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Sustainability
Report

2022

Why a sustainability report?

At Azura Power, our Sustainability Report offers a window into our sustainable practices and unwavering commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters. It encompasses our journey from business development to operation, highlighting key activities undertaken in 2022. With transparency as our guiding principle, we aim to share the triumphs and obstacles encountered in our sustainability endeavors, along with the profound impact generated by our Power to Change Program. We value the input and suggestions of our stakeholders and interested parties, and invite you to reach out to us at info@azurapower.com to share your insights and recommendations. Together, let's forge a sustainable future.



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Azura Power at a glance

Our Mission

To become the leading power generation company in Africa with over 2 GW of assets, enabling us to generate power to millions of people across the African continent.

What We Do

We generate affordable and reliable energy that's accessible to all.

By closing the power gap as swiftly as possible and enabling the emergence of a sustainable energy mix, we can ensure development leaves no one behind.

We are currently active in Nigeria, Senegal, and Mozambique and have total generating capacity of 752MW with an additional 894MW of power projects under development. Our plants are located in countries with natural gas resources and energy supply shortage.

Our Projects

Senegal

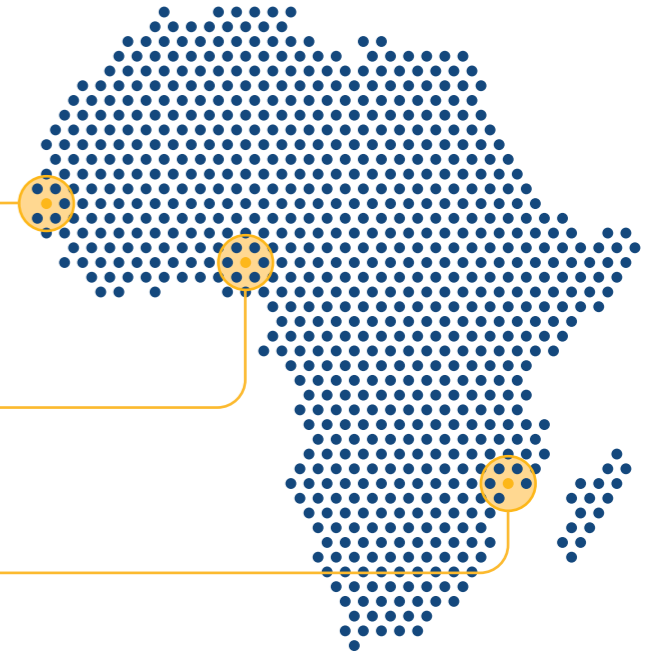
116 MW operational
132 MW in development

Nigeria

461 MW operational
400 MW in development

Mozambique

175 MW operational
362 MW in development



752 MW of power operational

Employee Diversity



149 Nigerian



90 Mozambican



78 Senegalese



9 Lebanese



3 British



2 South African



1 Irish



1 Filipino



1 Vietnamese



1 Cuban



1 Portuguese



1 Turkish



1 Canadian



1 French



1 Pakistani

Facts and Figures



752

MW Grid Capacity



290

Employees



20%

Of our employees are **women**



15

Nationalities in our diverse workforce



<40

On average our employees are **less than 40 yrs old**

Our History



What does sustainability mean to us?

For Azura, sustainability means conducting our business smartly and responsibly and ensuring that our projects provide tangible benefits to our people and the communities around us. Our long-term success depends on several factors; having healthy employees, being able to access the resources we need, contributing to Africa's economic, human and social development, and safeguarding our planet.

Sustainability is just the Azura way.



Seynabou Ba
ESG Director

The year 2022 brought us great achievements, and I am thrilled to announce that our ESG team has been further fortified with the addition of EHSS professionals through the acquisition of CTRG. Here are the key highlights from the past year:

Remarkable Safety Performance: At a group level, we achieved over 1 million work hours without a Lost Time Injury (LTI), with Azura-Edo setting an exceptional standard of 1.3 million work hours without LTI. Additionally, Azura-Edo obtained an Integrated Management Certification, exemplifying our commitment to comprehensive management practices. Tobene Power also underwent an external audit certification, positioning it well for certification in the near future, which we will delve into in our next year's report.

Strengthening EHSS Incident Management: Azura-Edo successfully implemented an IT system for EHSS incident management and reporting. We plan to deploy the same system at Tobene Power and CTRG in 2023, enhancing our incident response capabilities across our assets.

Uninterrupted Operations: We are proud to report that there were no work stoppages caused by employees or communities. Our Power to Change (PTC) activities continue to make a positive social impact, with notable initiatives such as microcredit lending in Nigeria, upgrading the maternity wards in Senegal, and rural electrification projects in Mozambique.

Climate Assessment and Carbon Footprint: We conducted a desktop climate assessment for Tobene Power, providing valuable insights into potential future climate risks. While our focus on measuring our carbon footprint has centered on scope 1 emissions, we plan to expand this framework in the coming year, harmonizing it across our assets.

Key Takeaways from 2022:

With CTRG joining the Azura family there is further work to be done to harmonize our procedures, continue to reinforce a common safety culture, and further refine how we measure impact.

Sharing knowledge, and having a common EHSS IT platform is going to be key to increasing our data points to analyze risks, root causes and proactively manage risk.

