

# Associação para o Crescimento Sustentável de Palma

## Palma Association for Sustainable Growth

### 1. Introduction

The Palma Association for Sustainable Growth (ACSP) is a key player in promoting stability and enhancing the well-being of communities in the region surrounding Palma. We achieve this through job creation initiatives in local companies and the implementation of projects aimed at economic and social development.

#### Who we are:

ACSP is comprised of a group of individuals, predominantly Mozambican, who are dedicated to the development of the Cabo Delgado Province and the economic growth of Palma. The Association was established by African Century, a leading property development company in the region, to consolidate its social investment and maximize the impact of its social projects. African Century has been present in Palma since 2012 and its expertise and infrastructure have made it one of the most successful companies in the region. The partnership between African Century, its infrastructure in Palma, and ACSP's social development initiatives is unparalleled, making it more effective in promoting social development than other international organization.

We have adopted African Century's philosophy, which emphasizes local employment, skills training, and long-term investment in the communities in which we operate. This approach has proven to be successful in improving the education, living standards, and governance processes of local communities and Mozambicans.

#### Our accomplishments with AFRICAN CENTURY:

In Palma, there have been a series of moments of instability throughout the last 5 years, that culminated, in March 2021, with a terrorist attack that ravaged the village<sup>1</sup>. Following this event African Century has partnered with other companies to development the region and increase stability. ACSP has been working closely with African Century to ensure that its investments and projects align with our principles. African Century's activities in Palma include a horticultural nursery that grows indigenous plants for landscaping projects and a carpentry workshop that produces most of the furniture used in its operations using locally sourced materials. These initiatives provide valuable employment opportunities and build skills for the local community.

At ACRE Landscaping, we collaborate with our landscape designer and team to provide design services, such as plant selection, landscaping, lighting, and layout, from concept to construction. Our team at ACSP works with these facilities to bring life and a local touch to our projects.



*Photos from Palma Residences – Your Apartment Hotel*

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<sup>1</sup> For a more comprehensive view of this event, we recommend watching the following videos that bring light to the issue: [https://youtu.be/OzM\\_5mr7d8M](https://youtu.be/OzM_5mr7d8M); <https://www.rtp.pt/play/p11145/e668431/linha-da-frente>.

We are also working with African Century and Total Energies to establish a primary school in the village of Senga. This project has employed local workers in the construction of the building. The construction of the school will bring basic education to the village and the surrounding area, promoting the education and skills of the local population, leading to higher standards of living and economic growth in the region.



## 2. 2030 Vision

ADSP has set three major goals for 2030:

1st: Our foremost priority is to eliminate the instability in the Cabo Delgado Province. To achieve our other goals, we must first ensure the safety of the local population and eliminate support for the rebel group responsible for past insurrections and attacks. Our community-driven projects aim to reduce local sympathy for this group and decrease its ability to attract new members.

2nd: Our second goal is to double the average wage in the region, improving the standard of living. This will be achieved through creating new, high-skilled job opportunities, training the local population to perform these jobs, and supporting local business development. We aim to achieve half of this goal by 2027.

3rd: Our third goal is to transition the local economy from an agrarian and fishing-based primary goods production to a more balanced economy with a bigger focus on the production of processed goods and service-related micro, small and medium sized companies. This will be accomplished through creating manufacturing jobs for the local population in industries such as clothing production, carpentry and services (catering, laundry, logistics, etc.). This will improve the standard of living in the region, raise wages, and bring international attention to the region's rising development.