he Union of Portugal has tried to create ways to nsure that specific needs are addressed, in such reas as education, advocacy, empowerment of omen and protection of human rights.

he "global village" we live in today creates a set of terdependent dynamic fields of action in which our rojects help effectively to put those values into ractice.

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et's Go Green – Working for a Healthy nvironment – Symposium organized by the SI Union Portugal on Sustainable Environment. Held at the entro de Interpretação de Monsanto with the onsorship of the Lisbon Municipality from October 3 to 24, 2014 covering exhibitions, conferences, ebates and workshops in schools on topics such as: reen Economy, Renewable Energy, Citizenship and e Environment, Sustainable Wines and Cork roduction in Portugal, Health and Nutrition, Plastic ags and Recycling, Eating local produce, Gender and nvironment.

Cooperation Protocol was signed in October 2014 etween SI Union of Portugal and Movijovem, an ganization that runs a series of buildings some of nich of historical interest all over Portugal with commodation at reduced prices for young people d visitors. This will be an incentive for Soroptimists visit other clubs in other areas of the country.

sboa Fundador SI Club

mong other projects and initiatives, this club has helped sociação Cultural Moinho da Juventude, in Cova da pura (a community with a population of immigrants that me originally from Cabo Verde, now in their second or rd generation in Portugal) with actions such as the planting trees at the entrance, creating a welcoming entrance area ar the kindergarten, which is very well run and a great help working parents. The canteen produces over 500 meals a y and some of the children take food home, so the club ovided proper containers that can be carried in backpacks. olar ovens were provided.
e club also give support to Casa de Sant'Ana in Algueirão d welcomes women and their children who are in uations of risk and help in their social reinsertion.
llaboration with the medical assistance provided to meless and elderly people who are in need by Associação d.Isboa. Help is also given to the sisters of Convento dos rdais in Lisbon whose sisters house and assist severely abled children and adults.

sboa Sete Colinas SI Club

is club supports *Os Franciscquinhos*, which is an sociation of Parents and Friends of the Children of S. ncisco Hospital. Founded in 1994, it is a private institution

promotion of family autonomy, professional training and defence of environment.
A member of this club is also a volunteer supporting cancerous people in *Liga dos Amigos do Hospital S. Francisco Xavier*.
This club is also supporting young people, especially of Cape Verde Islands and Timor, mainly in terms of education.
A member of this club was elected to belong to the Commission for Citizenship and Equality of Gender, in Lisbon.

Club SI Estoril-Cascais

This club has, among other initiatives, supported a project that provides weekly group therapy for disabled youths to facilitate and help them develop social skills – the Rebind Project was granted some financial help from the SI Action Fund in 2014.
Social integration through the practice of sports – Associação Assomada has for the last 25 years trained several handball teams, from junior players to athletes who integrate national teams. These girls, all ages, come from the local Cape Verdean community. They are also helped with coaching in their school subjects by a member of the club.
The social worker responsible for this work was granted an SI scholarship and has now successfully completed a MA degree on the subject.

SI Club Porto Invicta

This S.I. club focusses primarily in working to aid women and children who are victims of Domestic Violence. With the help of local and national entities its late founder, Teresa Rosmaninho, created a shelter named Porto d'Abrigo where it can house 16 women and their children giving them temporary accommodation and preparing them for an independent life. After their founder's demise a prize for young women leaders was created in her name - Prêmio Teresa Rosmaninho. The house was created with the support of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Work and Social Security, Porto Municipality – the residence is directed by members of the club and managed by specialized staff.

Setúbal SI Club

This club has devoted its efforts to supporting elderly members of the community, by means of providing them with tele-assistance in association with Santa Casa da Misericórdia in Azeitão. This project was an innovation and a pioneering effort in Portugal aimed at old people living on their own, so that they have a lifeline in case of an emergency.
The club also lends its support to the Social Restaurant of the Parish Nossa Senhora da Conceição, in Setúbal, so as to guarantee that the population who is on the poverty line has the minimum necessary in terms of healthy meals.

Évora SI Club

The club is providing support for unemployed people, gathering donations of food and clothing for local communities. Partnership has been established with local associations. The club raised funds to help 2 women who were victims of slavery and human trafficking and also for victims of domestic violence and women with mental illness with the support of Casa Abrigo de Évora (housing around 20 women). It also performs awareness raising actions in the area of environmental education. Support is also given to young artists in the field of photography and music. It has a project to support the Évora Maternity which is in progress.

Caldas da Rainha SI Club

The club has provided the allocation of tele-alarms to elderly members of the community. They have supported a group of women who are weavers and produce beautiful traditional garments in cotton, linen and wool and helped promote their work. *As Capuchinhas* won an award for entrepreneurship among rural women.
A grant of 1.000 euros was provided to an arts and design student.
More recently they have given wholehearted support to a project developed by one of their members which encompasses group sessions with cancer patients that range from: art therapy, meditation and other courses under a project named *Olha-te* (Looking at Yourself) which was awarded the Teresa Rosmaninho Prize in 2014.

SI Lisboa Caravela Club

Support is given to small businesses run by women providing micro-credit and business skills training.
Fund raising events for various charities are organized, such as a very successful ballet rehearsal in November 2014 was open to the public who bought tickets to attend.
An ongoing project is the manufacture of heart-shaped pillows for women who have undergone breast surgery – distributed to many hospitals in the Lisbon area and much appreciated.
A conference was organised in coordination with CrescerSer, a Portuguese Private Institution of Social Solidarity that aims to promote and organize community support services to children and adolescents deprived from their families by court orders or reported by the National Commission of Child Protection from danger within the family, with seven Centres for Temporary Shelter: for children aged 0 to 12 years, for boys and for girls from 12 to 18 years.

SI Club Tavira

The most recently founded S.I. club in Portugal (March 2015), the Tavira SI Club aims at helping local communities that have been hit hard by the current economic crisis. This club supports the Irene Roto Foundation based in Tavira, a Private Social Solidarity Institution, that works to help the handicapped population by offering Professional training to handicapped young people and adults who are unemployed, providing also Occupational Activities (to youths who are over 16 years of age with severe disabilities), and Early Intervention (aimed at children up to 6/7 years of age who are disabled or in a situation of risk and internment for youths or adults with severe disabilities deprived of a family environment. The club also takes part in Projeto Mão na Arte (Project Art Hands On), coordinated by Tela Leão, aimed at promoting art course for young people who wish to further their education in that field. The club contributed with grants of 250€ so that local students could attend these art courses.

AWARDS
Teresa Rosmaninho Award (see SI Club Porto Invicta above)
Prize Maria de Lourdes Bettencourt (recently created by Clube Lisboa Fundador)



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