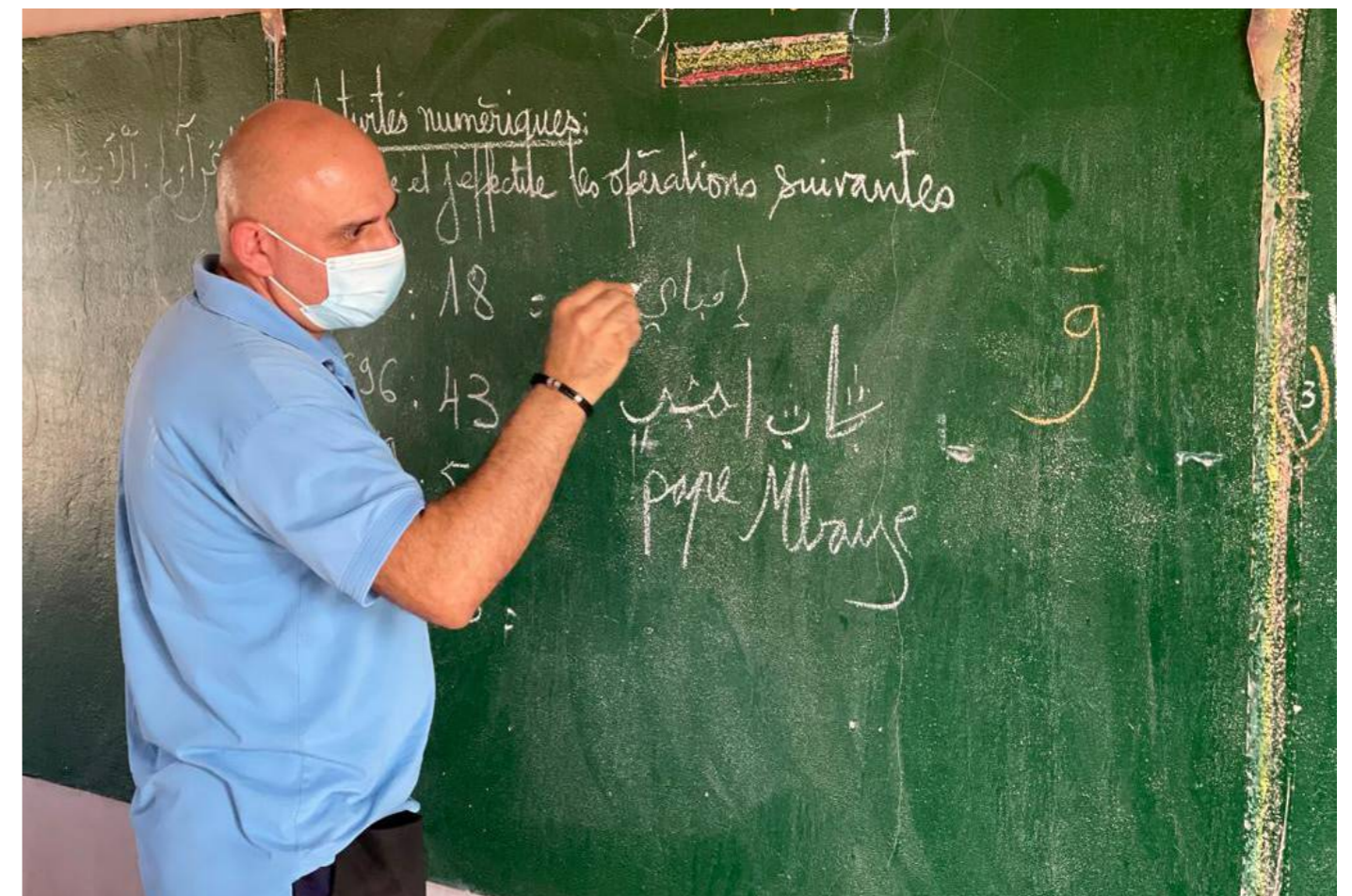
As we implement our social impact strategies across the group, we need to further engage the youth and purposefully encourage their active participation – this is essential for long term community relationship.



Our Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is paramount to what we do hence building a constructive long-term relationship based on mutual respect is key. The fact that our communities' relationship staff are local and speak the native language is a real asset for Azura.

In Nigeria where the context is more challenging, we were able to successfully reset our engagement with one of the three communities. The reset has enabled us to enjoy an improved relationship. We have also requested increase transparency on how community development contributions from contractors are utilized. Overall, we are very satisfied with our stakeholders engagement outcomes and were able to operate with no stoppage. Our community relations teams in each country are well known in the communities and easily accessible. All grievances were addressed in a timely fashion contributing to a well-functioning grievance mechanism.





Tobene Power, Senegal

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Africa accounts for less than 4% of the global carbon footprint yet is predicted to be the most hit by climate change. Azura Power supports the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement and those of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change process. These include the acceleration of nationally determined contributions to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global warming to well below 2°C and towards 1.5°C. Therefore, Azura is committed to doing its part in decarbonising by converting its 116 MW heavy fuel oil plant to gas as soon as it becomes available in Senegal, and increase efficiency at Azura-Edo and CTRG by moving to combined-cycle.



Our new addition CTRG

Central Térmica de Ressano Garcia, S.A. (“CTRG”), is a Mozambican joint venture company between Azura Power (“Azura”) with 49% and Electricidade de Moçambique, E.P. (“EDM”) with 46%. CTRG operates a 175 MW (gross) gas-fired power plant located at Ressano Garcia in Moamba District in the Province of Maputo. Commercial operation of the Project was achieved on 27 February 2015.



Towindo Tichãona (Dr. T)
General Manager, CTRG



The Safety and Health of both our employees and assets is of high priority to make sure CTRG maintains sustainability in its operation and business activities.

For me sustainability is catering for the future today and I would add profitably in a business context.

CTRG is committed to sustainability and considers Safety, Health and Environmental issues as paramount for the success of our plant operations activities. The Safety and Health of both our employees and assets is of high priority to make sure CTRG maintains sustainability in its operation and business activities. CTRG management has a target of zero LTI as we want our employees to be safe every day. Our plant operations are sensitive to both the local environment and the local community. For instance, the majority of this local community did not have electricity previously, and in the few cases where they had, the electricity was being imported from South Africa. As such, CTRG contributed to the electrification of the Ressano Garcia community in partnership with EDM and Gigawatt in addition to CTRG's annual budget on sustainable local community development.





Albertina Matimbe
Safety-Health-Environment (SHE)
Manager, CTRG

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It is important to note that safety is never 'attained' but a work in progress. At CTRG we strive for continual improvement.

