

# Participat Citizenship to combat poverty and social exclusion by strengthening active participation.

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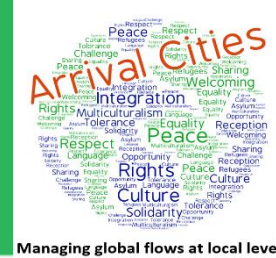


Promoter Entity



Moicho da Juventude

# 1. General description



## Associação Cultural Moinho da Juventude (ACMJ)

- Non-profit organization
- Its mission is related to the community development, in a logic of empowerment, intervening at social, educational, economic and cultural levels

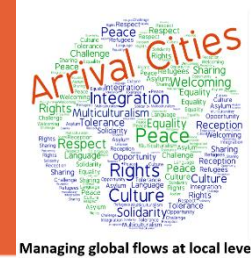


## **Participatory Citizenship Project “Cidadania Participativa”**

- The project is funded, through annual applications and sporadic donations
  - ✓ Personal financing;
  - ✓ Premium BPI Solidarity «Prémio BPI Solidário 2016 de 01/01/2017 a 31/12/2018»;



# 1. General description



## 1.1 Amadora City

- +/- 175.000 inhabitants
- 18% are immigrants, with 42 different nationalities
  - 37% Cape Verde
  - 17% Brazil
  - 12% Guinea-Bissau
  - 6% Sao Tome and Principe



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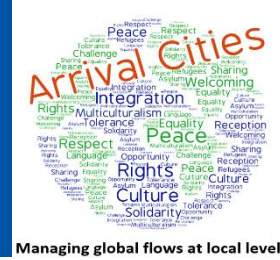


## 1.2 The neighborhood of Cova da Moura

- 6.000 inhabitants
- About 50% are under 25 years old
- Required Education
- Multicultural neighbourhood characterized by strong relationships of mutual aid
- Mainly constituted by migrants from African countries with Portuguese official language, but also from western Europe and Portuguese (returnees from the former colonies)



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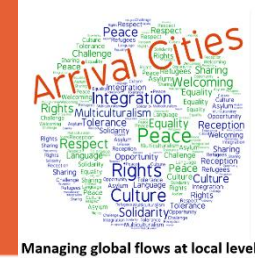
## 1.3 Main challenges

- Stigmatization, racism;
- Poverty and social exclusion;
- Low qualification;
- Qualification/improvement of Cova da Moura;
- Social discrimination;





# 2. Action description



## 2.1 Objective

- The project mission is to combat poverty and social exclusion through the reinforcement of active participation, personal, social and professional qualifications and to strengthen the target groups providing them with tools to advocate and fight for their own rights to solve their own problems and have their own.



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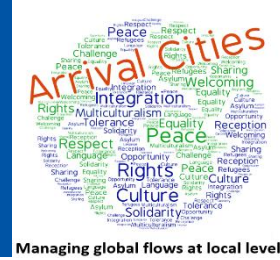


## 2.2 Target group

- População da Cova da Moura
- Immigrants and socially excluded people



# 3. Project whose main goals are



- To struggle for better life conditions in the neighborhood and for the qualification/improvement of Cova da Moura;
- Supporting and facilitating immigrants in the process of acquiring legal documentation;
- Stimulating the inter-generational dialogue through interconnection agents, the Tandem team that is composed by: One experience expert and one academician technician.





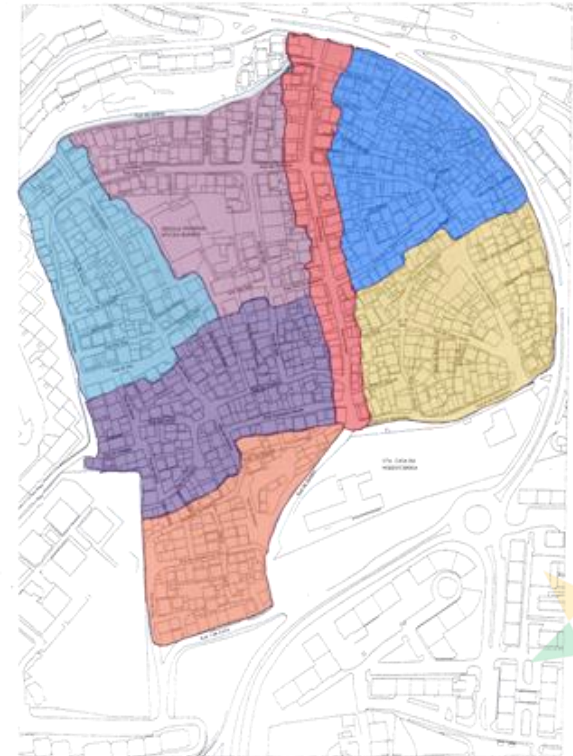
# 4. Field of intervention



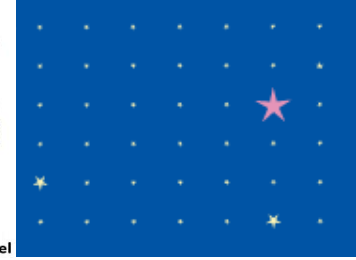
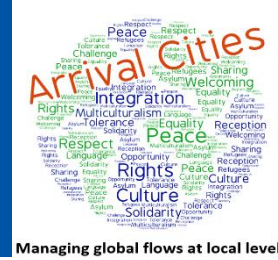
Managing global flows at local level

Regard the method of intervention Tandem, it is worth to highlight that the neighborhood is divided into seven zones and each one of these zones have a a Tandem team, with a wide field of intervention:

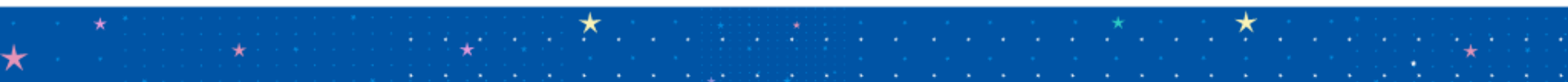
- ✓ Human rights and social exclusion/ poverty;
- ✓ Immigrants;
- ✓ Active Ageing and intergenerational solidarity ;
- ✓ Health and youth environment;
- ✓ Gender equality;
- ✓ Culture and intercultural dialogue;
- ✓ Prevention of domestic violence and dating violence;
- ✓ Female genital mutilation;
- ✓ Supporting documentation, training and job;
- ✓ Providing daily activities at Intergenerational Space.
- ✓ The project mission is to combat poverty and social exclusion through the



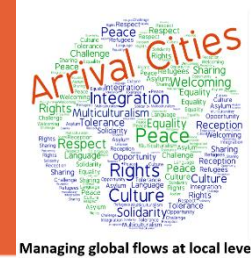
# 5. Main interventions



- Documentation – people are pointed out to our department of documentation support in order to check their situation and to know how they should proceed in order to get residents permits or Portuguese nationality;
- Employment and training – people are invited to our Job's Support and entrepreneurship department where they are presented the existing programs and they are introduced according to their necessities and trajectory or they are support in getting jobs;
- Social Supporting – people are invited to go to our Social Assistance Office where they are supported to access health care, reform pension or to solve issues related to welfare system.
- Follow-up of people for resentment, so that they can actively participate in political decisions.



# 6. Peer review



## 6.1 Reflections

- The present approach is made with the support of our collective social response in order to achieve complete integration of immigrants, descents of immigrants and their respective families;
- Finally, this project allows the capacitation of peoples in their needs and priorities in order to have a participatory intervention in the receiving society.

