

# Apps for Good in Portugal

For a more inclusive and sustainable education

7<sup>™</sup> Edition 2020/2021



"Apps for Good is an educational programme that drives all the principles for a technological and inclusive education, advocated by all organizations that fight for a better education model for the future."

João Baracho – CDI Portugal's CEO

#### **Apps for Good International**

710 Schools

UK, Portugal and Angola



#### 26247 STUDENTS | Sustainability-oriented

We encourage our students to become active and aware citizens, therefore, contributing to a better world. Students identify problems in their community - based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals - and find digital solutions. Throughout the programme, they are in touch with experts that bring them closer to the real world.



# 1114 EDUCATORS | Transforming the teaching methods

We work with schools and give our support to educators. We offer an innovative pedagogical approach to educators, who provide this work in the classroom, where students learn in a more motivated environment.



#### 316 EXPERTS | The real world context

The Experts community is a group of volunteers who make their time available to share their professional experience and give new perspectives to students and educators. The students create a product that solves a social problem. They use real world methods, such as design thinking and the Minimum Viable Product (MVP).

#### Apps for Good Portugal | 2020/2021

Apps for Good continues to challenge schools to introduce new practices into teaching, with teacher training and a platform with structured and proven pedagogical content. The increasing number of students, educators and student teams in the competition was a positive highlight of this edition, in which, despite the pandemic, there was a greater digital demand.



7th Edition HIGHLIGHTS 284

Educators trained in the Apps for Good project approach, that resorts to digital and innovative learning. <u>T</u>

Team participating in the UK competition - App EcoClass - and winner of the Audience Award.

1 Prison facility that integrates the Apps for Good methodology into its education plan.

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Apps for Good school in Angola, following the Portuguese curriculum. New!

New Platform developed and launched in Portugal, with new Experts and accessible to all countries.

#### What did we do?



#### September 2020

Launch of the new Apps for Good platform in Portugal



Programme Launch
Welcome Session Online
130 teachers

3<sup>rd</sup> Edition - App StartUp

5 teams of students



#### From October 2020 to February 2021

**Teachers Training** 

**Initial Training -** 6 hours per group (total of 6 groups and 36 hours of training)

From November 2020 to January 2021
First Visit to Schools (schools that are participating for the first time)
30 schools 62 educators 269 students



Monitored training - 2 hours for each training session (total of 2 synchronous sessions and 4 hours of training)



#### February 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of NINJA Teachers 8 educators

#### From April to June 2021

Final Visit to Schools
21 schools 31 educators 210 students





#### May 2021

Launch of the Digital Book "Como viajar pelo Mundo Apps for Good, em articulação com os Domínios de Autonomia Curricular (DAC's)?" (How to Navigate Through the Apps for Good World, in conjunction with the Curriculum Autonomy Domains (CAD's)?), created by the Apps for Good NINJA



#### June and July 2021

Virtual Regional Meetings in Portugal 3 Regional Meetings - North | Centre-South | Azores and Madeira 22 solutions were selected for the Final Event

57 schools **91 educators 584 students 156 equipas** 





#### September 2021

Final Event

22 equipas 11 prémios



# Apps for Good Portugal Platform







This year, the new platform of Apps for Good was launched in Portugal with five courses available in English and Portuguese.







#### The Impact?

Remotely or in person, the platform allowed easy access to the content and projects between the teams of students and educators, who worked together.

93% rate the platform's interface very positively

81% highlight the organization of content in a positively manner

77% of educators say that the platform was very useful for the implementation of the programme

#### LET'S HEAR IT!



"Students work more autonomously, boosting their confidence while developing tasks." "Greater organization and accessibility of students, greater involvement and responsibility in project development." "It promotes group dynamics, student creativity and team spirit."

#### **SCHOOLS**

25% Mixed Programme



\*60% Participate for the 2nd time on the programme

EDUCATION LEVELS
50% 10Th, 11Th & 12Th Grade
40% 7Th, 8Th & 9Th Grade
10% 5Th & 6Th Grade
TYPE OF EDUCATION
69% Mainstream
30% Professional
1% Vocational and others
PROGRAMMES
53% Curricular Programme
22% Extracurricular Programme

In 2018/2019, 40% of educators implemented Apps for Good in school hours, while in 2020/2021 this number increased to 53%. Apps for Good has a strong and versatile training component, with a project approach and content that adapts to the different curriculum levels, allowing educators to properly manage the curriculum, promoting an inclusive quality education that enhances the work developed in the classroom.