When I joined CTRG in February 2022, I found a strong team committed to Environmental, Health and Safety Standards, which sustained my passion for EHS Management. At CTRG, Safety is a number one priority and during 2022, the focus was to ensure and monitor compliance with the existing management system.

Throughout the year of 2022, we maintained our principles of caring for ourselves and each others well-being, report any potential or actual incident to contribute to a safer workplace, be inclusive and encourage diverse views on health and safety management as well as continually engage in sharing knowledge and mutual learning.

Although we finished 2022 with one LTI and a Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) of 0.93, we still are below our international benchmark of 1.3. In December 2022, we initiated a process of formalizing our EHS Systems with the aim of achieving international standards through certification on ISO 9001:2015, ISO 45001:2018, ISO 14001: 2015.

Our current focus is to support our teams in adopting some of the improvements in our EHS requirements. It is important to note that safety is never 'attained' but a work in progress. At CTRG we strive for continual improvement.





Orlando Sibanda
Plant Manager, CTRG



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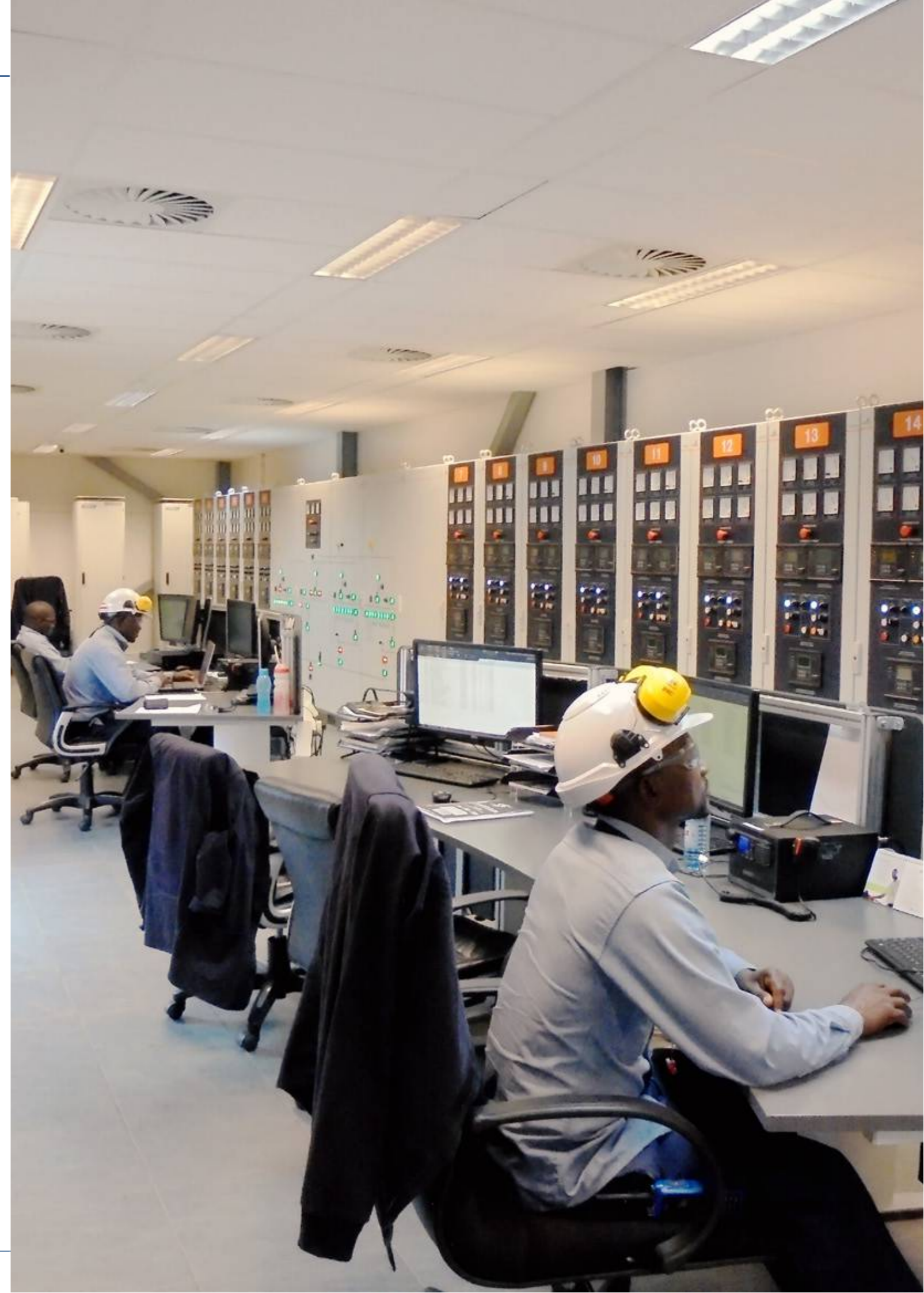
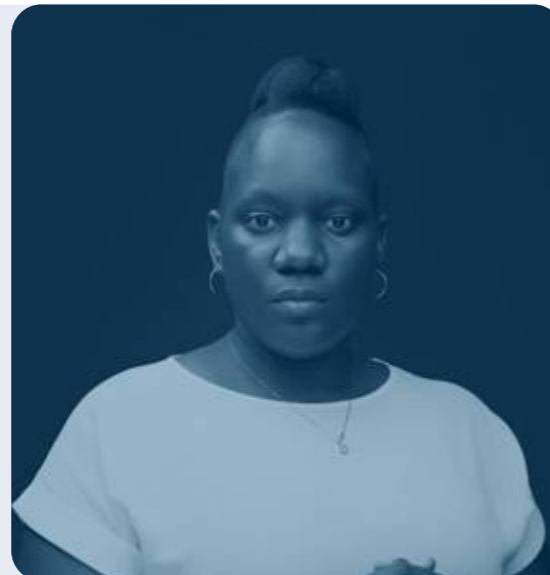
In CTRG we have three values: Safety, Integrity, and Commitment. The values means that in my role, I must ensure that all activities have safety as the first step, from planning to the end of the activities. Therefore, I am committed to ensuring that awareness and training on health, safety and environmental matters are given to all employees based at the plant. Leading by example is also key and as such I consistently attend the toolbox talks and contribute as well as encourage my colleagues to do the same. In CTRG we work hand in hand with the SHE team to make improvements where required in order to have a safe and secure workplace.

