



Mid-term Evaluation of the FAMI 2030 Programme

Programme Summary

The principal objective of the FAMI 2030 Mid-Term Evaluation was *"to enhance the quality of the programme's design and implementation by identifying and proposing solutions to address potential issues affecting it."*

The methodological approach for this evaluation was structured around the logical framework of the FAMI 2030 intervention and aimed to address 13 evaluation questions. The evaluation process encompassed various methods for collecting and analysing information, including documentary and statistical gathering, eight interviews involving 12 organisations, two focus groups with 13 organisations, and a survey reaching 102 applicant organisations, of which 69 provided valid responses.

The evaluation showed numerous contextual changes have occurred, increasing significantly asylum applications and migratory flows of Third Country Nationals (TCN) to Portugal. These changes should be considered to ensure that the Programme meets current and future needs. In this new context, expanding the human resources allocated to the Programme is crucial to address this new challenge.

The Managing Authority successfully developed an initial strategy for launching Calls for Applications, which showed improved quality compared to the previous programme period, addressing all objectives and promptly responding to the most pressing needs. This was crucial in terms of the urgency of the issues and in supporting continuity projects. The fund management expertise of the Managing Authority, whose team is being strengthened, and the engagement with stakeholders—through the Monitoring Committee and bilateral/thematic meetings—played a significant role in transitioning between programme periods and adopting adaptive correction strategies.

The FAMI 2030 Programme aligns with supported initiatives in migration and asylum, particularly with the support offered through the Thematic Fund's Instrument, reinforcing complementarities and strengthening outcomes.

The design and implementation of the Management and Control System were timely and provided the appropriate conditions to meet the demands of the managing and operationalising cycle. The effects of the simplification, transparency, and predictability measures in the management of the Programme are positive, highlighted by the publication of the annual plan of Calls, the enhancement of the content of the Calls, and the adoption of simplified cost methodologies. The Balcão dos Fundos and the Linha dos Fundos serve as gateways to Portugal 2030 and FAMI 2030, contributing to simplifying and reducing the administrative burden on beneficiaries.

The FAMI 2030 is essential for implementing key actions and achieving long-term results in migration and asylum in Portugal, aiming for more significant and better integration of TCN into Portuguese society. The additional value of the Programme is also demonstrated by the fact that more than half of the entities that would have proceeded even without the Programme's support stated they would have reduced the financial aspects of the projects and/or the target audience supported.