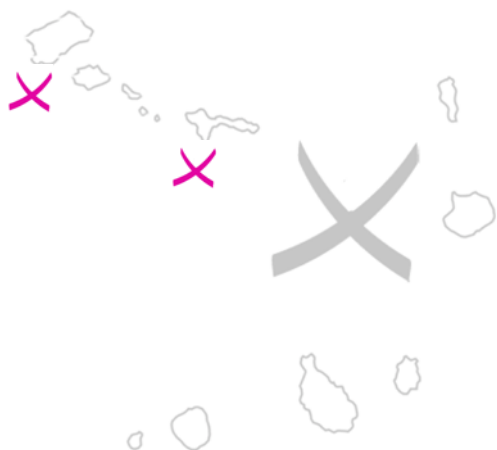




# humanitarian action 2008



## Cape Verde

São Nicolau  
Santo Antão

## Projects in 2008... in short

april/may 2008

For the **third edition**, the association **Regarde ailleurs** assisted various schools in Cape Verde. All charitable actions were carried out in partnership with **representatives of the Cape Verde Department of Education**. Depending on the specific needs of each school and of each pupil, the school materials are either **directly distributed** to the pupils or left under the responsibility of the school Principal. The members of the association noted that the school materials distributed 3 years ago are still in good condition and that the stock is well managed.

**Regarde ailleurs** continues to concentrate its charitable actions on the rural islands of São Nicolau and Santo Antão. The association extended the geographical perimeters of its school aid from 9 schools in 2007 to support 12 schools in 2008. Out of the 12 schools, 8 received food aid while the other 7 received school materials. The members of the association also mediated an agreement between a local landowner and a school. This agreement resulted in the school obtaining a plot of land to start a vegetable garden in an area where arable land is scarce. The first crop of vegetables is currently being produced.



Delivery to Monté Trigo // School vegetable garden in Belem.



HUMANITARIAN ACTION 2008		
<b>Spending</b>	<b>4 212 €</b>	
Food / hygiene	1 649 €	
School Materials / Vegetable garden	1 996 €	
Transportation fees	186 €	
Donated items estimation	380 €	
<b>Schools which received aid</b>	<b>12</b>	
São Nicolau	7	
Santo Antão	5	
<b>Children who received aid</b>	<b>546</b>	
<i>Belem</i>	22	São Nicolau
<i>Cachaço</i>	45	
<i>Carrigal</i>	35	
<i>Covoada</i>	16	
<i>Juncalinho</i>	93	
<i>Morro Braz</i>	16	
<i>Prequiça</i>	96	S. Antão
<i>Cruzinha</i>	56	
<i>Fontainhas</i>	21	
<i>Formiguinhas</i>	9	
<i>Monte Trigo</i>	36	
<i>Tarrafal</i>	101	

## Local partnerships reinforced in 2008

The association took advantage of our last trip to Cabo Verde to strengthen ties with local institutions. In particular, strong links were formed with delegations from the Department of Education on the Islands of São Nicolau and Santo Antão.

Members of **Regarde ailleurs** also met up with representatives of **the United Nations World Food Program (WFP)** who provided us with excellent advice on how to better organize our food aid to be more in line with the nutritional needs of the school populations. **WFP aid to Cape Verdean schools will gradually be reduced in 2009 before being completely halted in 2010.**

It is therefore vital to think about sustainable solutions for the future, thus ensuring that Cape Verdean pupils can continue to receive school meals.

One of the roles of **Regarde ailleurs** is to help the locals to organize durable projects like vegetable gardens for schools or food exchange programs with local fishermen...

Fresh food supplies delivered to the central warehouse of Ribeira Grande

## Regarde ailleurs on National Radio

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2008 Laurence Charroin (Communications Manager) and Jean-Philippe Leroy (President/photographer) were interviewed on Cape Verde National Radio (RCV). They were able to introduce the association and explain the actions they planned to carry out on their third visit to the country. It was also a good opportunity for them to brush up on their Portuguese!