I believe that we have been improving continuously by having safety as a culture and implementing best practices in CTRG with the aim of achieving our goal of zero harm. We are guided by genuine care and our motto is take care of myself, take care of others, and accept that others take care of me.



We include health and safety requirements into all our procurement processes to ensure that activities undertaken by service providers are performed safely, and therefore reducing CTRG's exposure to risk. We believe in having these requirements we are protecting CTRG as well as others.

Helena Da Silva
Commercial Manager, CTRG





Eleuterio Jair Ribeiro
HR Manager, CTRG



Salary is just one component of employee satisfaction, equally important are recognition for contributions, a culture of open feedback, opportunities for innovation and growth, and fair and transparent internal processes.

As the HR Manager of CTRG, I am proud to share our commitment to fostering a healthy work environment for all our employees. At CTRG, we firmly believe in treating our employees with fairness and ensuring equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of race, gender, or physical disability. We prioritize the well-being and safety of our workforce, making it our top priority to maintain a workplace free from any form of discrimination or harassment.

Our policies, including the Code of Conduct and Professional Conducts, not only reflect CTRG's values and beliefs but also align with national laws and international standards. We hold ourselves and our partners accountable to these principles, ensuring that third parties, contracted workers, and service providers also adhere to the same high standards.

To address any concerns or disputes that may arise in the workplace, we have implemented a robust Grievance Mechanism. This mechanism allows employees to raise their grievances formally, informally, or anonymously, while guaranteeing strict confidentiality. By providing multiple avenues for addressing concerns, we strive to maintain strong worker management relationships and promote a healthy and productive working environment.

At CTRG, we recognize the importance of continuously developing our employees' skills. Through our comprehensive training programs, we ensure that our workforce is equipped with the technical expertise and soft skills required to excel in their roles. Regular assessments, including gap analysis and performance appraisals, help us identify individual and group training needs, enabling us to provide targeted interventions. By investing in our employees' professional growth and development, we not only drive company excellence but also enhance individual career prospects.

We understand that employee wellness is fundamental to overall productivity and satisfaction. To support our employees' well-being, we have established a dedicated Wellness Program. This program offers assistance across various dimensions, including physical, emotional/psychological, and social aspects. Employees can access support through a toll-free number or face-to-face interactions, ensuring that their well-being is nurtured and their needs are met.

In our pursuit of excellence, we consider compensation and benefits, career development, work environment, and culture as the four pillars of our value proposition. We recognize that a competitive salary is just one component of employee satisfaction. Equally important are recognition for contributions, a culture of open feedback, opportunities for innovation and growth, and fair and transparent internal processes. By focusing on these pillars, we aim to create an environment where employees feel valued, engaged, and motivated to contribute their best.





Marillia Manhica

CTRG CSI and Admin Manager



We believe that sustainability is a crucial aspect of our work. By developing projects that are environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable, we ensure that our efforts have a lasting positive impact.

At CTRG, we value the importance of collaboration and building strong relationships with our stakeholders. We recognize that by engaging with the communities, we can gain a deeper understanding of their unique challenges and aspirations.

Our primary areas of focus are health, education, sustainable infrastructure and sustainable livelihood.

We work closely with our stakeholders, primarily the local authorities and communities to identify the needs and support projects that are aligned with our focus areas.

I take great pride in being a member of the CTRG team, where I have the opportunity to leverage my knowledge and experience to develop and implement innovative solutions that bring about positive social impact.

Through our innovative projects and initiatives, we strive to address these challenges and contribute to the development and well-being of the communities.

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Our ultimate goal is to create a better future for the communities we serve, leaving a legacy of sustainable development and improved quality of life.

Being part of the CTRG team allows me to fulfill my passion for making a difference in people's lives. I am proud to contribute to this organization's mission and join hands with like-minded individuals who share the same commitment to positive social impact.



Environment, Health and Safety

At the core of our operations, we prioritize sustainability by placing a strong emphasis on the well-being of our workforce, local communities, and the environment. Our commitment to effective EHS (Environmental, Health, and Safety) management and performance is driven by our recognition of the direct link between these factors and our financial performance and success.

To uphold this commitment, we adhere to established Company standards, comply with applicable laws, and follow international best practices. Our approach aligns with the Sustainability Standards set by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the relevant EHS Guidelines of the World Bank Group.

By integrating these standards into our business model, we ensure that our operations not only generate positive financial outcomes but also contribute to the long-term sustainability of our workforce, communities, and the natural environment. We remain dedicated to upholding these high standards and continually improving our EHS performance.



United Nations
Global Compact

Azura Power is a signatory of UN Global Compact and will undertake its first reporting in 2023.



Musa Tufekci

APHL Operational and Maintenance Director

As someone who joined Azura Power in 2022 with over 25 years of experience in the Power Generation Industry, I am proud to be part of a company that prioritizes safety and the long-term viability of our business.

When I think about sustainability at Azura, my focus is on safety. It is crucial to operate in a safe environment to keep our plant running smoothly. To achieve this, we have identified key aspects that contribute to our overall safety commitment:

Environmental Management: We strive to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint and minimize waste generation, ensuring that our operations have a minimal impact on the environment. For example, transitioning from open cycle to combined cycle power generation helps us reduce our GHG emissions.

Safety Management: The well-being of our employees and contractors is of utmost importance. We have robust safety measures in place to protect everyone involved in our operations. This includes implementing safety protocols, providing appropriate training, and fostering a culture of safety throughout the organization.



