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Contexto é chave, entendes?



Na medida em que procuramos entender a criação de sistemas sustentáveis, nossa apreciação pelo contexto em que operamos é vital. Quando queremos influenciar o futuro, aprendendo do passado dever nos ajudar.

“Os sistemas que desenhamos e dentro das quais operamos são complexos,” explica o facilitador Richard Bawden. “São complexos devido as interações dentro dos sistemas e entres os sistemas, como entidades inteiras.” Os ambientes em que os sistemas operam

umentam esta complexidade.

A historia nos ensina que quando qualquer parte do sistema muda, interações entre os componentes do sistema mudam de maneiras imprevisíveis. A experiência também nos mostra que conhecimento e opiniões sobre melhorias não são tudo que esperamos ou que gostaríamos que fossem. Eles dependem do contexto e da circunstancia.

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AfricaWorks cria esperança para agricultores e comunidades



Tinashe

Working at the core of economic development in Mozambique, Tinashe Chitambira is making a difference in the lives of rural farmers and communities. The co-founder of AfricaWorks, Tinashe aids small

farmers by providing technical support, agricultural loans and expertise. Tinashe is attending this workshop with colleague and agricultural specialist Antonio Iguane.

A faith-based organization, AfricaWorks began in January. Since, it has grown a customer base of more 3,300.

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Sustainability with a conscience: The impacts of cashew production

The average business model may fail to consider the social implications of development and production on local levels. In the cashew industry in Mozambique, social impact is part of the plan.



Brad Paul

Brad Paul is a consultant hired by Technoserve to analyze the social and economic impact of cashew production on local levels. Technoserve has been involved in cashews for 10 years, but sees the need to know how do more for local communities beyond enabling their growth and stimulating local and individual incomes.

"Typically analyses often exclude the impacts of production on the local workforce, culture and society," says Brad. "Examining aspects of production from a holistic perspective is important to understanding development as subjective betterment that can be created by industry, policy-makers and NGOs."

Part analyst, part story-teller, Brad also believes in the importance of telling peoples' stories so that they can see their role in making history.

"This type of research and understanding can have far-reaching impacts upon local settings through the empowerment of local peoples, and the lessons learned provided to policy-makers, NGOs and the industry," says Brad.

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"Ainda ESTE conhecimento e ignorado com tanta freqüência que a única coisa que parece que aprendemos da historia e que na verdade não aprendemos nada da historia," comenta Bawden.

Devido a esta verdade, deveremos então olhar ao futuro para aprender; procurando saber como que o mundo ira evoluir se não mudamos nada do nosso comportamento no passado e no presente.

A utilização de conhecimentos in-

formados pelos contextos e orientados ao futuro poderá ser revolucionário para muitos. Requer certo nível de desconforto pois não conformem com as expectativas de que as pessoas devem ser e como devem actuar.

"Senão mudamos de maneira profunda nossa visão do mundo, e de como aprendemos sobre ele e o nosso papel dentre dele," diz Bawden, "não iremos alcançar nenhuma coisa diferente, significativa, ou profunda-

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AfricaWorks'
Antonio Inguane

AfricaWorks is enabling economic growth throughout the country.

Microfinance is one of AfricaWorks core deliverables.

It gives farmers resources to produce and sell a product, and pay-back their loans. SME, or Small to Medium Enterprises, is another program that enables those in rural settings to develop sustainable coconut and poultry operations. The program has generated jobs and income, and food for local communities. Technical support for crop and poultry production is another AfricaWorks service, helping farmers move their sales operations from local settings to the mainstream.

Tinashe calls upon more than 10 years experience working in agribusiness. His goal for AfricaWorks is to help his fellow Africans. "Giving something to small farmers, even something small, makes a difference," says Tinashe. "AfricaWorks is helping them engage with the mainstream and grow in new ways."

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