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#### **EDUCATORS**







\* Mathematics and Science, Chemistry and Physics, Biology and Geology, Visual Arts, English, Portuguese, Geography, Librarian, Special Education, among others

#### How impactful is the Apps for Good TRAINING on Educators?

97% consider that the content was appropriate to the learning needs

95% consider that the content is relevant to their professional practice

91% consider that training has enhanced the practical development of the programme

81% are fully satisfied with the Apps for Good training

The Apps for Good training is the foundation for the acquisition of NEW SKILLS, allowing educators to work through a methodology, fostering TRANSDISCIPLINARI-TY and enhancing, together with the students, the development of skills identify in the "Student's Profile by the End of Compulsory Schooling"

LET'S HEAR IT!

"Training was very useful to organize the programme. It is a very dynamic training, which calls for the participation of the teachers, allowing us to learn from others and to experiment."

"It is a better training experience than the ones we usually do."

# What is the IMPACT of APPS FOR GOOD on EDUCATORS' skills and educational practices?

92% have a better understanding of the skills and talent of their students

87% felt closer to the students

84% have developed new teaching methods

83% have acquired new technical skills

79% are more satisfied professionally

77% have developed more collaborative work with other educators

76% have greater confidence in teaching

73% have a greater professional involvement in school

Apps for Good is in line with the development of the digital competences of educators identified in the six areas of The European Framework for the Digital Competence of Educators (DigCompEdu). 80% of educators report that they have improved their digital skills, especially in the Digital Resources area.

# Overall satisfaction with the programme

#### In times of pandemic?

80% of educators say that this programme has, in the current pandemic scenario, had a motivating effect on both students (76%) and educators.



of educators mentioned that the programme has a strong technological aspect, contributing to the development of the digital skills necessary for Distance Learning.

#### LET'S HEAR IT



"Classes have always been remotely. Therefore, the implementation of Apps for Good has become encouraging/motivating for my students and an excellent support for myself." "This had a very positive effect in my class. For three hours, students were satisfied to be in front of a computer, because they were busy creating something that gave them pleasure and satisfaction. It was very stimulating for them at a time of constant restrictions."

#### **NINJA**



An educator who participated in previous editions of Apps for Good. It is an adviser, an example of good educational practice, who shares his/her experience with other educators and contributes to the improvement and growth of the programme.

Integration of new elements: we went from 11 elements in the 6Th Edition to 20 NINJAS

#### WHAT DID THEY DO?



Launch of the 1St Edition of the Digital Book: "Como viajar pelo Mundo Apps for Good, em articulação com os Domínios de Autonomia Curricular (DAC's)?" (How to Navigate Through the Apps for Good World, in conjunction with the Curriculum Autonomy Domains (CAD's)?). This book was created by NINJA teachers, with practical examples of how to apply Apps for Good in schools.



3Rd Annual NINJA Meeting. Through a Customer Journey approach, Ninja professors analysed their satisfactions and frustrations regarding their experience in the programme.

100%



Consider that the role of NINJA added value in their professional practice

What do the NINJAS say?



"Sharing practices between Ninjas allows the development of new practices in the classroom." "Improved classes, especially programming classes, due to the importance added to the content."

"Being a Ninja is leading students to success!"

"Being a Ninja is to be alert, curious, resilient, dynamic and constantly learning..."

#### **STUDENTS**







#### **IMPACT ON TRANSVERSAL SKILLS**

84% Have improved their teamwork skills

81% Say that the programme has contributed positively to boost their creativity

79% Have improved their problem-solving skills

78% Have improved their communication skills

67% Have improved their programming skills

#### Overall satisfaction with the programme



80%

ncreased CONFIDENCE

76%

Increased RESILIENCE

#### The Student at SCHOOL...

80% Have increased their motivation for learning

79% Have increased their awareness that technology can contribute to solving social problems

73% Have improved their relationship with their teachers

73% Have adopted a more positive attitude towards school

#### The Student in the FUTURE...

In addition to the direct impact on students' skills and confidence, Apps for Good also sparks students' interest for different academic or professional pathways. The contact that students have with the Experts community is critical to the connection between the classroom and the real world.

#### MORE INTERESTED IN...







### What is the role of Apps for Good in the relationship between GIRLS and TECHNOLOGY?

One of Apps for Good's objectives is to understand the impact of the programme on the interest and motivation of girls in technology and science areas. In this test, we involved 513 students, of whom 250 are girls between the ages of 10 and 20.