By embracing sustainability practices, we ensure the safety of our employees, contractors, and the overall plant.

Safety Regulations: We are committed to meeting all health and safety standards and regulations set by relevant authorities. Compliance with these regulations is a fundamental part of our sustainability practices.

One of the biggest challenges we face is establishing a strong Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) culture across our organization. HSE cultures vary across continents and countries, and our goal is to create a unified culture of safety that is ingrained in our employees' behavior both inside and outside the plant. We continuously raise awareness, recognize leadership in HSE, and strive to make safety second nature for everyone.

By embracing sustainability practices, we ensure the safety of our employees, contractors, and the overall plant. This enables us to fulfill our contractual obligations and generate power in a safe and responsible manner. At Azura, we are committed to maintaining a strong focus on safety and sustainability as we power the future.



Edu Okeke
APWAL Managing Director



1,000,000 work hours without LTI was not achieved by chance. This is the outcome of the safety training, constant reminders and staff as well as contractors' commitment to our safety culture and goals. I look forward to another million work hours with no LTI.





Achieving 1,000,000 work hours with no LTI is a reflection of the commitment of each person to think safety and act safely working as a team at all times. And knowing that safety is everyone's responsibility.

Dafe Onoro
EHS Manager Azura-Edo



In 2022, our priority at Tobene Power was to improve our environmental health and safety management system for ISO certifications. We focused on fostering a strong health and safety culture, encouraging reporting of near misses as well as unsafe acts and conditions.

Meissa Sarr
HSE Officer



We have a good EHS culture within the plant, our safety is ensured and there is great communication from my EHS colleague. Nobody has to do a task if they don't feel safe and I believe that is important.

Mamadou Fall
Boiler Engineer

Social

Social aspects are essential components of our comprehensive risk management framework and impact assessment. Within our risk management approach, we have dedicated teams responsible for addressing contextual risks, engaging stakeholders, managing grievances, and ensuring fair labor practices and working conditions. Beyond this, Azura Power has, at each asset level, a dedicated social impact arm that prioritizes enhancing the well-being of individuals and communities, striving to make a positive difference in their lives.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Azura's Social Impact Strategy focuses on key areas of development, which include:



HEALTH
We prioritize initiatives that promote healthcare access and improve the overall well-being of individuals and communities.



EDUCATION
We believe in the power of education and strive to create opportunities for quality learning and skills development.



SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURES
Our efforts extend to building essential infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, electrification projects, and water and sanitation facilities.



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS
We are dedicated to enhancing livelihood opportunities and supporting initiatives that uplift the standard of living in the communities we operate in.



CTRG

CTRG, undertakes Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and is committed to make a positive impact in the communities. Our CSR initiatives aim to address social issues that are close to the hearts of these communities, the local district, and CTRG itself.

In 2022, we made progress in implementing sustainable projects that directly benefit local communities. This success can be attributed to our open and inclusive approach to community engagement, which has allowed us to understand their needs and work together towards finding impactful projects.

Electrification Ressano Garcia project

Focus Area: Sustainable Livelihoods and Communities

As a collaboration between CTRG, EDM, and GIGAWATT, we are currently carrying out an electrification project in Ressano Garcia village. This initiative is a crucial component of our rural electrification program, aimed at enhancing and expanding the availability of power supply in the area. The project will benefit a total of 14,420 residents in Ressano Garcia, including two hospitals, eight schools, and various informal businesses.

The project commenced in October 2021 and has made significant progress, with an overall execution rate of 97.54%. Our primary goal is to ensure that the community of Ressano Garcia has access to reliable electricity, thereby improving their quality of life and fostering socio-economic development in the region.



Construction of a Primary School at Ressano Garcia

Focus Area: Quality Education

As part of our commitment to sustainable infrastructure and education, we undertook a School Program in Mussone, Ressano Garcia Administrative Post, aimed at improving access to education for the local community. The project involved the construction of three classrooms for the Primary School, along with an administration office, fence, toilets, and desks.

The construction of the Mussone School has had a significant impact on the students' access to education, as it has greatly reduced the distance they need to travel from their villages to reach the school. Previously, students had to walk approximately 20 kilometers, but with the new school in place, this burden has been alleviated. This improvement is especially crucial for the 600 students, including 318 girls, who were directly affected by the long commuting distance.

We are pleased to report that the immediate outcome of this project has been the enrollment of over 100 students in the newly constructed school. We continue to monitor and evaluate the long-term impact of this initiative, ensuring that it effectively addresses the educational needs of the community.

By providing a conducive learning environment closer to their homes, we are empowering these students, particularly the girls, to access quality education and improve their future prospects. The Mussone School project is a testament to our commitment to sustainable infrastructure and our dedication to creating positive change through education. We remain steadfast in our efforts to measure and assess the ongoing impact of this project, as we believe in the transformative power of education for the community's overall development.



International Children's Day Celebration: Donation of School Material and Sponsor Sport Program

Focus Area: Quality Education

CTRG's Education pillar of social responsibility celebrated International Children's Day by donating school materials and organizing a sports competition event for 12 primary schools in Moamba District. The program aimed to promote inclusion, self-confidence, and team bonding among students of different age groups, both boys and girls. Nearly 1,000 students actively participated in these engaging activities.



Job Creation Kits Project

Focus Area: Sustainable Livelihoods

CTRG has donated 42 Job start up kits supported students that have completed technical courses in locksmith and electrical works at Agro-Industrial Institute of Moamba. In order to encourage activities that generate income for young people and encourage self-employment for graduate students, in particular young women, CTRG has donated 42 job start up kits to Moamba District. During the next reporting period, we will report on impact through our monitoring activities.



Internship project for recent graduates at the Industrial Institute of Maputo

Focus Area: Quality Education

CTRG recognizes the quality of Education at the Industrial Institute of Maputo (IIM) and supports young ladies internships for Electrical Technicians Graduates for possible integration into the job market. In engagement cycles, CTRG promotes Education, Training and Professional Development. For the year 2022, three young ladies were involved in this internship program. Candidates for the Industrial Electrical Course were encouraged to participate to encourage communities and in particular girls in technical areas. During the next reporting period we will report on the impact of the internship for the 3 young ladies.

