

**Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God – SMIC –  
Escola Primária Santo Antônio nº 7 Tamba –Cangandala - Malange – Angola**

**SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT REPORT – SANTO ANTONIO SCHOOL – TAMBA**

Today, one of the world's great appeals is to care for our mother earth, the environment. Technology brings great benefits in all areas of society. Despite all the access that children and young people have to the means of communication, it is still necessary to grow in awareness of caring for the earth, having contact with nature, preserving the environment in which we live and study; this also produces knowledge and learning. From this and other concerns, we saw the need not only to feed the children a quality and healthy meal, but also to encourage the child to have direct contact with the earth, learn to plant vegetables, take care of the beds and harvest their own products. Since the children at the school are children of peasants, they know how to deal well with the land, needing to better develop a relationship of care and love.

With the aim of contributing to a healthy snack at Santo Antônio school, we created a project for a school vegetable garden to help feed our students. The Sisters of the Generalate welcomed the idea by financing the construction of 11 construction sites with fencing and screens, totaling US 8,500.00 (Eight Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars). This project benefited 275 children who study and teachers who work at the school. The project has a permanent duration and will be maintained by the school's own resources and with the labor of the students, Sisters and SMIC Trainees.

In April 2022, we started work on the school garden. With the help of the students and two young SMIC trainees, we started clearing the land so that the beds could be built. The project already had 7 construction sites and 11 more were built, making a total of 18 construction sites.



After clearing the land, the construction of the beds and their irrigation began, including the construction of a concrete base so that the water tank could be placed to facilitate irrigation, and a wall was also built to protect from any destruction, animals and vandals. 11 beds were built and the 7 existing ones were renovated for planting various vegetables. The beds and all the irrigation were carried out by Mestre Silva and his team.

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After the beds were ready, we went to the third stage, which was to assemble the structures to minimize the sun with a protective screen cover to shade the plantation. this work was carried out by two workers from Frei Ermelindo, Mr. Nelito and Mr. Philip. The work of preparing the land and infrastructure for the construction sites to be ready, lasted from April to September of 2022.



The fourth step was to put your hand on the hoe, prepare the beds with black soil and manure so that we could start, sow the seeds and despite the great physical effort to carry and remove the earth, each sacrifice was always pleasant.

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It's rewarding to see each seed sprouting and the joy of the people who benefit from the harvested and shared fruits.



The joy of the first harvest.



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In addition to the benefits of food cooked at school, we also distributed it to students and teachers so that they could take it home with their families..



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We received for the project USD 8, 500.00 (Eight Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars) corresponding in the local currency Kwanza - Kz 3,833, 119.90 (Three Million Eight Hundred Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred Nineteen Kwanza and Ninety Centavos) Thus being distributed:

ITENS	Kz	Valor US x Kz	VALOR EM USD
Flowerbeds, Wall and water tank structure	1.032.850,00	440,00	2.347,39
Plumbing for irrigation and labor	1.220.155,00	445,00	2.741.92
Garden cover material and labor	1.244.100,00	470,00	2.647,03
Material for planting and maintenance of the garden	336.054,80	440,00	763,76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.833.159,80</b>		<b>8.500,01</b>

Snacks for school children are served three days a week, with an average of 210 snacks a day, adding up to a monthly average of 2,700 snacks per month. It is rewarding for all of us to feel the joy and enthusiasm of our students, when they come to study on lunch days, due to the great poverty and lack of food in the families, so, the school, in addition to offering learning through studies, is a food benefactor for our children.

We thank each one of the Sisters for the great and valuable collaboration in helping us in this project, because the good they are doing is of great value for the physical and intellectual development of our children at Santo Anthony School.

Our Gratitude.

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