

## **KILAMBA KIAXI**

### **Mother and child healthcare-nutritional project in Luanda, Angola**

The project aims at improving the health conditions of children and mothers in the Municipality of Kilamba Kiaxi (one of the 9 in which the metropolitan area of Luanda is divided), where a population exceeding 1.2 million live, including 240,000 children under the age of 5.

#### **Area of intervention**

The project is being developed in the Municipality of Kilamba Kiaxi where the healthcare system includes 11 Health Centers (first-level facilities), of which 7 public and 4 managed by the Ngo *Obra da Divina Providência*, and 4 Hospitals (second-level facilities) with pediatrics wards, one of which being the Municipal Hospital (with surgical services).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objective of the project is to achieve the following 4 main results through the implementation of a detailed intervention plan:

- Strengthening of the healthcare service network of first and second level facilities through activities involving Health Centers and the Hospitals they refer to in addressing local medical needs:
  - building and fitting of 2 new Health Centers along with the functional support to the existing Centers by supplying equipment, instruments and furniture;
  - building of a Nutrition Treatment Center and of a Nutrition follow-up Center at the *Hospital Divina Providência* and strengthening of those already present at the 2 Health Centers managed by the same Hospital;
  - setting up of an emergency transportation system for patients in the 6 boroughs of the Municipality through the supply of ambulances.
- Improvement of the technical-managerial capabilities of healthcare personnel at the different levels of the network of services, by training medical and paramedical staff in the Municipal Healthcare Department and by supplying material for conducting training activities.
- Strengthening of the epidemiological screening system through the specific training of the Municipality's healthcare personnel (collection, analysis and interpretation of epidemiologically significant data) and the supply of the required material and equipment.
- Strengthening and extension of maternal-child healthcare services: pediatric and prenatal visits, vaccinations, diagnostic activities, information, education and communication on prevention and nutritional education for families, in particular mothers. Planned activities also include the detection of high-risk pregnancies, cases of malnutrition and lack of immunization coverage.

#### **Partners and roles**

- Eni Foundation manages, coordinates and finances the project.
- The Angolan Ministry of Health, as institutional partner, provides the healthcare facilities involved in the project, the technical-medical personnel, medicines and any other necessary support.
- The non-governmental organization *Obra da Divina Providência*, which is the main operative reference for the implementation of the initiative, contributes to carrying out a number of project activities.
- For the training activities, the project relies on the scientific support of the *Instituto de Medicina Integral Prof. Fernando Figueira* (IMIP) of Recife and of the *Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Pediatrico Burlo Garofolo* (IRCCS BG) of Trieste, as well as on the collaboration of the David Bernardino Pediatric University Hospital of Luanda.

#### **Duration and cost**

The project will last 2 and a half years (2009-2011) and has an estimated cost of 6.2 million euro.