In addition to the two core activities described, the project also supported the creation of a Start-Up Fund, the transfer of skills from the diaspora to the countries of origin and Forums in Portugal, Cape Verde and Spain.

Start-Up Fund- Promotion of Migrant Investment in Cape Verde

Of the sixty candidates who participated in the contest, twenty were pre-selected to participate in an online training. This training reinforced knowledge and skills for creating and managing a business. The final result consisted of support, in the total value of € 10.000, in order to implement three business ideas:

- An Aviary, "Ovos D'Ouro"
- Two Restaurants:
  - Sabor Caseiro;
  - EuroÁfrica.

Transfer of Skills from the Diaspora

Highly qualified Cape Verdean migrants were asked to leave their CVs in the database hosted on the website www.ic.cv/missoes/.
This database resulted in the mapping of experts in the Cape Verdean diaspora so as to provide:

- The coming of 18 trainers;
- 38 training missions, 10 of which were in the health field.

Forums in Portugal, Cape Verde and Spain

In order to promote migrants' investment in Cape Verde, forums were held in Portugal, Cape Verde and Spain.
In Portugal, the forum took place on the 26th of May, 2010 in Lisbon.
In Cape Verde, the forum aimed to involve migrants who were on holiday at the time. In order to accomplish this, it would be held on August 12, 2010, in Assomada, during the festivals in the city.
In Spain, following a strategy of proximity, instead of one forum, four forums were held in cities where the concentration of Cape Verdean immigrants appeared to be higher: Madrid, Burela, Bembibre and Zaragoza. The four forums were held on June 26, 2011.

Partners

The project was implemented by the Portuguese Institute for Development Support-IPAD- in partnership with the Institute of Communities and the Institute of Employment and Professional Training in Cape Verde, along with the High Commissioner for Intercultural Dialogue-ACIDI- in Portugal, the International Migration Organization-IMO- and the Spanish Agency for Cooperation for Development-AECID. The initiative also counted on the support of the European Union.

This project has the support of the European Union

Summary of Activities and Results

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Context

In 2007, Cape Verde and the European Union agreed on a Special Partnership. In 2008 the European Union, Portugal, Spain, France, Luxemburg, and Cape Verde signed a Mobility for Partnership.
The objectives of the Mobility Partnership included: the promotion of regular migration, cooperation in migration and development and the prevention of irregular migration. In the framework of this particular agreement the project "Building Cape Verde's capacity to manage labor migration and return", better known as Project CAMPO, was approved.

Brief Project Description

Though the Project originally had an expected start date of January 2009, it was launched in June of that year, ending in December 2011.
In addition to the general objectives mentioned above, the Project also sought to respond to the following specific objectives:
i) Facilitate matching the skills of migrants in their country of origin with employment needs and provide information on regular channels for migration, thus promoting legal migration;
ii) Facilitate the reintegration of Cape Verdeans migrants in Cape Verde.

Essentially functioning as an information and counseling center for potential emigrants, or for returning Cape Verdean migrants, the project was based on two main activities: a pre-departure orientation and a reintegration orientation. This gave the center the feel of a One-Stop-Shop dedicated to the migrant.

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Pre-departure Orientation

Provided information and advice to contribute to a successful migration project. This information included clarifications of the following:
- The visa application process and legal stay in the country of destination;
- Access to healthcare;
- Social Security;
- Taxes;
- The educational system, including tuition costs;
- Access to professional training;
- Cost of living in the country of destination;
- Recognition of diplomas and certificates;
- Bank accounts, climate, transportation, etc.

Reintegration Orientation

Provided information and advice to Cape Verdean migrants who were considering returning to their country of origin, to invest, work or study. This information included:
- Investment opportunities in Cape Verde;
- Legal steps for forming a company;
- Commercial licensing;
- Taxes;
- Tax benefits;
- Social Security;
- Cape Verdean labor code;
- Customs clearances;
- Costs of sending remittances;
- Access to healthcare;
- Recognition of diplomas and certificates;
- Educational opportunities in Cape Verde.

Best Practices Observed in the Center:

- Service focused on the needs of the person, the country of origin and the destination country.
- Alternatives to the migration project in Cape Verde for people who did not meet conditions to migrate.
- Highly skilled team of socio-cultural mediators.
- Coordination with the Employment and Vocational Training Centers, enabling access to the services for residents outside the city of Praia, and on other islands.
- Services tailored to the needs of the person, thanks to individual attention.
- Community-based learning sessions through NGOs and CBOs, which made it possible to bring information to those who had difficulty getting to CAMPO.
- Networking with universities, professional and language schools, NGOs, CBOs, commercial banks, state agencies and public interest institutions.
- Evaluation of the Center's services through beneficiary satisfaction surveys.

Center Performance:

- Beneficiaries: **6 982**
- Beneficiaries of the Individual Pre-Departure Orientation: **2 668**
- By category (in descending order in terms of number of visits):
  - Students;
  - Potential labor migrants;
  - For tourism;
  - Other matters;
  - Family reunification:
- Beneficiaries of the Community Sessions: **4 314**
  - Through schools and youth centers: **2 152**
  - NGOs and in labor contexts: **269**
  - Through the Municipal Governments: **1 893**
- Beneficiaries of the Orientation Integration: **179**
- Number of training activities of the Mediators Team: **29**
- Number of visits to the website www.campo.com.cv: **23 000.**