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### Eni's approach to sustainability ↻

Being sustainable means creating value for stakeholders and using resources in such a way as to avoid compromising the needs of future generations.

Luanda, capital of Angola, has over 5 million inhabitants and is divided into 9 municipalities. According to the government's latest estimates the municipality of Kalimba Kiaxi has 2 million inhabitants including 240,000 children ages 0 to 5. The Eni Foundation has worked to reduce preventable illnesses and illnesses due to malnutrition in this municipality by strengthening the health services network through training, structural changes and technical assistance.

Tangible improvements providing **access to services for children** (vaccinations, nutrition education, paediatric care) and their mothers (pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal care) have been achieved through the project. The initiative has helped the Ministry of Health reach Millennium Development Goals #4 and #5 by **reducing infant mortality** and **improving maternal health**, and is part of the shared socio-economic development and infant protection strategy set forth by the Government of Angola together with UNICEF. The Eni Foundation signed an **partnership agreement with Angola's Ministry of Health** and a collaboration agreement with Obra da Divina Providência, a local NGO whose Paediatric Hospital is the main hospital for inhabitants of the municipality, to help complete the project. Two prestigious institutions are part of the network of clinical and scientific collaborators enrolled in maternal and infant care: these are the Instituto de Medicina Integral Prof. Fernando Figueira (IMIP) in Recife, Brazil, and the University of Trieste's Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Pediatrico Burlo Garofolo. These institutions operate in synergy with the University of Luanda's Medical School; student internships take place at the Divina Providência Hospital. Angola's Health Ministry (MINSA) considers the project a valid model for future projects to be carried out in the nation's other health districts.

The project lasted 3 years (2009-2012) and cost approximately 6.2 million euros.



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