Xuxa’s 2009 Visit to the Home Kuzola in Luanda

In October 2009, world-famous entertainer Xuxa visited Angola from her native Brazil to join in the celebration of Angola-Brazil Friendship Day. Escorted by Valdomiro Minoru Dondo and his wife Semiramis, she visited the [Home Kuzola](http://www.portalangop.co.ao/angola/en_us/noticias/sociedade/Kuzola-children-home-receives-donation%2C09b94f20-a194-48d1-b4dd-329b5c3c5ac5.html), a children’s home in Luanda.

Founded in 1976, the year after Angola’s civil war began, the Home Kuzola today houses more than 300 children. Some have been injured by war or orphaned, and others have been abandoned by their families.

Xuxa entertained the children and danced with them, and afterward spoke about how touched she was. Xuxa, who herself has a daughter, admitted that the plight of so many of the world’s children seems like an insurmountable problem.

For Valdomiro Minoru Dondo, the visit was part of the long process of healing after Angola’s civil war, which ended in 2002 after 27 years. He began investing in infrastructure and industrial projects in Angola in 1992, while the social and political climate was highly volatile and dangerous; he nevertheless committed himself to investments that would benefit the people regardless of which side won. Since the civil war’s end, Angola’s social, economic and political climates have stabilized significantly. The war is over, but many of its victims remain, and Valdomiro Minoru Dondo includes them in his vision of a healed and prosperous Angola.