PROJECT SUMMARY

ANGOLA

THE ANGOLA NUTRITION FOR GROWTH, EDUCATION, AND LEARNING PROGRAM (ANGEL)



DONOR: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

LOCATION: Benguela, Huíla, and Cunene provinces

TIME FRAME: October 2024–September 2029

PARTNERS: Ministry of Education of Angola, three provincial governments and 13 municipal administrations in Benguela, Cunene, and Huíla, as well as community groups, parents and teachers associations, and farmers' cooperatives

BY THE NUMBERS

Budget: $28,605,417

Target participants: 80,360 (186,750 indirect)

Target schools: 82



Overview

The five-year ANGEL project is an initiative funded by USDA to improve school feeding and literacy in Angola, specifically in highly food-insecure municipalities in the provinces of Benguela, Huíla, and Cunene. The project focuses on reducing food insecurity; increasing student attendance; and promoting literacy, health, and nutrition practices among children, parents and caregivers, and educators.

Strategic objectives

- Improved literacy of school-age children, focusing on improved quality of literacy instruction, increased attentiveness, and improved school attendance.
- Increased adoption of health and dietary practices, including improved knowledge of health and hygiene, greater access to preventive health interventions, and expanded access to clean water and sanitation.

Key interventions

Promote literacy through reading clubs: Establish reading clubs led by teachers and school leaders to support student learning, in partnership with Development Aid from People to People (ADPP). Activities include child-friendly reading sessions, mini libraries, and supplemental materials to strengthen literacy and encourage extracurricular learning.

Provide daily school meals: Deliver daily nutritious meals to students and school staff across 82 target schools, combining USDA commodities with locally procured foods. Support includes the provision of feeding facilities—such as kitchens and storage spaces—alongside engagement of parents and communities to contribute resources and volunteer support to sustain school feeding.

Support maternal and early childhood nutrition: Provide take-home rations of fortified food to approximately 16,000 children under two and pregnant and lactating women, alongside nutrition and hygiene education to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

2025 program snapshot

- 1,029 teachers, parents, and cooks directly engaged through program activities
- 32 community volunteers equipped to support delivery of local produce and sustainability
- Six water points improved, increasing access to clean water
- Six hard-to-reach schools began receiving integrated support—including school meals, improved infrastructure and WASH facilities, and educational materials—strengthening school-based services.
- 3,765 nutritious meals distributed

These results reflect a year of targeted investments that strengthened community systems, built local capacity, and positioned the program for expanded reach.

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