

*Igualdade social: A nossa Meta!*

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## **NÓS KAZA (“OUR HOUSE”) – CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS AND INSIDE SCHOOLS**

### **WHO WE ARE**

Created on March 29, 2010 in the city of Santa Maria, Project “Nos Kaza – Children off the streets” is a social project run by ICCA (Institute for Capeverdean Children and Adolescents). For the two years between its opening and April 20, 2012, the project was financed by the Spanish Cooperation Agency (Agência de Cooperação Espanhola).

The project’s mission is to intervene in situations of at-risk youth and street children. The project aims to provide children with beneficial services and operates under the firm belief that every child should be in school and guaranteed his/her fundamental rights.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The primary objective of the project is to serve as a positive influence in the lives of its children by providing them support and alternatives to being in the streets. In relation to this goal, Nos Kaza works to address situations that cause and/or are results of children spending large amounts of time in the streets. For example: social exclusion, commercial exploitation, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, psychological and sexual abuse, begging, and unhealthy work conditions.

In order to prevent these situations, Nos Kaza aims to:

- Guarantee the fundamental rights of children;
- Positively influence the lives of children and adolescents in at-risk situations, and reduce their exposure to dangerous situations;
- Help at-risk youth officially register for school;
- Develop social activities that work with both children and their families;
- Identify the children and adolescents in vulnerable situations;
- Reinforce relationships and collaboration between governmental organizations and NGOs working within the field of child services.



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#### TARGET AUDIENCE

- Children and adolescents identified as being at-risk or socially vulnerable;
- Currently, the project serves **56 children of both sexes, between the ages of 6 and 15 years old;**
- Children whose personal, social and/or psychological development is at risk;
- Families of vulnerable or at-risk children.

#### ACTIVITIES

Nos Kaza collaborates with governmental institutions, other NGOs, and individuals in order to achieve its goals and provide the following services:

- Integrate children and adolescents into the official school system;
- Distribute school materials;
- Provide aid for school transport;
- Offer activities focused on personal development and social skills;
- Offer educational classes (English, dance, sports, capoeira, character-building, recycled art, environmental education, etc.);
- Medical consultations;
- Field trips and exchange programs;
- Special activities for commemorative days.



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