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Portugal

Investing in quality education and early childhood development generates positive social and environmental impact and ensures financial returns because it guarantees long-term results



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## Early Childhood Development

Increased access to quality services | Strengthen conditions to ensure family and community involvement | Strengthen professionals and institutions | Increase multilevel-perspective in transitions

The early years of life play a crucial role in every child's learning and development with long-term impact. These years are even more meaningful for children in situations of greater vulnerability, namely those who lack of access to quality solutions. Access to high quality early childhood services (education and health) can compromise equity and reduce disparities in learning outcomes at more advanced ages.

The Aga Khan Foundation has been developing and improving the quality of responses for children (prenatal up to 9 years of age) for more than 30 years. The goal is the development of a national reference model based on a child holistic approach, through an explicit pedagogy and the integration of services. It promotes a democratic culture that confers conditions of participation and voice to children, families and communities.

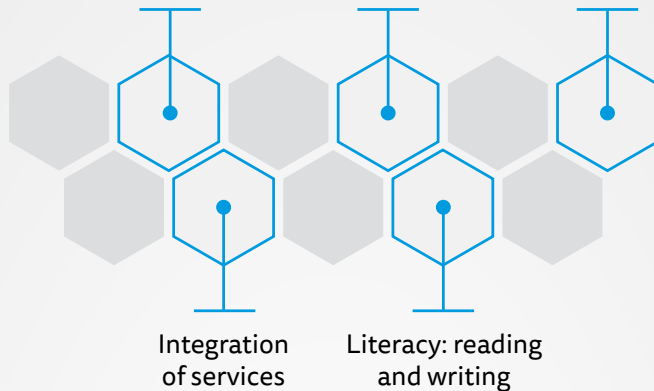
Supported by partnerships and networking, ongoing research, professional and organisational development processes, and robust assessment tools, the Foundation develops the Education and Early Childhood Development Programme. Its main pillars are the management of the Olivais Sul Early Childhood Centre, family literacy, parental development, in-context training and postgraduate training, intergenerational education, promotion of meaningful transitions, interculturality and the appreciation of the arts.

# PORTFOLIO

Early Childhood  
Centre at Olivais Sul

Childminders and  
other caregivers

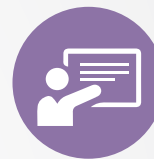
Parenting



**+ 500,000  
People**



**+ 540 Civil Society  
Organisations**



**+ 5,000  
Professionals**

## MILESTONES



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