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Foreword

As we reflect on 2024, I am proud to share the first full year of operations of the LevasFlor Foundation (Fundação LevasFlor).

Our First Major Milestone

A defining moment came Triple Resilience program funded by the Swedish Embassy. In its first phase, the LevasFlor Foundation is implementing activities worth USD 170,000, focused on strengthening economic, social, and climate resilience. We are especially excited that discussions are already underway to integrate a carbon credit component into this program.

Empowering the Next Generation

Beyond sustainable agriculture, our mission is about people. In January 2024, with the support of Claes and other dedicated Donors, we launched the Girls' Club. This initiative is designed to empower young girls, helping them to remain in school longer.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

Establishing a new organization from the ground up has been both deeply fulfilling and undeniably demanding. Building a culture, setting up internal structures, designing procedures, recruiting the right people, and meeting all legal requirements has required determination and persistence.

Today, I am proud to say that Fundação LevasFlor has an exceptional team in place, supported by a solid organizational structure and clear procedures.

Looking ahead, we recognize that our systems must continue to evolve. In 2025, we will place special emphasis on strengthening our policies and processes including the development of a **Gender Policy, our Impact Monitoring and formal Community Engagement Guidelines.**

New Partnerships and Opportunities

In July 2024, we secured a grant from USAID valued at USD 120,000 to strengthen community empowerment, biodiversity protection, and land use planning in Cheringoma District

At the same time, LevasFlor Lda. obtained a USD 750,000 grant to grow the cashew value chain in the region, with the Foundation supporting implementation of this three-year project. We also established a strong partnership with Gorongosa National Park.

2024 has laid a strong foundation. We are ready to scale our impact and bring sustainable, deforestation-free development to the heart of Mozambique.

On behalf of Fundação LevasFlor, I thank you for standing with us on this journey.