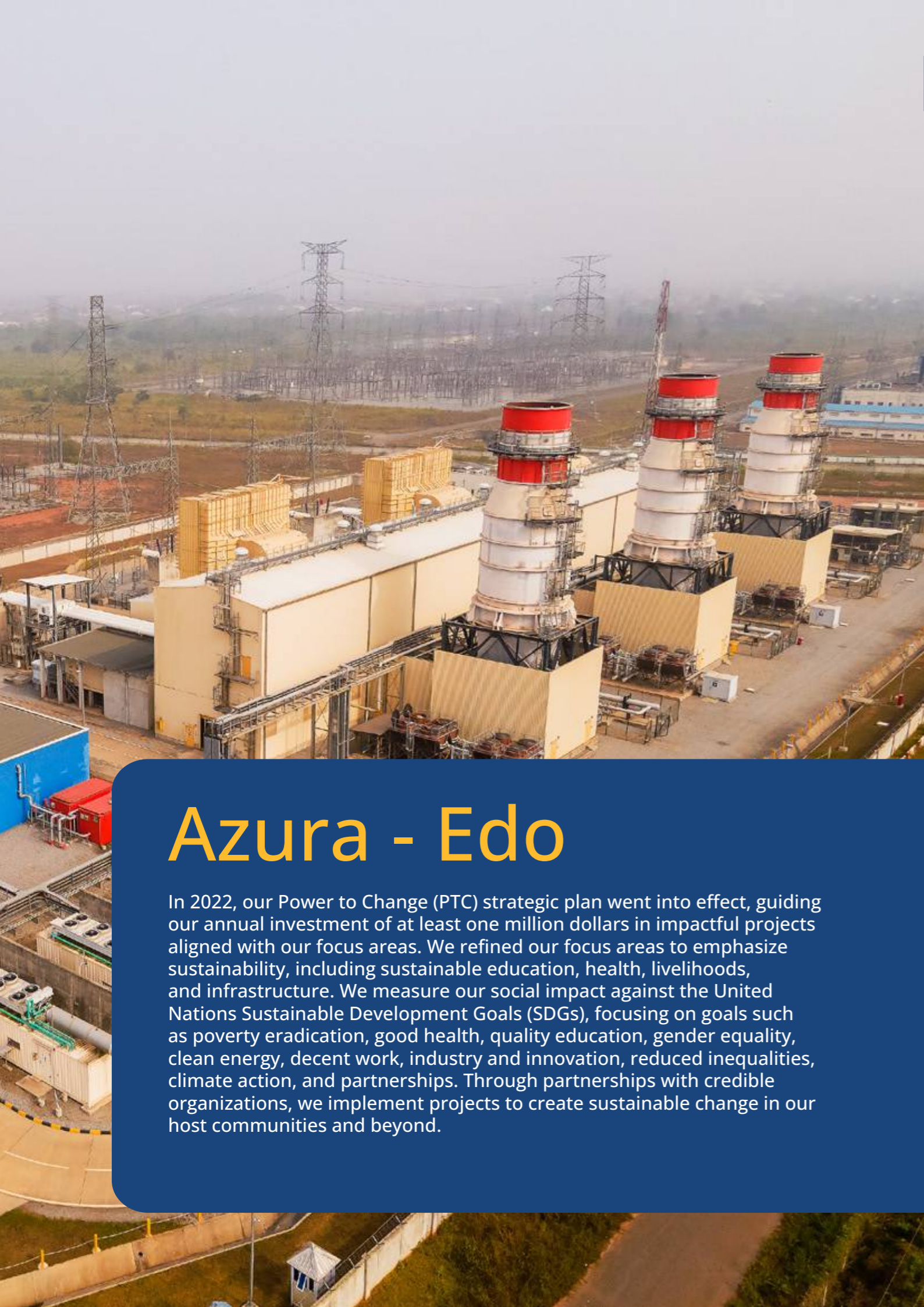


Community Women Solidarity Season Donation

Focus Area: Partnership and Zero Hunger

In response to the vulnerability of women in Moamba District, CTRG took action by organizing and providing food baskets to support 100 vulnerable women. These women were carefully selected from the local government social welfare department's list, which included victims of violence, widows, and unemployed individuals. The initiative aimed to provide tangible assistance and alleviate the hardships faced by these women in their daily lives.





Azura - Edo

In 2022, our Power to Change (PTC) strategic plan went into effect, guiding our annual investment of at least one million dollars in impactful projects aligned with our focus areas. We refined our focus areas to emphasize sustainability, including sustainable education, health, livelihoods, and infrastructure. We measure our social impact against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on goals such as poverty eradication, good health, quality education, gender equality, clean energy, decent work, industry and innovation, reduced inequalities, climate action, and partnerships. Through partnerships with credible organizations, we implement projects to create sustainable change in our host communities and beyond.



Nonye Obibuaku

Azura-Edo PTC Chairman



Our purpose is to impact lives by lending a hand. In return, we who participate in this CSR process are immensely fulfilled by knowing that we put a smile on someone's face.

Looking back to 2022, what would you consider your proud moments as the PTC continued its efforts to change lives positively in the year?

I would highlight two significant achievements. Firstly, our annual charity project made a remarkable impact. We gifted blank white sneakers to orphanage children and empowered them to unleash their creativity by painting the sneakers. The unique interaction with the children and the joy they expressed were truly heartwarming. In addition, we provided solar electrification to the orphanages, ensuring continuous access to electricity for the children's needs, including studying and entertainment.

