talking about the advantages that this process had in her life, Laura did not hide her joy when she revealed that "I feel safer now, my children are already guaranteed that even if I die, the land will always belong to them and no one will come or take away or complain about anything, since the document shows the name of the owner and all the limits of our area."

Since September 2019, Laura Mário, having registered her 6-hectare plot, has become a Small Farmer (PA) of the PACE Regina network. This fact is also a great gain for her and her family. With a happy face, Laura said that her collaboration with PACE has contributed a lot in improving her capacity, technique and means of production.

"PACE Regina teaches us a lot about how to plant seeds well, helps us acquire pesticides to fight pests and offers many other advantages."

Laura Mário explained, emphasizing that this gain is the result of the legalization/registration of her parcel, which was one of the conditions to become PA and benefit from the gains she has received from the SUSTENTA project.

PACE and the PAs interviewed praise the SUSTENTA project and encourage it to be expanded to more people in Mozambique.

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