Johannes Rahe

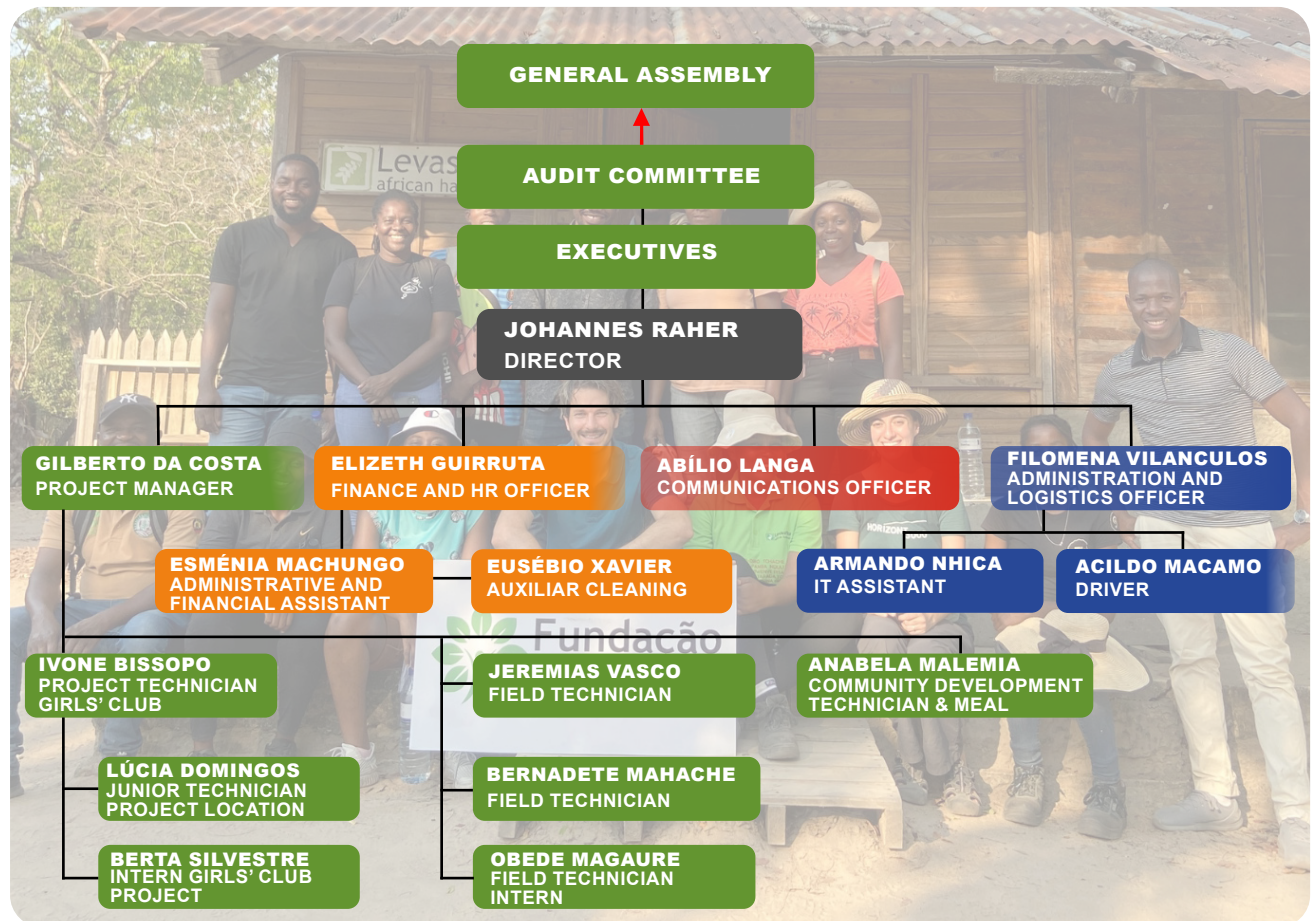
Director, Fundação LevasFlor



About us

Fundação LevasFlor (FLF), or LevasFlor Foundation in English, is a non-profit with the mission to promote the sustainable use of the Miombo Forest in Mozambique, to empower communities, advocate for sustainable agricultural practices, foster the development of alternative livelihoods, and encourage the growth of small-scale community-based businesses.

Organigram



Our vision

Build a future where human development and biodiversity thrive together



Our mission

Promote responsible management of Miombo Forests and its natural resources to benefit communities and Mozambique in the context of climate change



Our core values

- We embrace integrity, transparency, and empathy
- We privilege local knowledge and practices
- We ensure the participation of the most vulnerable groups
- We strive for environmental innovation
- We stand for inclusion and social justice

Strategic Goals 2030

For Cheringoma and Muanza districts in the Province of Sofala

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Increased average
household
incomes &
Eradication of
extreme poverty



Zero deforestation



1. Improving Livelihoods:

- Develop value chains for agricultural (cashew, sesame).
- Support non-timber forest products (honey).
- Support agroforestry systems with inputs, training, and biochar fertilizer.
- Conduct Farmer Field Schools on agroforestry and water harvesting.
- Establish business incubators for micro and small enterprises, with a focus on women and youth.
- Promote off-farm jobs in forest services, food processing.
- Skill training for better employment placement.
- Strengthen farmer groups (seed banks, savings groups).



2. Empowering Communities on Land Right and Social Cohesion:

- Support Community conservancies to manage forests sustainably.
- Train communities on rights, self-organization, and land tenure processes.
- Promote inclusive participation of women, youth, and marginalized groups.
- Map communities and build capacity through Natural Resource Committees.
- Raise awareness on wildfire prevention and biodiversity protection.



3. Enhance the Quality of Education:

- Integrate nutrition and STEM education into school programs.
- Implement agroecology training curricula in agricultural training centers.
- Offer scholarships for rural students, especially girls, to attend secondary and technical schools.
- Establish Girl's Clubs to increase % of girls finishing school.



4. Build an Alliance to Preserve the Miombo Woodlands

- Foster collaboration between government, private sector, communities, and research institutions.
- Promote sustainable Miombo product branding (e.g. "deforestation-free" label).
- Develop reforestation models within forest concessions using integrated, income-generating systems.



5. One Health Approach

- Recognize the interconnection of environmental, human, and animal health.
- Promote agroforestry systems that protect ecosystems while improving nutrition and food security.
- Raise awareness on climate change, land degradation, and their impacts on community health.

History

Fundação LevasFlor as the non-profit branch of LevasFlor Lda., a Mozambican social profit forestry company with over 20 years of experience managing a 43,000-hectare FSC-certified forest concession in the Miombo woodlands of Cheringoma and Muanza districts, Sofala Province.

