

Professional Biography:

Maria Helena Quino Boaventura

Head of National Department of Community Actions, Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate

Maria Helena da Graça Mateus Quino Boaventura, born on July 20, 1975, in Luanda, daughter of Francisco Quino and Maria Basilissa da Graça Mateus Quino.

Her academic background consists of a higher education degree in Educational Sciences, with a specialization in Sociology, obtained from the ISCED Higher Institute.

Her professional experience spans various administrative and institutional roles within both private enterprises and public institutions. She currently serves as the Head of the National Department of Community Actions within the Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate of the Civil Protection and Fire Service.

In her capacity as a senior officer, she has represented the Republic of Angola at various international forums, with a particular focus on events organized by the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Boaventura has consistently pursued advanced technical training. Her qualifications include programs such as Emergency Medicine at Prenda Hospital and Risk Reduction with Gender Integration in the Republic of Cameroon. Also holds expertise in the Participatory Assessment of Capacities and Vulnerabilities at both community and national levels.

Maria Helena specialized training further encompasses the Regional Course on Integrated Risk Management and Civil Protection, as well as the Course on Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development offered by the International Labour Organization (ILO), where she earned certification as a Trainer. Furthermore, Ms. Boaventura contributed to the Gender Action Plan in Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy Workshop in February 2020 in Libreville, Gabon, and completed training in the Coordination and Management of Reception Centers facilitated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Most recently, Maria Helena attended the 1st Regional Consultation and Learning Workshop on Adaptive Social Protection, which took place from February 3rd to 5th, 2026, in Johannesburg.