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OPENING CEREMONY



The Orange Corners Innovation Fund (OCIF) officially launched Cohort 2 with an Opening Ceremony, marking another important milestone in strengthening Angola's entrepreneurial ecosystem. During the ceremony, the 15 entrepreneurs selected for the Financial Readiness phase were introduced. This phase serves as a preparatory stage before the selected business initiatives become eligible for funding.

The event featured remarks by Paul Ederer, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Angola, and brought together institutional partners, representatives from the financial sector, and members of the media, who witnessed the potential, innovation, and vision of the young entrepreneurs.

FINANCIAL READINESS



The Financial Readiness training was conducted for 23 entrepreneurs from Luanda, Huambo, Huíla, and Benguela, representing different incubators across Angola's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The session marked an important capacity-building milestone, focusing on strengthening the financial foundations of their businesses and preparing participants for more structured growth and responsible access to funding.

Learning was delivered through a practical and participatory approach, transforming financial management, control, and planning concepts into tools directly applicable to the entrepreneurs' businesses. Through hands-on exercises and peer learning, participants were challenged to refine their decisions, strengthening their understanding of the financial viability of their business models.



DEMO DAY – FINANCIAL READINESS

The training programme concluded with the Demo Day, where entrepreneurs presented their business plans, showcasing the progress made throughout the Financial Readiness programme and the evolution of their business proposals.

This moment represented not only a final presentation, but also a practical validation of ideas structured with greater technical and financial rigor, reflecting the participants' learning journey and consolidation of knowledge.



MONITORING VISITS – COHORT 1

Following the funding phase of Cohort 1, the team returned to the field to closely monitor the progress of the supported entrepreneurs and to understand how their businesses have been growing after receiving the investment. The monitoring visits made it possible to reconnect with the projects in their real context, production sites, sales points, and active operations where the transformation became visible as ideas evolved into structured businesses with resources and ongoing support.

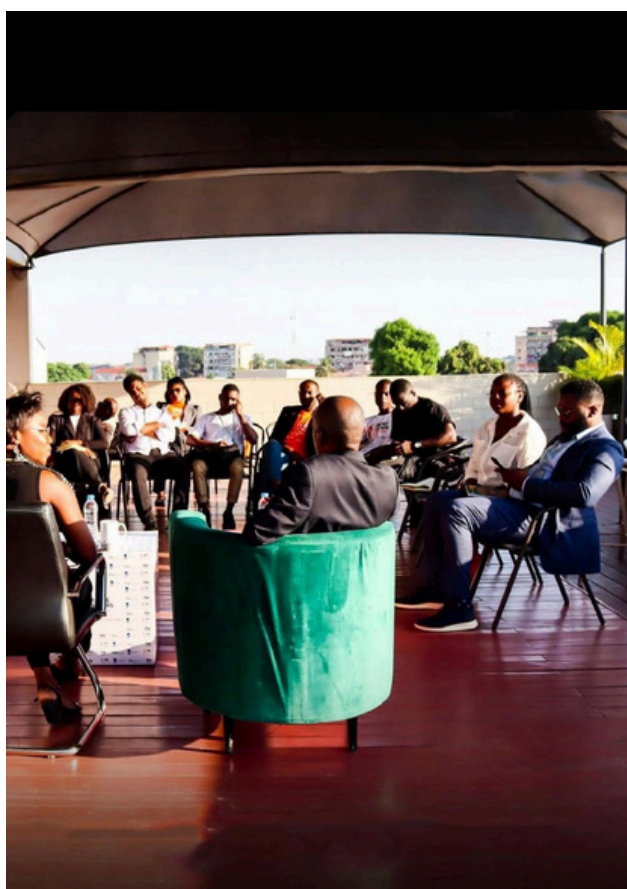
Among the results, a concrete impact on job creation stands out. A total of 61 jobs were created, of which 27 are held by women, representing approximately 44.3%. These figures highlight the economic growth of the businesses and their contribution to the promotion of youth and women's employment. This follow-up reinforces OCIF's commitment to a continuous monitoring approach, ensuring not only initial funding but also the long-term sustainability and growth of the supported businesses over time.



Business Assessment Visits – Cohort 2

As part of the technical assessment process for the grant applicants, the team conducted 19 field visits, taking the evaluation beyond documents and directly to the environments where the businesses operate.

The visits covered projects in Luanda (11), Huambo (3), Icolo e Bengo (2), Bengo (2), and Benguela (1), highlighting OCIF's gradual expansion across different provinces. Out of the 19 projects evaluated, 16 were approved, spanning sectors such as agriculture, technology, logistics, livestock, health and industry.