Unlike short-term, project-driven NGOs, Fundação LevasFlor is deeply rooted in the landscape with a long-term presence, commitment, and credibility among local communities.

The primary objective of the company is to promote the sustainable use of the Miombo forests and to safeguard biodiversity by establishing profitable economic activities in the timber industry. LevasFlor Lda. has provided training to over 600 smallholder farmers in forest conservation techniques and controlled burning to combat deforestation. In addition, it has contributed to the education of over 500 children and adults while actively promoting literacy.

Fundação LevasFlor was established in 2023 and has already implemented several programs.

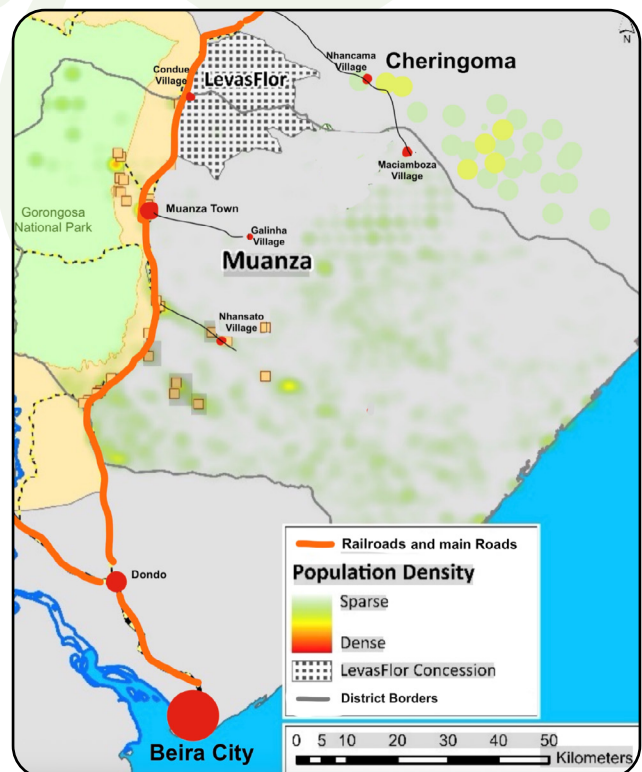
The very first project was financed by the US Embassy focused on agroforestry and fire management training, aimed at transitioning local communities in Sofala province away from traditional slash-and-burn methods towards sustainable farming practices on existing smallholder plots and enhancing income opportunities. FLF has also spearheaded an inclusive business model for honey production, integrating it into the beekeeping value chain promoted by Gorongosa National Park.

Fundação LevasFlor is the cornerstone for building a broader alliance uniting community based organizations, local entrepreneurs, government actors, and international partners to ensure the sustainable use of Miombo forests, promote community empowerment, and catalyze the growth of small and medium-scale local enterprises.

Miombo Woodland

Miombo woodlands, the most extensive savannah in the world, are dry deciduous forests characterized by an open tree canopy and a continuous grass layer that regularly burns. These forests provide essential ecosystem services such as carbon storage, energy sources, non-timber forest products, and habitats for biodiversity. They are critical to the livelihoods of over 100 million people in rural areas. However, due to deforestation and forest degradation, miombo woodlands are experiencing a decline in biodiversity and are releasing carbon into the atmosphere at an alarming rate.

Forest loss in the miombo woodlands is primarily due to smallholder agriculture, which accounts for 72.2% of the total forest change, and clear-cutting for charcoal production, which accounts for 9.1%.



Map of Project Activities



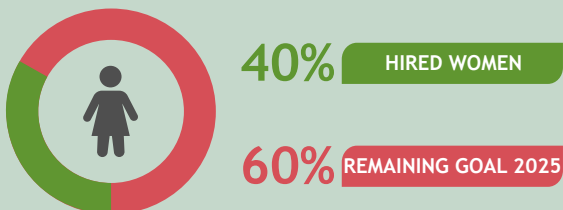
Programmes

Triple Resilience Project - 3R (Status: Ongoing)