85% believe that technology projects are aimed at both girls and boys

70% recognize their ability to develop technology-related projects

65% say that participating in Apps for Good has stimulated their interest in technology

60% changed their relationship with technology

54% think about a professional future linked to technology

51% think about an academic future linked to technology

### The satisfaction of girls with the programme is greater than that of boys:





(1 to 10)

LET'S HEAR IT!



"I learned to value ICT more and I also learned that technology is much more useful than we think"

Good and being challenged to develop an application helped me to use technology more practically, I developed methods and solutions to solve problems and I learned more about this topic. I'm sure I'll use it more in the future."

"I changed my opinion about technology. I used to think that it was very complicated and even boring, but this project made me realize that technology is actually quite interesting. Now I feel more confident, and I believe that anything is possible."

#### Apps for Good's impact in SOCIETY

Apps for Good promotes the development of solutions that correlate with the 17 SUS-TAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG), emerging as an instrument that fosters education for citizenship. The aim is to train and empower young people for human rights and global citizenship.

79%

of the students say that the programme made them aware that technology can contribute to solve social problems

Of the 181 projects in the national competition of the 7Th Edition, we highlight the work of students and educators in the area of health and quality education.







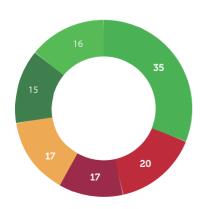








#### **SDG of Apps for Good solutions**



- SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being
- SDG 4 Quality Education
- SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13 Climate Action
- SDG 15 Life on Land

# THE APPS FOR GOOD METHODOLOGY IN PRISON FACILITIES

#### Case study:

#### PILOT IN VALE DO SOUSA PRISON FACILITY

In this study, we involved 6 of the 8 students participating in the Vale do Sousa Prison Facility programme. We analysed the impact of the programme on the inmates, in terms of motivation, technological knowledge, digital and transversal skills, and the development of management skills of a project.

#### **Impact on Skills:**

100% have improved their teamwork skills

100% have improved their problem-solving skills

100% of the inmates have improved their communication and presentation skills

100% have improved their overall confidence

83% have improved their digital skills

83% have improved their abilities in designing a product

100% of the inmates have improved their creativity

100% of the inmates have improved their resilience

#### **Impact on School Life**

100% contribuiu para ter uma atitude mais positiva relativamente à escola

100% contribuiu para melhorar a relação entre aluno e professor

#### **Impact on Career Goals**

83% want to learn more about digital technologies and applications

83% want to work in a technology company

83% want to create their own business

#### Impact on everyday life...

100%
say that the programme helped their well-being by feeling moreemotionally stable

say that the programme helped in the relationship between peers



According to the students, their participation in the programme far exceeded their expectations, because of how they worked as a team, because of the resources used and because the programme allowed them to think and to abstract themselves from the prison life.

These satisfaction levels are reflected in their success, as students have completed the school year.

#### **SATISFACTION:**



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(1 to 10)

The application of the Apps for Good methodology in this scenario worked as a motivating factor and allowed a greater involvement of students with the school space. This allowed them to tap into many of the skills they considered dormant, boosting other digital and social skills, while promoting opportunities for personal and professional growth.

LET'S HEAR IT!



"Apps for Good allowed me to work on skills that I'd forgotten I had them." "Apps for Good was like an "oasis" in this environment. We were capable of doing a job like we've never done before in this scenario, because of how we worked and because of the contact we've had with both experts and the Apps for Good team." "It was very important for us to have been selected for the final competition. This has reinforced that our work is on par with the other teams and that we have skills that allow us to reach levels that we never thought we would reach before!

"We are very proud of the work we have developed as a team."

#### RECOGNITION



Apps for Good has the INCoDe.2030 Seal, as a benchmark initiative for education





Apps for Good won the UNESCO AWARD - Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers. More: https://cdi.org.pt/2020/10/05/apps-for-good-premio-unesco-hamdan-bin-rashid-al-maktoum/l



For the 2Nd consecutive year, a team of students from Portugal reached the finals of the UK Apps for Good Global Competition. EcoClass, from Vila Verde High School, won the Audience Award. EcoClass is a solution with ecological content - tasks, a game, maps, stages, quizzes, phrases, tips and competitions between students and classes - to teach young people how to be more ecological. More: https://www.appsforgood.org/ecoclass

"We are the innovation that the world needs right now. We are going to completely change the way our society thinks and acts ecologically. We will usher in a new era!" - Eco-Class Team

#### **APPS FOR GOOD PARTNERS**







































