SENTADA LARANJA

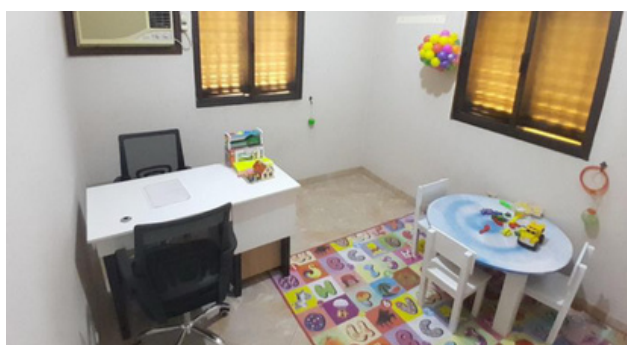
On May 28, the second edition of the “Sentada Laranja” took place, an OCIF initiative designed as a platform for dialogue, experience sharing, and strengthening Angola’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. The meeting brought together entrepreneurs supported by the programme in a space focused on practical learning drawn from real success stories.

In this edition, António Manuel and António Azevedo, founders of Rabugento, participated as facilitators. The session focused on sharing the journey behind the creation and consolidation of the brand. The session’s dynamics created a direct connection between the guests’ experience and the entrepreneurs’ challenges, enabling the identification of practical approaches and strategies applicable to their businesses, as well as for strengthening skills.



UNIVERSO INCLUSIVO

Universo Inclusivo is a Neurodevelopment Center that provides specialized health and special education services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Down Syndrome, intellectual disabilities, learning difficulties, and other developmental delays. The center is dedicated to promoting inclusion, development, and quality of life through personalized and multidisciplinary support tailored to each child's needs.



What was it like before OCIF?

Before OCIF, we operated in a very modest way. The project was run by two professionals who provided services independently in a coworking space shared with other specialists, without a structured vision for business growth.



What Have You Achieved with OCIF's Support?

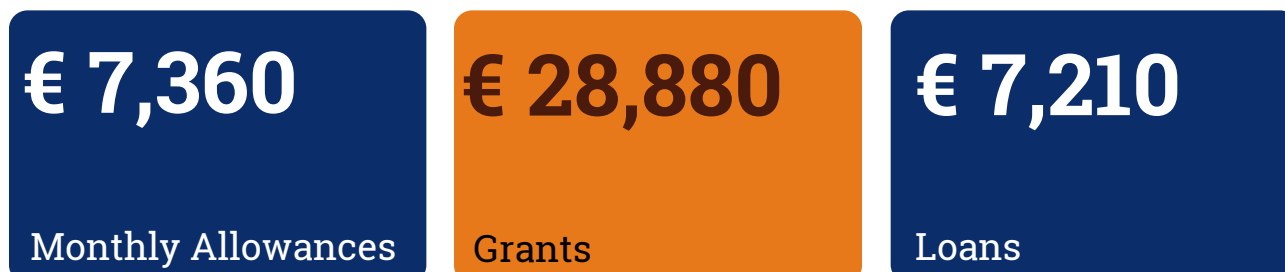
The support received strengthened our entrepreneurial mindset and accelerated our growth. Through the programme's grants and funding, we were able to move from a shared workspace to a larger facility, increase our service capacity, and expand our team to nine full-time employees. In addition, OCIF opened doors to new partnerships and enhanced our institutional credibility.

Marina Gomes, the aunt of Hélio, who has been receiving support from the Universo Inclusivo Center for the past eight months, says that her nephew's progress has been remarkable since the beginning of the programme.

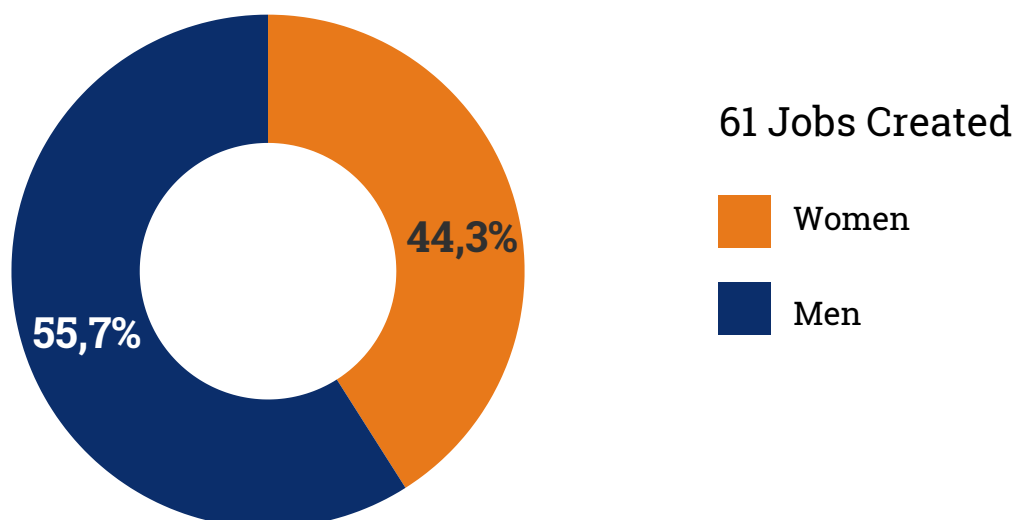
"Today, Hélio follows instructions more easily, communicates effectively, writes, memorises short texts, interacts better with his classmates at school, and has become much more independent."