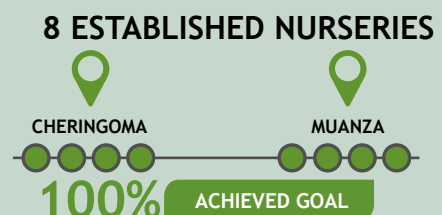
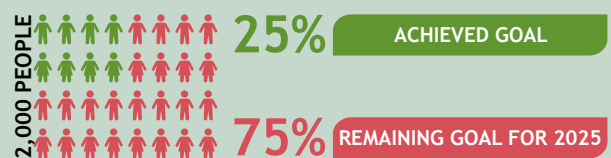
Donor:	Swedish Embassy
Budget 2024-25:	240.000 USD
Duration:	2023-2027
Key Activities & Beneficiaries:	<p>Reforestation and Biochar Production Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 DDR beneficiaries (women or relatives) trained <p>Agroforestry Plot Establishment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 leader farmers trained (50% women) <p>Nursery Establishment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 community tree nurseries <p>Awareness Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 people reached with training on sustainable farming, climate change, and fire control

Triple Resilience Programme Results - 2024

FORMAL FEMALE JOBS



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



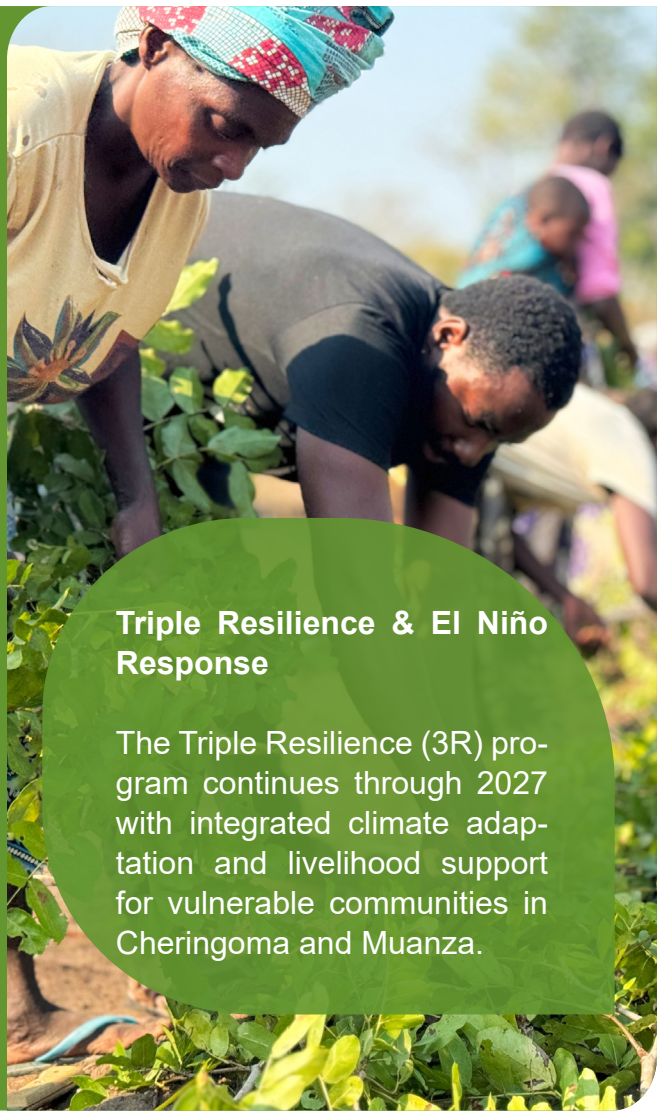
Throughout 2024, Fundação LevasFlor has made decisive progress in implementing the goals of the Triple Resilience Programme (3R), ensuring an integrated approach that simultaneously strengthens the social, economic and climate resilience of the communities in the Beira Corridor.

Objectives:

- Strengthen the social, economic and climate resilience of communities in the Beira Corridor.
- Promote the economic and social empowerment of vulnerable groups, especially former DDR combatants and women.
- Implement sustainable reforestation, agriculture and natural resource management techniques.
- Raise community awareness about agricultural sustainability, climate change and fire prevention.

Triple Resilience & El Niño Response

The Triple Resilience (3R) program continues through 2027 with integrated climate adaptation and livelihood support for vulnerable communities in Cheringoma and Muanza.



