

## EmpowHER - Women's Entrepreneurship in Cape Verde

### Overview

<b>Main partner</b>	<p><u>Avenir Écoles Cap-Vert (AECV)</u> is composed of members from the Cape Verdean diaspora living in France. Its activities focus on supporting Cape Verdean communities through education, economic empowerment, and sustainable development projects.</p>	
<b>Associate partner</b>	<p>The <u>Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional's (IEFP)</u> mission is to implement local and regional policies focused on employment, vocational training, and entrepreneurship. It aims to promote employability and economic inclusion by responding to the needs of the labor market and offering tailored training to improve the skills of beneficiaries.</p>	
<b>Budget</b>	€ 75,691	
<b>Duration</b>	12 months (September 2025 - August 2026)	
<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>	  	

### Project design

<b>Context &amp; needs</b>	<p>Enhancing economic opportunities and strengthening women's position in society remain key priorities for Cape Verde, where 27.4% of the population still lives in poverty (INE). On Santiago Island, rural women face particular barriers, from limited access to finance and training to high rates of informal work. This project addresses these challenges through entrepreneurship training, mentorship and equipment support to women-led businesses, while also engaging the Cape Verdean diaspora and local entrepreneurs to share expertise and raise awareness among women and girls about entrepreneurship opportunities. By fostering female leadership and linking local women with diaspora networks, it creates a replicable model for economic inclusion.</p>
<b>General objective</b>	To improve the economic and social autonomy of women on the island of Santiago.
<b>Specific objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspire and motivate women and girls to engage in entrepreneurship and leadership</li> <li>• Strengthen the entrepreneurial and financial skills of 50 women</li> <li>• Support the implementation and promotion of women-led entrepreneurial projects</li> </ul>
<b>Target groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 women on the island of Santiago</li> <li>• 200 high school girls</li> <li>• 50 farmers (fruit and vegetable producers)</li> <li>• 25,000 consumers/community members</li> </ul>

### Programme of activities