Another source of excitement was witnessing the positive outcomes of our vocational skill acquisition and entrepreneurial training at Azura-Edo. It was gratifying to see the beneficiaries utilizing the skills and training they received to improve their livelihoods. We extended the impact by offering them relevant business opportunities within Azura-Edo. For instance, beneficiaries in garment/fashion

design were involved in sewing school uniforms for over 700 pupils in the three-host community primary schools. We also supported one of the trainees in expanding into poultry production by providing animal pens.

These moments of success reflect our commitment to changing lives positively and creating opportunities for individuals to thrive.

Ihovbor Community Road Rehabilitation

Focus Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

In response to the Ihovbor Community's request, the PTC rehabilitated a major road, fixing the damaged sections along the 1.2km stretch. Willitud Nigerian Limited, an engineering contractor, was selected for the project.

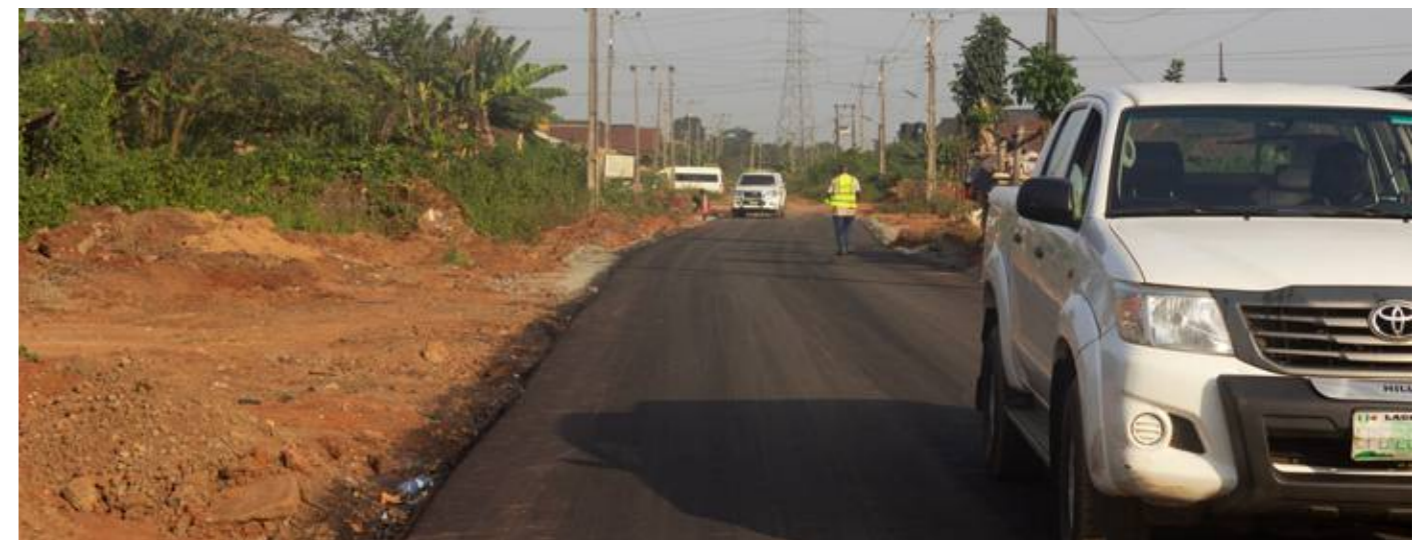
The impact was significant, with the road being greatly improved and providing a convenient alternative for daily commutes within the community. It is estimated that over a thousand people, including vehicles, use the road daily.

Aligned with SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, this project aimed to build resilient and inclusive infrastructure. Targets 9.1 and 9.4 were addressed, focusing on developing sustainable and reliable infrastructure and upgrading it with clean technologies.

By prioritizing sustainable infrastructure development, we contribute to building a robust road network and improving lives in the host communities.



The children from the orphanage showcasing their painted sneakers.



Community Primary Health Development Programme

Focus Area: Quality Healthcare and Sustainable Infrastructure

Through a community needs assessment during PTC strategy development, it was identified that Azura's host communities lacked accessible and affordable healthcare services. To address this, a primary healthcare development program was implemented in partnership with the Edo State Government and the Tulsi Chanrai Foundation, a reputable non-profit organization with a proven track record in delivering quality healthcare in Nigeria. The program, running for five years since 2022, aims to enhance healthcare outcomes and accessibility.

Azura's Interventions in 2022 included the reconstruction of the primary health center in Orior-Osemwende, establishment of health posts in Ihovbor and Idunmwowina communities. These facilities, once completed, will provide quality healthcare, especially for women and children, promoting good health and well-being in the communities.

To measure improvements, a health baseline will be established at the program's start. The operational Orior Primary Health Centre will offer free or subsidized healthcare services to an estimated population of ten thousand from the catchment communities.

The primary health program aligns with multiple SDG 3 targets, including reducing maternal and child mortality, ending disease epidemics, ensuring sexual and reproductive healthcare access, and achieving universal health coverage. It also supports SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) for sustainable development and global partnerships.



Avoidable Blindness Eye Care Project

Focus Area: Quality Healthcare

In partnership with the Tulsi Chanrai Foundation (TCF), Azura addresses avoidable blindness in underserved communities and families across Nigeria through the Mission for Vision project. By providing free eye surgeries for patients with cataracts and operable eye conditions, the project aims to reduce the burden of avoidable blindness and improve the quality of life for beneficiaries and their families. This intervention has conducted a total of 4,500 eye surgeries since 2019, with 1,000 surgeries performed in 2022 alone, benefiting individuals from at least 20 states in Nigeria.

The provision of free eye surgeries aligns with key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets, particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Target 3.4 focuses on reducing

premature mortality from non-communicable diseases and promoting mental health and well-being, while Target 3.8 aims to achieve universal health coverage and ensure access to quality healthcare services for all. Additionally, Target 17.16 emphasizes the importance of global partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaborations to support sustainable development goals, particularly in developing countries.

This intervention not only improves access to healthcare services for individuals in need but also contributes to social and economic inclusion while reducing health disparities. Partnerships between stakeholders, including healthcare providers and governments, play a crucial role in ensuring the success and long-term sustainability of this initiative.



