



## **Service of Social Action**

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This service was created in 1997 and is mainly financed by the Secretariado Coordenador das Associações para a Legalização (SCAL). Support was given in several areas, from helping families in need to providing information and guidance to immigrants, promoting African culture, etc.

We gave priority to situations caused most of all by rather serious diseases or by incapacity to work, since most of those people live alone and are elderly. These families live in various neighbourhoods in the outskirts of Lisbon.

We have sought to help some families by providing food, acquiring home equipment and furniture, restoring houses, guiding in situations of illegal status or of illness, promoting social reintegration and providing legal support in the context of work for immigrants in a precarious situation.