

Santo Antão: Two schools from Ribeira Grande among 14 selected nationwide for the Akelius project.

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Ribeira Grande, June 2 (Inforpress) – The delegate of the Ministry of Education in Ribeira Grande, Santo Antão, announced today that the Roberto Duarte Silva and Pedro Jansen schools are among the 14 selected nationwide to implement the Akelius digital project.

In statements to Inforpress, Elisabete Santos explained that the project will begin to be used this week by students in the 2nd year of the 1st cycle and the 5th year of basic education, in the subjects of Portuguese, French and English.

According to that official, the Roberto Duarte Silva school, from group 01, has already received 27 tablets to start the activities, while the Pedro Jansen school, from group 02 of the Coculi high school, is also part of this national pilot project.

The delegate indicated that teachers and technicians linked to the project participated in a three-day training course on the use of the application, pedagogical exploration, and proper handling of the equipment.

"The project ensures access to digital tools for all students and facilitates the development of language skills," he stated.

Elisabete Santos further explained that the platform allows students to learn at their own pace, through various learning levels, while teachers can monitor the individual performance of each student in real time.

Another aspect highlighted by that official is the fact that the tablets can function without an internet connection, allowing classes to proceed normally even in areas with connectivity difficulties.

The delegate also considered that the project could represent an "important" tool for inclusion, especially for students with special educational needs or learning difficulties.

"It's a way of showing that it's possible to learn, and to learn well," he emphasized.

According to the same source, the initiative is being implemented, in its first phase, in only 14 schools in the country, allowing for the evaluation of results and the correction of any shortcomings before being extended to other educational establishments.

According to Elisabete Santos, the project is financed through UNICEF, with support from a Swedish investor linked to the creation of the Akelius platform, in an investment exceeding 60 million escudos (approximately \$100,000 USD) allocated to the acquisition of new materials and expansion of the program.

"In addition to language teaching, the app offers content in areas such as mathematics and science and can be downloaded for free from the Play Store," he pointed out.

The delegate from the Ministry of Education appealed to parents and guardians to encourage their children to use the platform outside of school as well, promoting the use of technology as a learning tool.

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