



ASSOCIACAO PARA TRANSFORMACAO RURAL (ATR)

PROFILE

MAPUTO and GAZA PROVINCE

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ATR, Associacao para Transformacao Rural, is a non profit, non government organization, created by a group of people inspired by good leadership skills both from our recent history and Africa in particular. ATR draws lessons from leaders who by using their knowledge and resources have strived to satisfy their population's basic necessities and the development of a regular and balanced community life. Good governance inspires the birth of this organization, by creating in its founders the spirit dedication and service to the community and to the less privileged people in particular. ATR was founded by a collective group of 39 founder members lead who at the first general assembly in December 2005 elected its board of directors composed of 5 and it's executive organs. In January 2007 ATR obtained it's full legal status with the publication of its statute in the Government Gazette dated 17th January 2007.

ATR Board: Muchimba Sikumba-Dils, Eng. Bruno Araujo, Marylene Spazatti, Luciano Sambane and Dra. Isabel Andrade.

Vision

We envision an active population engaged in decision making, development and planning processes in their communities. We aspire to secure a position of strength in negotiations between communities and local governments on the use of available natural resources, definition of priorities, budget allocation and project implementation. Capacity building and empowerment of communities, in particular women and youth to actively participate in decision making processes and development of their local economies is our priority.

Mission

Capacity building of community leadership structures for the promotion and construction of a society where there is respect for human rights, social security, human dignity, peace and justice, and a sustainable use of its resources.

General Objectives

Our main objective is to alleviate poverty through capacity building, access to basic services and amenities, job creation and adoption of innovative appropriate technologies.

Specific Objectives

- 1. Good Governance and Capacity Building-** To contribute towards good governance at district level through strengthening the capacity of local government, community leaders (District and Community Councils), women and youth groups and other CBOs. ATR promotes proactive and transformative leadership, planning, budgeting and project implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- 2. Economic Empowerment-** To contribute towards enhancing community based initiatives aimed at self reliance, income generation and job creation as sustainable means of reducing absolute poverty. ATR aims to make women and youth active participants in this economic development process by promoting vocational training, entrepreneurship, village based industries, Community Managed Micro Finance and other income generating activities.
- 3. Agriculture and Agro-processing:**

Enhancing improved agriculture practices to ensure food security, promotion of commercial farming, crop generation and diversification, as well as the promotion of appropriate crops and promotion of agro-processing village based mini-industries for processing of locally produced agriculture produce.

4. Reforestation:

Reforestation and community based management of natural resources aims at introducing agro-forestry systems to mitigate deforestation, land degradation, biodiversity loss, promote soil, water and wildlife conservation through sound land use practices.

5. Youth, Sports for Development – Promote civil responsibility and youth empowerment through training, capacity building and awareness.

Raise awareness at the importance of sports as a tool for development and its influence in social dynamics. This can be done by maximizing its positive aspects, its role in human development, economic development, human rights and peace.

Promote income generation and economic youth empowerment of youth programs in the urban slum to overcome unemployment, crime, social disorder and drug/alcohol abuse among marginalized youth.

Promote income generation activities through agriculture and agro-processing in rural agriculture based communities.

6. Cross Cutting issues:

Gender and Youth are cross cutting in all programs; ATR has recognized the need to create working teams that deal specifically with these issues as these are seen as our priority target population.

All the above mentioned areas have a strong complementary relationship because their activities are crosscutting, and interdependent. This interdependency results in strategic geographic location of ATR' s activities, integration for sustainability and a focus of all interventions in its areas of work in the chosen target population groups.

Geographic Location

In the long term, ATR' s projects itself to cover the whole country. The short term, 2007-2009, it has designated some target priority areas in Maputo and Gaza Provinces on a pilot phase of it' s activities.

Short Term Target Priority Areas: (2007-2010)

Maputo City: Urban District 4 and District 5

Maputo Province: Boane, Moamba, Magude Districts

Gaza Province: Guija, Chibuto, Chigubo, Madjacaze Districts

Donors and partnerships:

UNDP/UNOPS Small Grants Program granted the reforestation program, 1 year grant for tree planting.

Seeking funds from a variety of bilateral donors, other UN agencies, international non government organizations, private corporate companies and local/beneficiary

communities

Financial Projections 2007 - 2010:

Programs	USD
Good Governance and Capacity Building	600,000
Economic Empowerment	300,000
Agriculture and Agro-Processing	500,000
Reforestation	300,000
Youth and Development	200,000
Gender	200,000
TOTAL	2,100,000

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