



Angola: Increasing Marginalized Citizens' Access to Healthcare and Education

Fiscal mismanagement, government corruption and three decades of civil war have left Angolans unemployed, homeless and without access to a constant food source. One single road spans the country of 15.5 million people, Angolan hospitals lack medicines and basic equipment in the face of an HIV/AIDS pandemic, and the schools that exist are often without books.

Goal

WL programs address these issues in Angola by **increasing the quantity and quality of priority healthcare and education services accessible to Angolans in all 13 urban and rural provinces**. With WL's support, formal, non-formal and life skills training centers, HIV/AIDS public information and treatment centers and other Angolan organization access and manage funds responsibly, design and implement targeted services which citizens quality of life, and advocate for systemic policy reform leading to national level sustainable social welfare improvements.

WL Approach

WL's sequential training, technical assistance and innovative activity grants assist Angolan local organizations to form internal governance structures and strategic plans, access and manage funds, design and implement programs that meet the immediate priority needs of citizens.

WL's sector specific coalition building and action planning interventions enable targeted and informed policy advocates to lobby and hold the Angolan government accountable.

Impact

80+ Angolan civil society organizations across 11 provinces are now delivering formal, non-formal and life-skills education and health services to communities in collaboration with the government of Angola.

- **In Benguela province The Center for Education and Training of Street Girls and War Orphans provides shelter and basic education classes for 100 children without access to a formal school.**
- **In Luanda, a center for orphaned and ex-child soldier boys transports the children to a public school while providing residential life-skills training in the evenings and weekends**

WL supported national coalitions are bringing priority community needs to the forefront of Angolan media and government attention.

- **The HIV/AIDS coalition designs and produces 5000 copies of a publication reaching 6 provinces entitled "Esperanca". The publication sparked an outpouring of attention; the network now coordinates implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Plan with Vice-Minister of health. This was the only coalition invited by the government of Angola to discuss the National Health Plan.**
- **The Education coalition mobilized hundreds of parents and teachers in a campaign that led to a significant reduction in the number of bribes demanded by school officials from parents in order for their children to register and pass exams.**

Civil Society Strengthening Program in Angola	July 2006 – July 2009	\$ 4,582,543
Strengthening the NGO Sector in Angola	September 2003 – September 2008	\$1,387,121
Combating Exploitive Child Labor through Education in Angola	June 2007 – June 2010	\$1,141,14

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