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2026

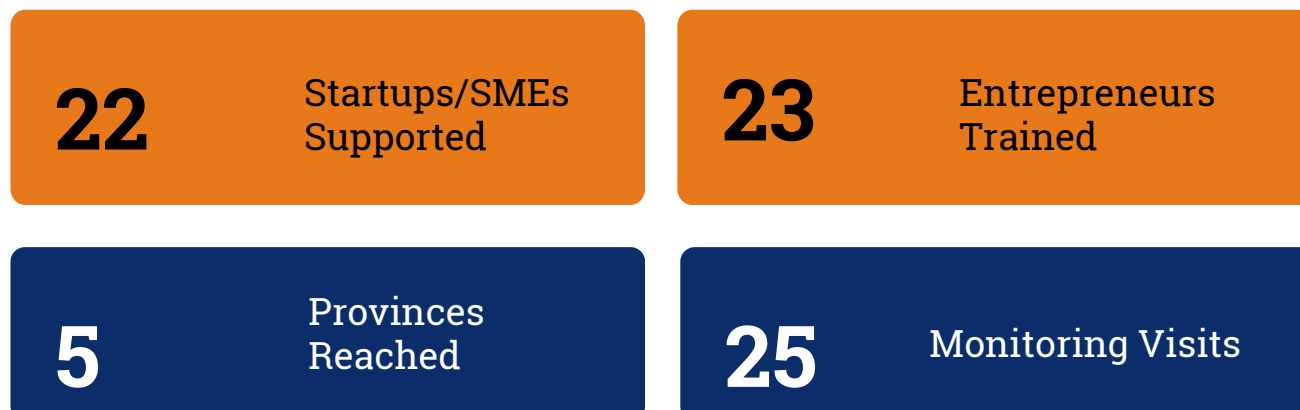
FINANCIAL SUPPORT



JOBS CREATED



PROGRAMME REACH



OCIF SUPPORTED ENTREPRENEUR BRINGS INNOVATION TO THE LOBITO CORRIDOR FORUM

The opportunities created by the Orange Corners Innovation Fund (OCIF) continue to open doors for the entrepreneurs supported by the programme. One such moment took place during the Angola–European Union Lobito Corridor Business Forum, held on May 5–6 in Luanda, where the startup K.A Solutions was one of the selected startups to participate in the pitching session. In the presence of representatives from international cooperation, investors, and other strategic stakeholders, the founder of the initiative, Jeovani Araújo, presented an innovation-oriented solution for the agricultural sector, capable of addressing the sector's main challenges.



OCIF AT ANGOTIC 2026

OCIF marked its first participation in ANGOTIC 2026, bringing three startups supported by the programme to the main exhibition tent of Angola's largest technology and innovation forum. BSKA, K.A Solutions and UrbanNet showcased their products, services and innovative solutions, demonstrating the potential of Angolan entrepreneurship to address development challenges and drive innovation in the country. OCIF was also present on the 360° stage, where it promoted the opportunities offered by the programme. In parallel, Copack, another startup supported by OCIF, stood out by ranking among the Top 10 finalists of the Conecta Challenge, promoted by INAPEM.



NEXT STEPS

We celebrate the results achieved during this period and reaffirm our commitment to strengthening Angola's entrepreneurial ecosystem, through the continued disbursement of grants and microcredits, as well as capacity-building and mentorship programmes. Stay tuned for upcoming programme activities:

1 Investment Day August

An event dedicated to investment mobilisation and connection with strategic partners.

2 Environmental Protection Activity August

Mangrove reforestation as an action for sustainability and community impact.

3 Sentada Laranja (3rd Edition) September

A space for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and skills development.



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