



CABO VERDE

Advancing Economic Inclusion to End Extreme Poverty

While Cabo Verde has made progress in reducing extreme poverty, many households continue to depend on informal work and lack access to social protection. Children, women-headed households, and rural communities—especially those in agriculture and fisheries—remain most affected, with youth unemployment and climate risks posing ongoing challenges.

27%

young people not in
education, employment,
or training

M-GA Approach

M-GA is supporting Cabo Verde to move beyond social protection by creating pathways to jobs, entrepreneurship, and income security. The program builds institutional capacity, expands access to employment, and supports micro-enterprises—especially for women, youth, and rural households. Through collaboration between the World Bank, UNDP, and ILO, and alignment with national efforts like the Joint SDG program and Global Accelerator roadmap, M-GA is helping deliver inclusive, sustainable solutions grounded in local priorities.



World Bank provides technical support to strengthen rural micro-businesses, promote formalization, and align key economic inclusion programs with poverty reduction goals.



UNDP improves youth employment through tailored training, business grants, and stronger management of the Single Social Registry (CSU).



The **ILO** supports business formalization and decent work through training, registration, social security access, and mentoring for women and youth.

Key Areas of Impact:



Linking cash transfers with sustainable livelihoods

- **Income support:** Layer cash transfer programs with income-generating opportunities through micro-business development, access to jobs, and entrepreneurship.
- **Rural livelihoods:** Support rural households under the economic inclusion program with tailored production tools, business formalization, and pension inclusion.
- **Skills training:** Provide demand-driven skills training for adults in extreme poverty, especially youth, to improve employability and access to decent work.



Promoting formalization of informal micro-businesses

- **Formalization support:** Support informal micro-enterprises with training, registration, and access to social protection.
- **Economic empowerment:** Prioritize women- and youth-led businesses to boost livelihoods and access to public services.



Strengthening data systems for better targeting

- **Institutional capacity:** Strengthen the capacity of the lead ministry and municipalities to manage and effectively use the Single Social Registry (CSU).
- **Data monitoring:** Update the CSU to improve beneficiary data and track program outcomes for households in extreme poverty.

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