**SOS4LOVE - EB 2,3 de Minde - Agrupamento de Escolas de Alcanena Report 1 – 12/01/2018**

**Step 1**

We’ve reflected on the importance of the school learning and also about all conditions we have in our everyday life, including studies, in contrast with those who don’t have almost anything.

We also have thought of very different and difficult situations, experienced by many children, all over the world, specially in portuguese-speaking countries in Africa, like school, clothes and other needs that their families can’t provide…

So, we’ve decided to accomplish two different but complementary actions:

- our first goal is to contribute to the improvement of children living conditions, by reducing inequalities, offering them some comfortable clothes.

- our second goal is to contribute to the improvement of the quality education of some children attending elementary school, specifically in the surroundings of Luanda, Angola.

**Step 2**

To reach the 1st goal, our teacher has contacted the Association “Dress a Girl to the World”, presented us the association and all the work they are doing. We, and also some family members, we are sewing some dresses and shorts for African children.

The clothes will be delivered, by some volunteer leaders of this Portuguese association, to children in need, also in different Portuguese speaking countries in Africa.

In what concerns the 2nd goal, as we’ve already done last year, we’ve had the collaboration of a family member of our teacher (who is also a teacher in a university of Luanda). He has token the materials and has delivered them directly to the teachers and students. We’ve collected different school supplies such as pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, etc, that will be very helpful to another group of children.

This is a very interesting and enriching challenge, because it makes us reflect on the big poverty of so many children, comparing with everything we have and sometimes we forget to appreciate.

**DIFFICULTIES:** we are not having too much difficulties on our project. Sometimes, we need time to be together to sew the clothes, after school, because we live in different places, but we know that help others is always something very good and very important, that can make us feel happy! We learn to appreciate all we have and, the most important, to share good feelings and good things, even simple things, with others. The most important is to reduce, as much as possible, poverty and contribute to reduce inequalities, also by providing more quality in education for children and young people like us.

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