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# UNFPA RETREAT WITH PARTNERS



**UNFPA organises a working retreat to assess the impact of its activities and redefine priorities for Sao Tome and Principe.**

The retreat was attended by more than 30 participants from 8 UNFPA partner organisations working in the fields of youth, sexual and reproductive health, GBV and statistical data.

The retreat served to address various issues, including analysing the activities that were implemented with the support of the partners in 2023, the positive aspects and the lessons learned. The two-day meeting also served to strengthen collaboration and partnership between the various institutions, through exchanges of ideas and interactive working sessions.



The Head of the UNFPA-STP Office, Edna Peres, said that thanks to the collaboration with the Development Partners, it has been possible to achieve good results within the framework of the 8th UNFPA co-operation framework for the country.

According to the Director of the National Youth Institute, Calisto Nascimento, there are four main activities being developed with the support of the UNFPA that have provided and facilitated the interaction of young people in various social activities: the Podcast 'Fala Jovem', the radio programme 'Rota da Juventude', which aim to inform and train young people in different subjects, as well as the promotion of Youth Interaction Centres in various districts with a focus on sexual and reproductive health.

The representative of the National Police was also present and emphasised UNFPA's role and support in the fight against Gender-Based Violence in the archipelago.

The National Statistics Institute is the UNFPA's main partner in collecting, analysing and disseminating demographic data, and is currently working on the General Population Census.



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The 16 Days of Activism against GBV took place in Sao Tome and Principe between 25 November and 10 December. This activity was funded by UNFPA and was implemented in partnership with the Counselling Centre Against Domestic Violence and Rede Vida. At the launch event, which was chaired by the Minister of Health and Women's Rights, UNFPA Chief of Staff, Edna Peres, said in her speech that the phenomenon of growing emigration in the country has had an impact on the risk of exposure to GBV among adolescent girls who are left behind by their parents and called for more voices to join this year's campaign. Also as part of this activity, various awareness-raising actions were implemented in the districts of Sao Tome and the Autonomous Region of Principe.



# PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



There was also the participation of 1 young Santomean in the ICPD30 Global Youth Dialogue, which took place in Cotonou, Benin, in April 2024 and the participation of 1 member of the STP Parliament in the International Conference of Parliamentarians on the Implementation of the 2024 ICPD Programme of Action, which took place in Oslo, Norway, in April 2024.



UNFPA STP facilitated São Tomé and Príncipe's participation in various international events related to youth, population and human rights, including the participation of the STP Government Delegation, led by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) held in New York.



These initiatives served to strengthen the national commitment in the areas of youth, population and human rights, including women's rights.

# PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AT A GOOD PACE IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE



The National Institute for the Promotion of Gender Equality and Equity (INPG) of Sao Tome and Principe, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) under the joint SDG-FUND project 'Promoting Local Food Value Chains and Equitable Employment Opportunities through a Sustainable Agri-Food Industry in STP', held several training and awareness-raising sessions on Gender Equality, GBV, SRHR and social norms in the community of Uba-Budo, Cantagalo District, throughout October 2024.

The training and awareness-raising activities were aimed at women and girls from the communities of Micondó, Colonia Açoriana, Pedroma, Uba Budo, Apolónia, Quimpo, Guegue and Santa Clotilde and were intended to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health, teenage pregnancy, gender equality and equity, female empowerment and the inclusion of women in local development projects, with the aim of contributing to a fairer and more equal society.

As part of the same project, UNFPA, in partnership with INPG, set up a safe interaction space in the community centre to welcome women, young people and adolescents and provide advice on GBV and SRHR.





# Delivery of Dignity Kits



On 27 November, UNFPA donated 2,600 Dignity Kits to vulnerable women and girls throughout the country, including the Autonomous Region of Príncipe.

This donation was funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China, totalling USD 82,460, and was delivered to various public and private institutions, including religious organisations, old people's homes, maternity hospitals, schools and the central jail, among others.



# DELIVERY OF IT KITS

*Strengthening National Partners*



As part of the cooperation between the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the government of Sao Tome and Principe, computer equipment was donated, including laptops, desktop computers and accessories, printers, toners and projectors to various public institutions, namely the Youth Institute, the Health Care Directorate, the Planning Directorate, the National Institute for Gender Promotion (INPG) and the Counselling Centre against Domestic Violence (CACVD).

The purpose of this equipment is to improve the working conditions of these institutions and strengthen their capacity to provide services and responses in the areas of sexual and reproductive health, gender and youth.



## PEREQT PROGRAMME

As part of the Empowering Girls and Quality Education for All Project, through the acquisition of life skills and ensuring a safe school environment, 18 district fairs, 1 national fair and 2 vocational workshops were held between July and November 2024, on the vocational and professional orientation of young people and students.

This initiative is being implemented in 15 schools across the country and has been promoted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences in partnership with UNFPA and the World Bank.





## ELLA ACADEMY

UNFPA supported the creation of the ELLA Academy - a girls' empowerment and support programme - in the district of Caué. This initiative, which benefited more than 29 girls from the south of the country, received financial support from UNFPA and its main objective was to train girls from the communities of Monte Mário and Angolares in various areas and give them life skills.





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