## Getting The Locals Involved

For the association's third School aid project, our plan was to get the local population as involved as possible (Parents, fishermen, donkey owners, teachers, school principals, school canteen personnel, Department of Education representatives). Asking the indirect recipients of the school aid to play a role in the transportation of food and materials allows everybody to do their part to help. It also prevents the locals from becoming too reliant on charitable organizations for logistical support.

In one case, for example, we were able to call on a crew of fishermen to transport hundreds of kilos of food and school materials for us by sea.

The association received extensive support and help from **Mr. Mario Tolentino**, Department of Education Representative for the Island of São Nicolau. We were also helped enormously (as always) by **Mr. Fernando Jorge Santos** who is our correspondent on São Nicolau.



Loading the boat in Mindelo for Monté Trigo

## Logistics

### Making use of existing structures

Being able to use the WFA storage facilities in Cape Verde has made it much easier for our association to optimize transportation, reduce theft, **improve traceability** and to **better conserve foodstuffs**. Our stock is located in the Ribeira Grande area of the Island of Santo Antão and will be shared out between 3 schools (around 86 pupils) in this area.

Managed by the Cape Verdean Department of Education, the WFA warehouse is **now in charge of the management and distribution of our supplies**.

This means that from now on the association will receive delivery notes and receipts for all aid distributed in the area.



Signing the shipping receipts in Mindelo

## Bulk-Buying on the Islands

After one or two logistical nightmares on our first aid project in 2005, the association made the decision to buy all our supplies in Cape Verde. This means that all Customs Office red tape is avoided, while ensuring that all transportation costs related to moving material from France to Cape Verde are no longer an issue. The association is able to purchase all necessary foodstuffs and equipment directly on the Cape Verde territory, having the added advantage of supporting the local economy.

From now on, the association has decided to purchase only dried fish as most schools lack the refrigeration facilities to store fresh fish.

For the most part, **Regarde ailleurs** obtained discounts our bulk purchases on the Islands.

## Dental Hygiene in schools

Since the creation of the association, **Regarde ailleurs** has been eager to promote dental hygiene. Our members have long noted that a lot of work is required in this field (confirmed by the WFP), which is why we decided to set up a 'daily brushing scheme' in the schools where we work. To this end, several hundred toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste have been distributed to the schools.

## Future Projects

### olhamos ainda mais a frente

The association **Regarde ailleurs** accomplishes healthier financial results year after year without fail. This encourages us to go further and to try harder in achieving our goals.

And now - due to our collaboration with the Cape Verdean Department of Education - all of our future projects will be even more in line with the real needs of people in underprivileged areas.

All new projects will be studied collectively before being launched in the field. At the moment, we are working on a humanitarian aid project in a very impoverished area of Cape Verde where water resources are very scarce.

Regarde ailleurs is also planning to make an appeal to dental practices for donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

**It is also important for the association to be even more attentive to the aid projects drawn up by the Cape Verdean Department of Education.**



Buying food at the Ribeira Grande Market

The association **Regarde ailleurs** came out of Jean-Philippe Leroy's desire to use photography as a means to introduce people to Cape Verde and to provide aid to Cape Verdean Children. In his exhibitions, Jean-Philippe introduces us to the people of this varied Island chain and breathes life into the projects of the association. The passionate sounds of live Cape Verdean music can often be heard emanating from his exhibitions....

The projects of Regarde ailleurs are funded exclusively from the sale of photographs/postcards, **donations and membership subscriptions**. Without your help, our projects would come to nothing or wouldn't exist at all.

**Regarde ailleurs** calls upon all people and companies who would like to lend a hand in carrying out aid projects in Cape Verde. Financial support is always welcome, but you can use your skills to help us too (communication, engineering, editing, translation, advice etc.)

Those wishing to make **donations**, become **members** or to **offer their help** can contact us by mail, telephone or by e-mail. To find out more about our association, please consult our website :

<http://regarde.ailleurs.free.fr>

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Young girls from Juncalinho // Island of São Nicolau

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