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## ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES DISPLACED BY MARCH 2015 CALAMITOUS FLOODS IN BENGUELA

March 2015 – March 2018  
Total Funding: \$ 1.2 million

Heavy rains in March 2015 displaced approximately 10,000 people whose homes were washed away in the deluge, killing more than 100. In response, the Ministry of Petroleum reached out to Association of Oil Exploration Companies in Angola (ACEPA) member companies for assistance. Twelve companies pooled a combined \$1.2 million to support the development of a new community on safer ground, the 11 de Marco neighborhoods in Cabrais, Catumbela Municipality.

ACEPA partnered with USAID to implement the relief project. This public-private partnership use local resources to meet development needs. Through our combined support, Benguela government provides health care needs for residents of the new community and supports longer-term efforts to relocate people from high-risk areas to safer ground. Over 500 families were immediately relocated to the new neighborhoods, and the province plans for the development to grow to 500,000 people. The health center will be a cornerstone of the new development.

## ACTIVITIES

- Construct an approximately 700 square meter health center
- Conduct social outreach to encourage 10,000 families living in high-risk areas to move to Cabrais
- Complete a hydrological study to develop long-term possibilities for delivery of potable water to Cabrias

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Built Health with a target completion date on March 2018
- Registered more than 8,000 households as of April 1, 2017
- Solicited engineering study as of June 8, 2017

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