Vocational Skill Acquisition and Entrepreneurial Training Programme

Focus Area: Quality Education and Sustainable Livelihoods

Azura collaborated with Edo Jobs to implement a vocational skill acquisition and entrepreneurial training program. After a needs assessment, 35 individuals were selected for training in various skills. The in-class training phase was completed in 2021, followed by a one-year monitoring phase in 2022.

Azura's interventions included providing starter packs to all trainees, organizing workspaces for specific fields, and offering ongoing support for one year. 30 individuals (18 females, 12 males) successfully completed the program, showcasing improvements in skills and practices.

The program aligns with SDGs 4 and 8, targeting equal access to quality education and reducing youth unemployment. Trainees achieved income growth, securing contracts and business opportunities beyond Azura's patronage.

In 2023, the program will continue to support existing trainees with training and mentorship in crucial business skills.



Zero Interest Microcredit Scheme and Community Cooperatives Society Development

Focus Area: Sustainable Livelihoods

In partnership with Edo State Cooperatives and LAPO Microfinance, APWAL facilitated access to finance for small business owners by supporting community cooperative societies. The program provided zero-interest business support loans to 54 individuals, with 80% being women. Loans ranged from N40,000 to N250,000, and all were repaid without defaults.

The program had positive impacts, with recipients experiencing economic growth, increased savings, and improved business centers. Lessons learned included providing moratoriums for farmers and enhancing support for cooperative societies.

The program aligns with SDGs 1, 8, 9, and 10, focusing on poverty reduction, economic growth, access to financial services, and reduced inequalities.

In the next phase, 84 recipients received loans ranging from N50,000 to N400,000, with an eight-month repayment period.



Improving Livelihoods in Communities Around Gashaka Gumti National Park and Okomu National Park

Focus Area: Sustainable Livelihoods

For the past four years, the PTC has partnered with Africa Nature Investors (ANI), an NGO dedicated to nature conservation in West and East Africa, to support the livelihoods of communities around the Gashaka Gumti National Park in Taraba State. In 2022, our funding for ANI focused on various initiatives, including community livelihood assessments, reforestation efforts, pastoralism ranching feasibility studies, socio-economic surveys, provision of ranger equipment and training, park protection infrastructure at Okomu National Park, and carbon feasibility studies at Gashaka Gumti National Park. ANI will provide a detailed report on these ongoing activities by Q2 2023.

These efforts align with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets. SDG 1 (No Poverty) and Target 1.4 emphasize equal rights to economic resources and access to basic services for all, including the poor and vulnerable. SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and Target 8.3 focus on promoting productive activities, job creation, entrepreneurship, and access to financial services. Target 8.9 aims to develop policies that support sustainable tourism and job creation. SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and Targets 11.4 and 11.7 highlight the protection of cultural and natural heritage and the creation of inclusive, green, and public spaces. SDG 13 (Climate Action) and Target 13.1 emphasize building resilience to climate-related hazards and natural disasters. Lastly, SDG 15 (Life on Land) and Target 15.2 promote sustainable forest management, including halting deforestation and restoring degraded forests.

These activities demonstrate a commitment to poverty reduction, economic growth, job creation, sustainable tourism, heritage protection, climate action, and sustainable land management. By conducting community-based assessments, providing resources, and developing park infrastructure, the PTC and ANI empower local communities and contribute to sustainable development in these areas.



Tobene Power

Engaging in developmental projects strengthens our bond with host communities. We prioritize their needs in four key areas: Health, Education, sustainable infrastructure, and livelihoods. Through collaboration and consultation, we address pressing healthcare issues, enhance educational opportunities, improve infrastructure, and support sustainable livelihoods. Our initiatives empower communities and contribute to their long-term development.

Construction of the Football Stadium

Focus Area: Sustainable Communities

The construction of the stadium was undertaken with the specific aim of meeting the needs of the eight villages, ensuring that a promise made to the youth was fulfilled. Azura successfully accomplished this task, resulting in the creation of a football stadium that not only serves the communities but also extends its accessibility to individuals beyond their boundaries. However, our primary focus remains on supporting the local authorities in managing the revenues generated from the stadium and ensuring the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the facility for the benefit of all stakeholders involved.



Tobene Power Renovation Projects: Mbayen Health Center and Sanitary District of Tivaouane

Focus Area: Quality Healthcare and Sustainable Communities

The Mbayen health center, which serves all eight villages in our area of influence, underwent renovation to enhance its facilities, particularly the maternity ward. The objective was to improve the sanitary conditions and overall infrastructure of the center. The renovations included significant improvements to the toilets and ceilings, addressing issues such as water leakage during the rainy season.

Similarly, the maternity ward in Tivaouane, the main hospital in the area overseeing 29 villages, including those in Taiba Ndiaye, underwent upgrades. The ward was in poor condition and lacked essential equipment and proper sterilizers. Additionally, the ceiling suffered from leaks during the rainy season.

To enhance hygiene, support the work of midwives, and ensure comfort for women during childbirth, medical equipment was provided to both maternity wards. These provisions aimed to create better conditions for newborns as well.



Empowering Women through Sustainable Soap Production and Sales

In our 2021 sustainability report we highlighted the Soap project that was initiated during COVID as a sustainable income generating project that also served a local need.

In 2022 we continued to support the women's group (GIE Thiossan) by providing training on how to dry medicinal leaves so to use it in their own soap production as well as sell it.

We identified a potential buyer, a women-owned business that produces beauty products, who volunteered to train the group. In the pictures below, the women are being taught sustainable leaf collection methods, as well as the process of washing, drying, and grinding the leaves while ensuring strict quality assurance measures to meet product specifications.

For 2023, our plan is to assist the GIE in bringing their packaged soap with various natural medicinal benefits to the market. It's important to note that the GIE comprises approximately 60 women members, and our ongoing support aims to empower them and promote their economic independence.





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