Results and Impacts:

- 8 women with their first formal job and a signed employment contract.
- 265 people trained (15 DDR beneficiaries and 250 community facilitators).
- 250 demonstration agroforestry plots established, directly benefiting soil fertility and crop diversification.
- 8 community nurseries set up with a combined annual production capacity of up to 40,000 native seedlings.
- 500 people sensitised to sustainable practices (25% of the target by 2027).
- Economic strengthening and improved food security for beneficiary families through the distribution of inputs and domestic animals.



Girls' Club Implementation - Phase 1 & 2 (Status: Ongoing)

Donor:	Private Individual
Budget 2024-25:	30.000 USD
Duration:	24 months 2024-2026
Key Activities & Beneficiaries:	<p>Beneficiaries: 50 girls</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kept girls in school to prevent early marriage • Provided school materials and healthy meals • Strengthened reading and literacy skills • Promoted ecological awareness, civic education, and reproductive health • Improved access to education and life opportunities • Expansion to Maciamboza with installation of a solar-powered off-grid system • Launch of a digital literacy program for girls and women • Satellite broadband internet



Girl's Club Project Results - 2024

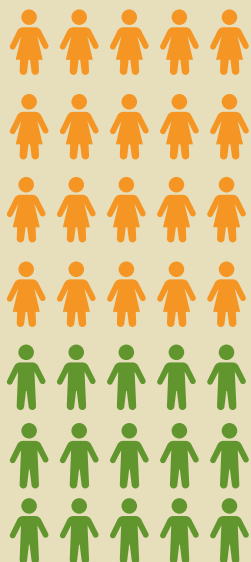
BENEFICIARIES REACHED



**15
GIRLS**



**10
BOYS**

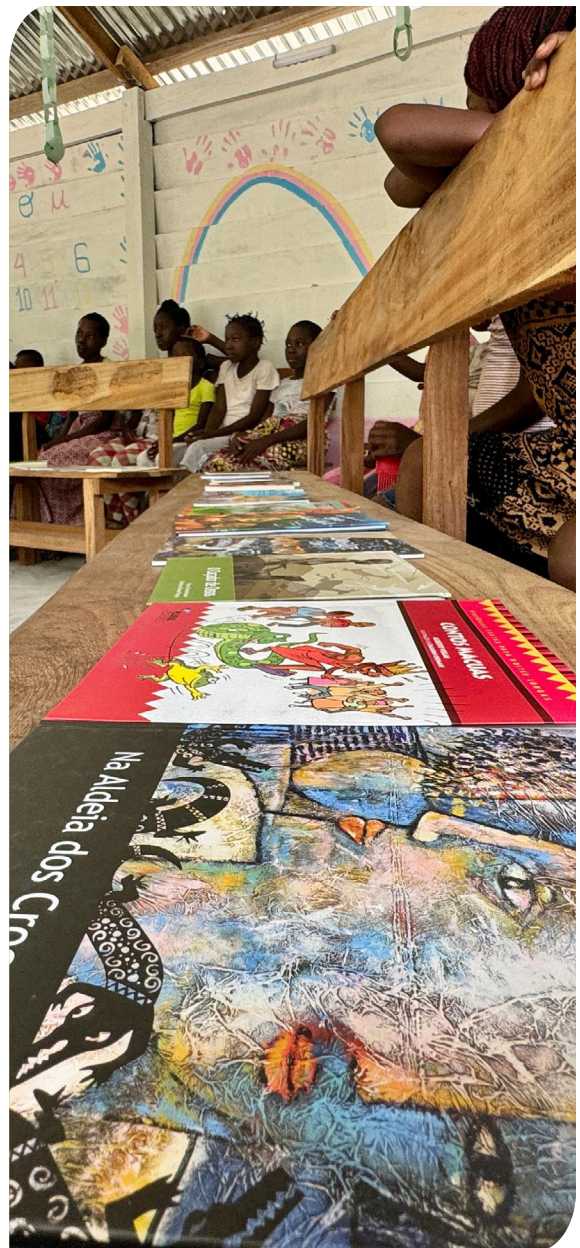


**35 kids overall
benefited from
nutritious meals**

**34 interactive
sessions on
education,
health, gender
equality, and
environment**

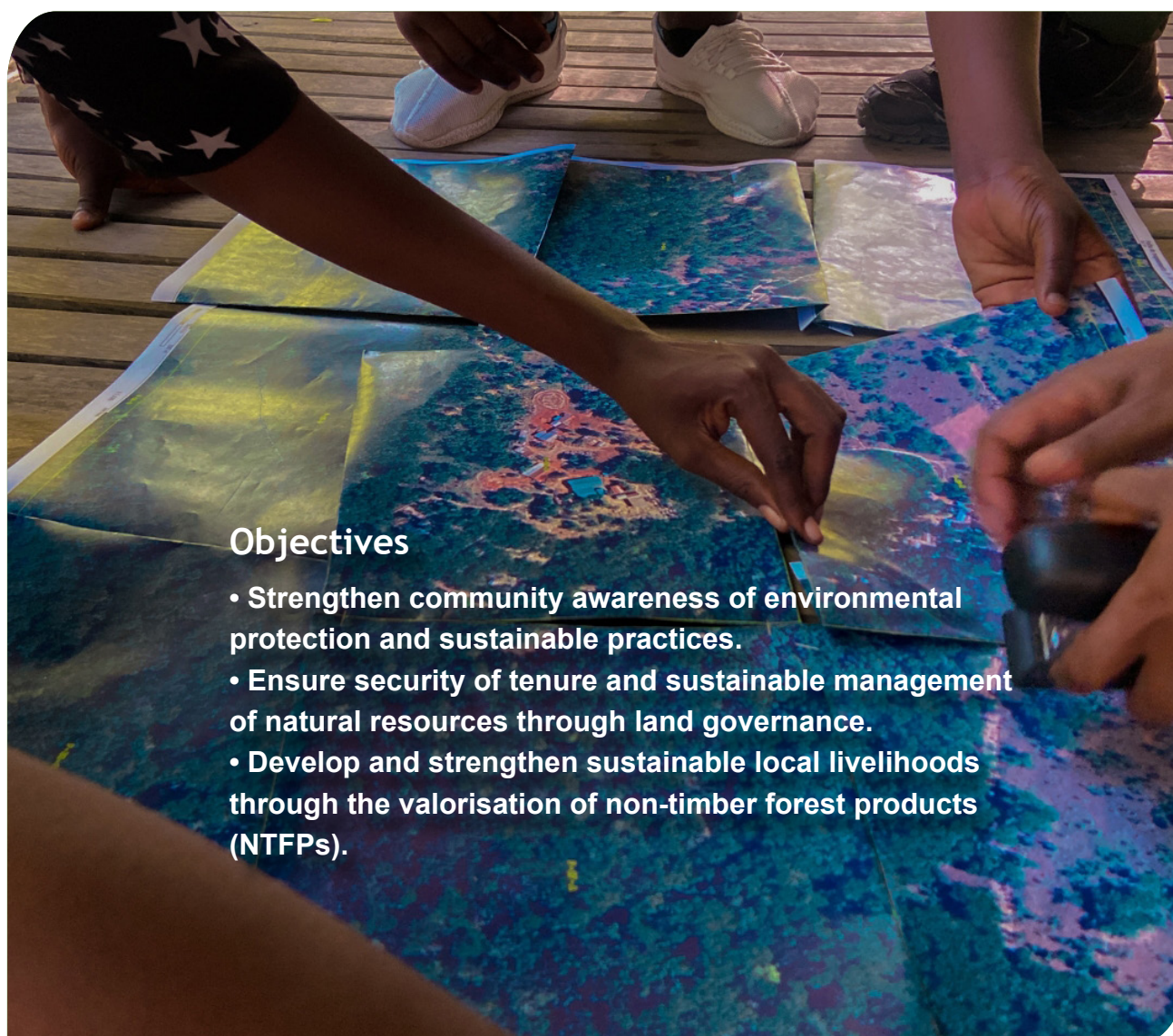
Outcomes (Direct Results)

- Weekly sessions focussed on reading, text interpretation and creative writing reinforced essential skills.
- The participatory methodology of the sessions increased the girls' interest, self-confidence and command of vocabulary.
- Workshops on ecology, active citizenship and sexual and reproductive health strengthened the participants' informed decisions.
- Practical environmental activities included lectures, visits to nurseries and planting actions.
- Discussions on reproductive rights resulted in greater demand for preventive services and fewer cases of premature unions.
- Construction of its own space (library, multipurpose room and socialising area) equipped with internet and solar energy boosted attendance at extracurricular activities.



