



Alzira Salete Menegat¹

EDITORIAL

The team of RealizAção Journal, based in the Pro-Rectorry of Extension and Culture/PROEC, of the Federal University of Grande Dourados/UFGD, is pleased to share the second volume of the year 2023, containing reflections on actions developed by extension workers, professors, students, staff of the technical area and also by people from society in general, from different Brazilian regions and Mato Grosso do Sul.

The articles that comprise this issue deal with diverse themes, encompassing the different areas of academic knowledge, socializing results and experiences obtained with university extension actions, developed with urban and rural social groups, articulated through emancipatory initiatives in relation to human rights and cultural, educational and technological processes.

Thus, in the set of articles that we now present, there are reflections that aim to exchange knowledge, those produced academically, combined with the partnerships established in the planning and development of actions.

We aim to propagate such knowledge, making it circulate through another issue of RealizAção Journal, reinforcing the commitment of this important periodical to university extension, thus being able to produce possibilities to reach a greater number of readers, accessing information, experiences, knowledge that aim to think about the social, cultural, environmental, economic and political reality with regard to relations between people, educational and cultural processes, as well as the means of production. The focus is on good living, the ultimate purpose of extension. In the set of reflections that comprise this issue, we present the following articles:

The article **"COMMUNICATING SCIENCE: SOCIAL NETWORKS AS CHANNELS TO SHARE UFGD EXTENSION ACTIONS"** brings reflections on Instagram, one of the channels used by the Pro-Rectorry of Extension and Culture/PROEC, of the Federal University of Grande Dourados, to publicize the

¹ Contributor to the online Journal of Extension and Culture - RealizAção

extension actions it promotes, which are developed by teachers, technicians, and students in societal contexts. For the authors, dissemination through Instagram represents "an effective and low-cost means for universities to publicize their activities," providing increased visibility of extension actions, leading to greater circulation of their results, valuing the work of society and enhancing the exchange of knowledge.

Another article that makes up the set of this edition, entitled **“A CULTURE PROJECT IN INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING IN PEDAGOGY: CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING WITH BABIES”**, reflects on the effects that cultural activity promotes in babies. These are the results of extension experiences of professors and students of the Pedagogy course at the State University of Mato Grosso do Sul (UEMS), University Unit of Dourados-MS, resulting from actions developed by the group through various extension projects that aimed to expand the cultural repertoire of babies and promote the inclusion of children of the youngest age group.

In this edition, we also have the article named **“THE CHALLENGES OF DEALING WITH SEXUALITY ISSUES BY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHERS”**, and in it, we can access analyses on the theme of sexuality in Early Childhood Education, a fundamental contribution to children's safety. The focus of the reflection is on the challenges of dealing with sexuality issues by Early Childhood Education teachers, aiming to overcome the idea that this is a theme "often denied and, almost always, judged as inappropriate by current society," therefore, absent in teacher training.

“INFLUENCES AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CENTER FOR AFRO-BRAZILIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES AT IFMS - PONTA PORÃ CAMPUS” is the title of another article in this edition. In it, the authors present the NEABI/IFMS, of Ponta Porã, making a reading of its structure, but especially analyzing the results of the actions that this center has developed with the academic community and society in general, on the theme of ethnic-racial relations, aiming to "contribute to the cultural, ethnic, linguistic diversity and socio-biodiversity of Afro-Brazilian and Indigenous peoples, which are considered material and immaterial heritage of Brazilian society."

The article **“SEWING AND SOLIDARITY ART: STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE GREATER DOURADOS-MS REGION”** seeks to share university extension experiences with a group of women

seamstresses and artisans, linked to the solidarity economy. These are women who have formed an organized collective, as an alternative for female empowerment and through it, have strengthened themselves in a sewing and arts organization, enabling the production of various handicrafts, starting from the cultural practices of the group's women, re-signifying meanings and forms, adding commercial value, serving as a source of income generation for the artisans.

Another article, named **“THE USE OF EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES IN TEACHING RECYCLING AND PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS”**, presents reflections directed at the results obtained with the dialogues between students of the Biological Sciences course, with elementary school students, forwarding educational processes and educational practices in dealing with the theme of education and the environment, with a focus on proper waste disposal.

“PANTANAL ON STAGE: EXPLORING THE CULTURE OF MATO GROSSO DO SUL THROUGH A DIGITAL GAME” is an article that reflects on the development of the digital game "Capybara Ninja," through which the culture of the Pantanal, of the peoples of Mato Grosso do Sul, is presented. The game is organized through a playful and engaging approach that "captivates players with an engaging narrative that encompasses cultural traditions, languages, historical influences and the unique ecology of the Pantanal."

In the set of articles in the magazine, we have one more entitled **“THE FOOD ACQUISITION PROGRAM (PAA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGUAATEMI-MS: PRODUCING FOOD AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT”**, in which the authors analyze the results provided in the municipality of Iguatemi-MS, by the Food Acquisition Program (PAA), making a historical analysis and also understanding the scope of the program in family production units, in agrarian reform settlements of that municipality.

Another article, named **“AGROECOLOGY AND EDUCATION: THE RESCUE OF CREOLE SEEDS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE SOUTHERN MATO GROSSO LATIFUNDIUM”**, brings important reflections on agroecological educational experiences with students from schools located in the east of Mato Grosso do Sul, in the Bolsão territory, focusing on the experiences achieved with creole seeds and their relationship with the environment.

Added to the set of articles is one entitled **“SILVIPASTORY SYSTEM IN AREAS OF SMALL RURAL FARMERS IN MATO GROSSO DO SUL”** containing debates on the Silvipastoral System, an activity developed in the Cabeceira do Rio Iguatemi-MS settlement, highlighting that this model brings numerous environmental advantages, soil fertility and well-being for animals, since it is a model that combines the association between "agriculture, livestock and forestry, creating a sustainable environment, improving the socioeconomic and environmental characteristics, the productive system and the quality of life of the rural family."

The article entitled **“UNIVERSITY EXTENSION ALLIED WITH THE BREEDING OF NATIVE BEES AS AN INCOME-PROMOTING ACTIVITY FOR SMALL PRODUCERS AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE”** presents results of an extension action developed with rural producers in Mato Grosso do Sul, with the installation of a sustainable breeding unit for stingless bees. The installation of the unit brought as a main result "the multiplication of stingless bees, directly contributing to the conservation of local biodiversity and ecological balance, in addition to promoting a better quality of life for small rural producers."

“RURAL EXTENSION IN THE PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC HONEY AND INCOME GENERATION FOR WOMEN IN THE AREIAS RURAL SETTLEMENT - NIOAQUE-MS” is an article that broadens the debate on the importance of beekeeping activity in rural settlements, reflecting on how this activity has been developed in the apiary of the Areias settlement, in Nioaque-MS, a place where apiary management work counts on the participation of women, the people most involved in beekeeping activities, producing food and female autonomy.

Finally, in the set of 12 articles that constitute this edition of Realização Magazine, reflections can be accessed that express university extension projects and actions, developed and systematized with social commitment, based on the concern to produce and exchange knowledge that enables good living, the guiding thread of university extension.