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## Akelius Foundation begins implementation of pilot project in basic schools in Cape Verde

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Praia, 25 Sep (Inforpress) – The Swedish Akelius Foundation began today, in partnership with the office of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), the pilot project for teaching languages to students from the second to the sixth year in five basic schools in the country.

The representative of the Education program of the United Nations Office in Cape Verde, Ana Cristina Ferreira, explained that the project, starting in schools in Praia, São Domingos, Ribeira Grande de Santiago and on the island of Sal, intends, with resources to technologies, the pedagogical diversification of teaching and learning Portuguese, French and English languages.

The objective, on the other hand, is, according to the person responsible, to promote in this first phase the interaction between the student and the application with different activities, driven by the "course" based on European levels of linguistic competence.

"The project had pre-experimentation before the pilot phase, which began to be done, there was some delay due to the acquisition of a reasonable quantity of tablets abroad and as you know, now, acquisitions abroad take much longer, but it was successful. This experimentation that was already planned will be carried out from the month of April and be able to start in this first phase", he highlighted.

It consists, indicated Ana Cristina Ferreira, of mixed learning that aims to "bring more joy in learning and studying languages" thus translating into better learning results in written expression and oral communication.

"The project is coupled with research that we are working on with the Unicef Research Center, based in Italy, to precisely see what the added value is in using tablets as a specific methodology", he informed, adding that the second phase covers four schools only on the island of Santiago.

The Minister of Education, Amadeu Cruz, who presided over the official launch ceremony of the Akelius project, clarified that the experience will serve as support in the design of the digital laboratory model to support language teaching, a commitment whose conditions are already being materialized.

According to the minister, the implementation of educational reform in basic and secondary education and the digital transition of the educational system constitute the fundamental factors for the start of the project that should contribute to the reintegration of young Cape Verdeans into international dynamics.

"Mastery of languages is an important issue for new generations, mastery of Portuguese as the national language of official and formal communication, but also mastery of English, French and other languages, it is in this sense that we value this project", he highlighted, pointing out that it is necessary to expand the

mechanisms for disseminating language teaching techniques.

"Basically, they are instruments of pedagogical support, but also to facilitate the integration of those who have learning difficulties", he asserted.

The Akelius Foundation (Business School) is a non-profit institution based in Sweden, created with the purpose of supporting students with scholarships and grants for studies and research and contributing to the development of various curricular courses.

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