BioLink Project (Status: Stopped)

Donor:	USAID – SPEED Program
Budget 2024-25:	120.000 USD
Duration:	July 24- Jan 25 (ended due to USAID Stop working order)
Key Activities & Beneficiaries:	<p>Environmental Awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 events, promote local ecological knowledge, trained local facilitators; student-led biodiversity exhibitions <p>Land Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital mapping in 2 communities; Forest Ambassador program, Initial Meetings with Community based Natural Resource Committee <p>Livelihoods & Value Chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Timber Forest Product Value Chain study completed <p>Institutional Capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Fundação LevasFlor staff trained in project management, Monitoring and Evaluation



Objectives

- Strengthen community awareness of environmental protection and sustainable practices.
- Ensure security of tenure and sustainable management of natural resources through land governance.
- Develop and strengthen sustainable local livelihoods through the valorisation of non-timber forest products (NTFPs).



Results and impact

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

15 young people trained as environmental facilitators.



PARTICIPATION IN BIODIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS

More than 300 participants directly involved in the biodiversity exhibitions.



COMMITTEE ACTIVATED FOR SUSTAINABLE REGULATION.



NTFP'S MARKET STUDIES COMPLETED

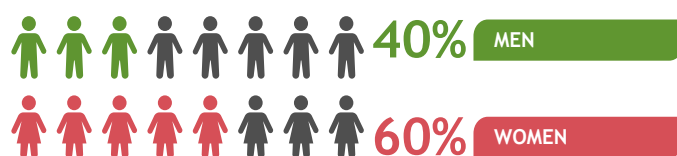
Completion of the NTFP market study, identifying economic potential and obstacles in the production chains.



Agroforestry Pilot project (Status: Finished)

Donor:	US Embassy Maputo – US State Department
Budget 2024-25:	10.000 USD
Duration:	2023-2024
Key Activities & Beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and piloted 1-year agroforestry curriculum at official TVET center • 50 students trained in Young Africa Dondo Training Center • 100 hectares of land under sustainable management • Implemented in Partnership with Young Africa Mozambique

GENDER DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINED YOUTH



Financial Report

Balance

ASSETS	2.669.708,38
Non-current assets	1.158.184,25
Tangible assets	962.515,25
Intangible assets	195.669,00
Total Non-current assets	1.158.184,25
Current assets	1511524,13
Inventories	275.655,00
Trade receivables	313.60,07
Other current assets	111.200,47
Cash and Bank	1.093.308,59
Total Current assets	1.511.524,13
Total ASSETS	2.669.708,38

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2.669.708,38
Equity	3.563.450,24
Net profit or loss for the period	3.563.450,24
Total Equity	3.563.450,24
Total Non-current assets	1.158.184,25
Current liabilities	-893.741,86
Trade payables	-228.502,49
Tax payables	-563.623,69
Other current liabilities	-101.615,68
Total Current liabilities	-893.741,86
Total EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2.669.708,38

Profit and Loss

PROFIT/LOSS FROM SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES	-9.172.429,77
Cost of inventories sold or consumed	-6.384,00
Staff expenses	-4.538.837,13
Purchased supplies and services	-4.653.163,28
Other operating gains and losses for the period	25.954,64
Total EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	-9.172.429,77

FINANCE PROFIT/LOSS	12.735.880,01
Finance income	12.749.255,31
Finance costs	-13.375,3
Total Finance Profit/loss	12.735.880,01
Net profit or loss for the period	3.563.450,24

Future Perspectives



Building Pathways to Zero Deforestation and Poverty Eradication

As we look to 2025 and beyond, Fundação LevasFlor is determined to deepen its impact in Mozambique's central provinces. Building on the foundations laid in our first year, we are expanding our work in **Muanza and Cheringoma Districts**, with a strong focus on **agricultural value chain development, community land rights, and alternative income opportunities that reduce pressure on forests.**

Our work is guided by two long-term goals: **ending extreme poverty** and achieving **zero deforestation by 2030**. These are ambitious, but we believe they are achievable if communities have secure rights, access to opportunities, and the capacity to manage natural resources sustainably.

