

## **Community Development Program**

# **Portucel Moçambique selects two NGOs to support the agricultural extension in communities**

Maputo, October 2015 – Portucel Moçambique awarded to NCBA/CLUSA and Micaia Foundation organizations the implementation of the agricultural extension program inside the DUAT (the land use permit) attributed to Portucel Moçambique to implement its forestry project. This program falls under the Community Development Program of the company.

The selection of these two companies was made after the analysis of 25 proposals received in response to a public consultation held by the company in July 2015.

These two non-profit organizations will implement the agricultural extension program outlined by Portucel Moçambique for the agricultural season 2015/2016, in order to support communities to increase production and productivity of their agricultural areas.

The NCBA/CLUSA will act in the DUAT areas of Portucel Moçambique in Zambezia province and Micaia Foundation in Manica province.

Portucel Moçambique Community Development Program (PDSP) has the main objective to create and share value with communities. Currently, the PDSP covers 3,000 families in Ile, Mulevala, Namorrói districts, in Zambezia province, and 1,000 families in the districts of Sussundega, Barué and Gondola, located in Manica province.

The program will potentially be expanded to 30,000 families over the next 2-3 years.

The main interventions of social investment are focused towards food security, wealth creation and a positive environment that supports local economic development in the targeted districts.