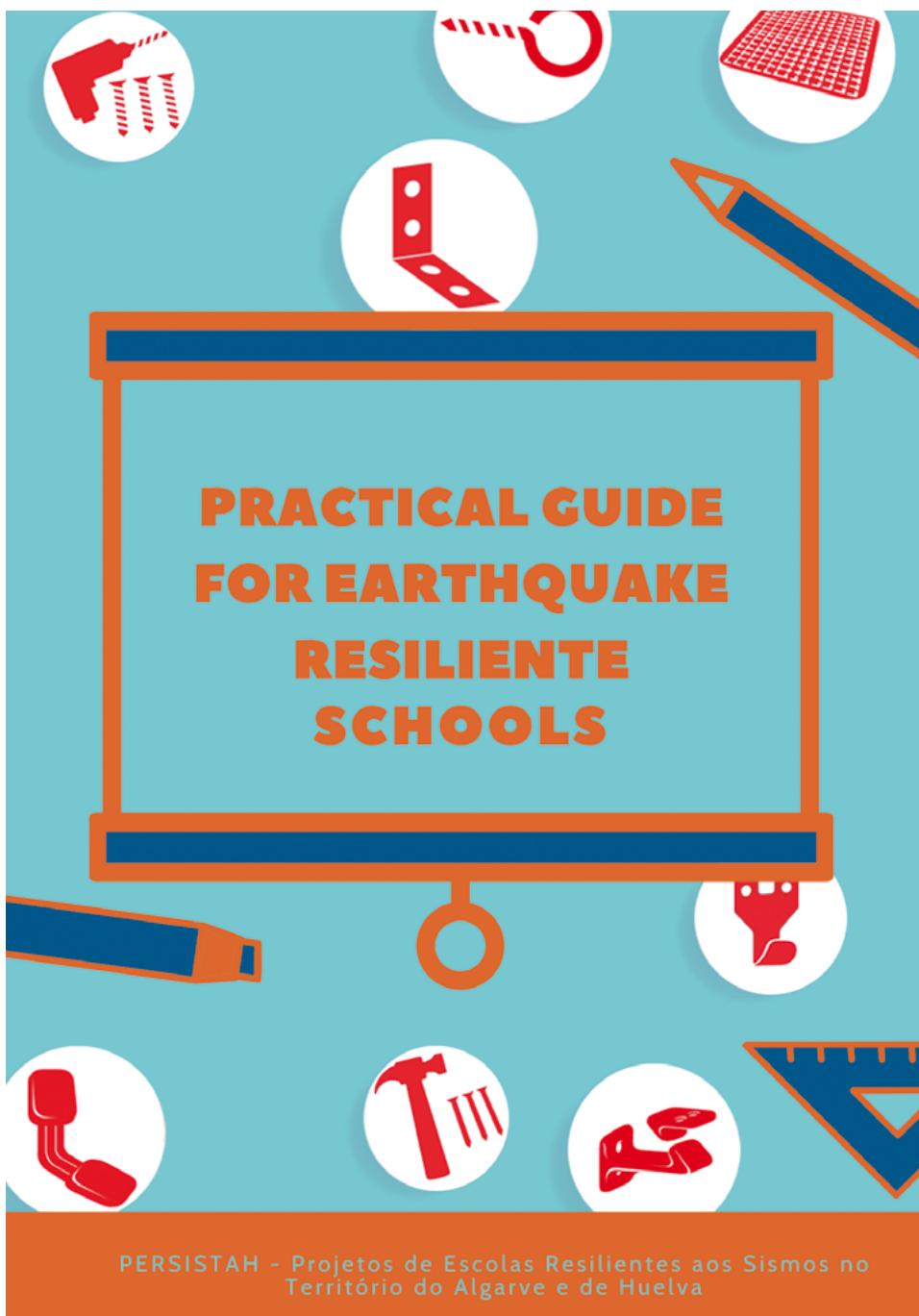


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This guide is intended to be a resource, and not a manual, for increasing the resilience of an educational community, by showing the community what they can do on their own account and how they can strengthen their ability to handle seismic risk (for example, being informed and familiarised with the characteristics that affect the vulnerability of an area in the event of an earthquake, and prepared to protect the students under their responsibility before the earth shakes).

This "Practical Guide for Earthquake Resilient Schools" therefore has a dual aim:

1. To provide a tool that allows the school community to identify, assess, mitigate and monitor the risks and adverse effects that they may face in the event of an earthquake, both on and off school grounds. The guide focuses particularly on the effects caused by the non-structural elements that are one of the main causes of the property, human and functional losses during an earthquake, which occasionally prevent classes from starting again for an indefinite period of time.
2. To draw up an intervention model (mitigation plan) that can be applied to all educational levels, increasing the seismic resilience of the school community.

This guide allows the teaching staff and management team of schools to play an active role in managing risks in their schools, promoting and strengthening the long-term and effective participation of the entire educational community.