Our strategy for the coming years is organized around five interconnected program areas.

1. Improving Livelihoods of Local Communities

Poverty drives deforestation. When communities lack income, they turn to unsustainable practices like slash-and-burn farming and charcoal production. To break this cycle, we are investing in sustainable livelihoods that improve incomes while protecting forests.

We will:

- **Strengthen the value chains** for crops and non-timber forest products (honey, cashew, sesame, mushrooms), ensuring farmers get fair prices.
- Build the autonomy of farmer associations through **community seed banks** and **savings groups**, reducing dependency on external inputs.
- Provide **vocational training and entrepreneurship education**, especially for youth, so they have viable alternatives to destructive land use.
- **Support women-led businesses through Business Incubators**, finance training, and access to microloans.
- Promote **agroforestry systems** that integrate trees with crops, providing food, fuel, and income while restoring degraded land.
- Use **digital tools** (like the Hive Online app) and short training videos to connect rural farmers to markets and practical knowledge.

2. Empowering Communities on Land Rights and Social Cohesion

Without secure land rights, communities cannot invest confidently in sustainable farming or conservation. Land insecurity often fuels conflict, poverty, and short-term resource use.

We will:

- Provide legal and technical support for communities and families to obtain **DUATs (land use rights)** and strengthen community councils (CGRN).
- Raise **awareness about sustainable land management, wildfires**, and shifting agriculture.
- **Support women, youth, people with disabilities**, people living with HIV, and ex-combatants to play an **active role** in community governance.
- Help communities access **identity documents**, enabling full participation in public services and programs.
- Facilitate **community mapping and land-use planning**, ensuring that land is managed for both livelihoods and forest conservation.

3. Enhancing the Quality of Education

Education is the foundation for breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty and creating a skilled, environmentally conscious next generation.

We will:

- Expand **Girls' Clubs and Agroforest Garden Clubs**, offering safe spaces for learning, leadership, and practical skills.
- Equip young people with **digital literacy** and entrepreneurship training, preparing them for modern opportunities.
- Support schools with meals, teacher training, and improved learning environments.
- Provide scholarships to talented students, especially young women, so they can pursue secondary and technical education.
- Establish an **Agroforestry and Agroecology Competence Center** in collaboration with partners like Young Africa Mozambique, training future professionals in sustainable agriculture.

4. Building an Alliance to Preserve the Miombo Woodlands

The Miombo forests are one of Mozambique's greatest natural assets, home to biodiversity, vital carbon stocks, and the foundation of rural livelihoods. Yet they are under constant threat from unsustainable farming and logging.

We will:

- Contribute to the implementation of the **Miombo Declaration**, a regional commitment to sustainable forest management.
- Build alliances between communities, government, civil society, and the private sector.
- Establish the **Msasa Institute**, a research hub dedicated to native species and non-timber forest products.
- Develop **deforestation-free product labels**, helping communities earn more from sustainably produced goods.
- Pilot reforestation and sustainable land management approaches that integrate farming with forest regeneration.

Protecting Miombo woodlands is essential to achieving **zero deforestation** while securing climate resilience for communities.

5. Advancing a One Health Approach

Healthy people and healthy ecosystems are inseparable. Poverty, poor nutrition, and environmental degradation reinforce each other. Our One Health approach addresses them together

We will:

- Integrate **nutrition** into agroforestry, ensuring diverse, healthy diets.
- Promote farming systems that protect **soil and water**, reduce disease risks, and provide medicinal plants.
- Position reforestation and diversified farming not only as climate solutions but as **investments in community health**.

This holistic perspective ensures that environmental stewardship translates directly into better lives and stronger communities.

Looking Ahead

Fundação LevasFlor enters 2025 with optimism and determination. By aligning livelihoods, land rights, education, forest protection, and health, we are tackling the root causes of poverty and deforestation together.

In **Muanza and Cheringoma**, our work is more than projects it is a commitment to building futures where forests are preserved, families thrive, and no one is left behind. With strong partnerships and community leadership, we believe that **eradicating extreme poverty and achieving zero deforestation by 2030** is not only possible but within reach.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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