



## “Community ideas” – an initiative of the Omali Vida Nón project for fishers and fish traders

### A) Context

- Small-scale or artisanal fishing is **one of the main economic activities** of local communities in Príncipe, supporting a large percentage of families and providing the **main source of food**.
- Artisanal fishing in Príncipe faces **major challenges** that jeopardize its sustainability. For example, fishers and fish traders generally report a decline in catch, an increase in the number of fishers on the island and the use of unsustainable practices, such as: demersal longline fishing with an excessive number of hooks and net fishing in the bays.
- The project "Omali Vida Nón" is underpinned by the acknowledgment that marine conservation and subsistence of coastal communities are interconnected. This project aims to promote **better management of marine resources** in Príncipe through the **participation** of those who are mainly affected - fishers and fish traders.
- "Community Ideas" is an activity of the "Omali Vida Nón" project with the aim of promoting **community dynamism** and supporting the implementation of measures that have a positive impact on the **sustainability of artisanal fisheries** through improved management of marine resources and benefits for fishers and fish traders.

### B) Types of proposals

- Within the available budget and taking into account the conditions and criteria defined in this document, the "Omali Vida Nón" project will fund the **best proposals** that benefit fish traders and fishers by promoting sustainable fishing in order to guarantee the future of this activity and improve management of marine resources. Proposals can be presented by **formal (i.e., fisheries associations) or non-formal groups of fish traders and fishers (including spear fishers)**.
- Community ideas must present interventions aiming to do **at least one of the following**:
  - **reducing costs and/or increasing income** from fishing or sale of fish;
  - **income diversification**;
  - increasing the **quantity of fish** in fishing areas;
  - **capacity development** of fishers and fish traders;
  - improving the **functioning of fisheries associations** and their involvement in the **management of marine resources**.
- The following proposals will be **excluded**:
  - Proposals that **only increase fishing effort**. We will **not** fund proposals that are only for the purchase of fishing gear (e.g. fishing lines, hooks, nets, boats and/or engines).

Type of intervention	Goal	Examples
Reducing costs and/or increasing income	Increasing profit so that fishers and fish traders make more money with the current amount of fish harvested	<p>Improve the preservation of fish to maintain its quality.</p> <p>Use of fish guts and gills to transform into flour / ration for poultry farming.</p>
Income diversification	Generating money through additional or alternative activities to fishing in order to guarantee income.	<p>Use of fish scales and bones for crafts.</p> <p>Production of homemade soap.</p> <p>Creation of a tourism package to watch and photograph fish.</p>
Increasing amount of fish at sea	Ensuring artisanal fishing activities in the future by promoting sustainable fisheries	<p>Create fishing reserves to allow stock recovery.</p> <p>Fish with lines and hooks that do not destroy the rock and do not fish small fish.</p> <p>Community surveillance for fishers not to fish in bays.</p>
Capacity development	Promoting more sustainable fisheries practices by investing in the training of fishers and fish traders.	Organize training in fish processing, money management.
Fisheries associations for management of marine resources	Improve the management of marine resources through more dynamic and functional fisheries associations.	<p>Organize training in functioning of fisheries associations, conflict resolution.</p> <p>Promote collaborative fishing decision-making.</p>



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## C) Criteria

- Each idea will be **evaluated according to several criteria**. Winning bids will have to meet the following criteria:
  - **Financial sustainability**  
Winning proposals must be able to generate money, if that's required, so that they are sustainable (that is, not dependent on additional donations to be successful)
  - **Environmental sustainability**  
The winning proposals should promote sustainable small-scale fishing to ensure continuity of this activity in the future (i.e. ensuring that there is enough fish for fishers and fish traders to continue their activities). Therefore, we will not fund proposals that only increase fishing effort.
  - **Maximum cost** of 100 million STD (about 4000 euros).  
This amount may correspond to equipment, training and/or travel costs. The winning communities will receive material assets (they will not receive money).
  - **Community support**  
Winning communities should be interested in participating in and supporting the implementation of the proposal. Each proposal must be accompanied by a list of supporters. The participation of the community in the various activities of the project "Omali Vida Nón" will also be taken into account for evaluation.
  - **"Omali Vida Nón" supports 98% and community 2% of the cost.**  
The project supports the implementation of the winning proposals with most of the money but a part will have to be guaranteed by the winning groups. For example, if a winning bid has a value of 100 million STDs, the project guarantees 98 million STDs and the winning community puts only 2 million STDs.

## D) Beneficiaries

- This opportunity is available for **fish traders and fishers (including spear fishers)** who live in the fishing communities targeted by the project "Omali vida nó" (i.e., fishers and fish traders of Lapa, Campanha, Abade, Praia Burra, Santo António and Hospital Velho).
- Proposals can be submitted by:
  - fisheries associations;
  - informal groups of fishers and/or fish traders, when the community doesn't have an organized or functional fisheries association.



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- Each proposal must clearly identify **who will benefit** in case the proposal receives funding. More specifically:
  - each proposal must indicate whether it will benefit mainly fishers or fish traders. **At least two winning proposals should directly benefit fish traders;**
  - each proposal must indicate the number and name of people who will benefit.

## E) Monitoring and evaluation

- Winning proposals will be followed up by Omali Vida Nón project staff to **support implementation.**
- In addition, in order to monitor the success of the community idea and to learn from its implementation, beneficiaries of this funding should be involved in **monitoring and evaluation activities.** For example:
  - taking part in fisheries landing surveys, collaborating with project's focal points;
  - making information available on costs and revenues from activities related to the community idea in order to evaluate the investment;
  - participating in project meetings and provide feedback about the implementation and results of the proposal.

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