

AVOCATS SANS FRONTIÈRES FRANCE

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Là où la défense n'a plus la parole

2024

EDITO

Another year of challenges!

For ASF France, 2024 will see the continuation of its projects in Nigeria, to strengthen the protection of the digital rights of human rights defenders (journalists, bloggers), in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire to support the media fighting for conflict prevention, in Greece, where our Legal Centre has been working since 2019 to support people in exile, and in the Republic of Congo to support minors in conflict with the law.

2024 will also be a year of new projects and challenges, in Guinea to support victims of gender-based violence, in Cameroon to support people deprived of their liberty, and in Laos, where we will be helping to strengthen mechanisms to fight corruption, which remains a major obstacle to respect for the rights and freedoms of the most vulnerable.

Finally, the coming year will be a time for reflection and the implementation of new actions in conflict zones, in support of the defence of the environment and of those who, at all times and in all places, act to defend the environment and are threatened, imprisoned or condemned because of this commitment.

Our strength lies in our volunteers, our partners and our staff, so we thank you all for your ongoing support, which enables us to continue to work for the most vulnerable and to take action wherever defence no longer has a voice.



Matthieu Bagard
Co- President



Paul-Albert Iweins
Co- President

TESTIMONIES WITHOUT BORDERS



It is very important for me to support noble causes such as Avocats Sans Frontières France, women who are victims of domestic or gender-based violence, children's rights, and many others.

I became a lawyer over 20 years ago. The right to a defence is a fundamental principle of French law.

We need to set up more 'Permanences Solidaires' so that we can provide financial assistance to all the associations that help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

Alexandra LY - Lawyer at the Toulouse Bar, participant in the Permanences Solidaires in 2023.



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KURDISTAN



LAOS

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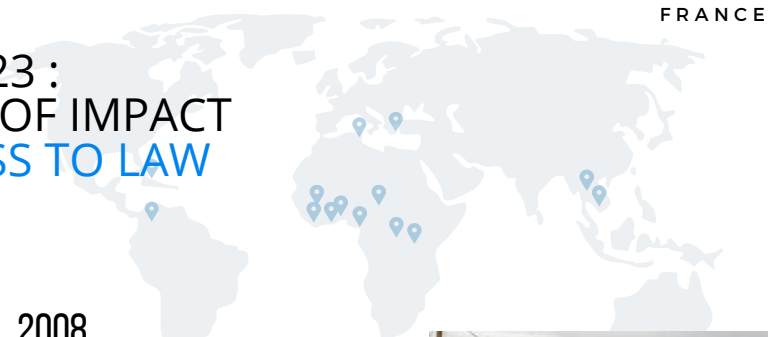


RÉPUBLIQUE DU CONGO

RAMADE : Capacity building for national actors and advocacy to put an end to serious human rights violations



1998 - 2023 : 25 YEARS OF IMPACT ON ACCESS TO LAW



1998

Creation of ASF France by François Cantier.

Several lawyers, future members of ASF France, take part in the founding project of the Avocats Sans Frontières movement, "Justice for all in Rwanda", enabling fair trials to be held with the acquittal of hundreds of innocent people and assistance to thousands of victims.

1999

Legal aid system project in Kosovo :

defence of persons prosecuted for crimes against humanity or war crimes, and training of lawyers, judges and prosecutors in the new international legal instruments.



2004

Beginning of our work in Nigeria: combating the death penalty and eradicating torture in places of detention. In 2020, ASF France will extend its work to include the issues of extrajudicial executions and arbitrary detention.

2006

Access to law projects in Cambodia: installation of lawyers throughout Cambodia, training of judicial staff, access to justice for citizens and defence of victims of the Khmer Rouge before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC).

2008

Beginning of collaboration with ASF Mali in the defence of unjustly detained persons, accompanied by training for players in the criminal justice system in international human rights protection tools.



2014

A project to combat homophobia in Cameroon, raising awareness and training the media, religious authorities and those involved in the criminal justice system to protect the rights of LGBTI+ people, while defending them before national courts.

2015

Defending the rights of migrants in Calais. In 2015, ASF France chose to intervene in Calais, where some 3,000 migrants from Eritrea, Sudan, Syria and Afghanistan are concentrated.

2016

Two new projects: in Chad, to defend women and minors imprisoned and victims of ill-treatment; in Côte d'Ivoire, to support human rights defenders who are harassed or threatened because of their commitment.



2018

Launch of two projects dedicated to women's rights and gender-based violence, first in the province of Battambang in Cambodia, then in Mali in 2019.

2019

Samos Legal Centre set up in Greece to help asylum seekers.

2021

Three missions were carried out in Iraqi Kurdistan and Rojava (Syrian Kurdistan), where nearly 200 French children and 80 women are still being held.

ASF France starts activities in the Republic of Guinea relating to access to the law and support for civil society.

2022 - 2023

ASF France is launching activities to strengthen the positive role of civil society, including digital media, in conflict prevention.

First projects to promote a safe digital space in Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Nigeria.

“ WHERE THE DEFENCE NO LONGER HAS A SAY, WE ACT. ”

WHO ARE WE ?

Founded in 1998, Avocats Sans Frontières France (ASF France) is a not-for-profit international solidarity association governed by the French law of 1 July 1901. It helps to ensure that fundamental rights are respected throughout the world, wherever this is useful and necessary. Our work is guided by 3 fundamental values that lie at the heart of our actions: Justice, Solidarity and Freedom.

OUR MISSIONS

PROMOTE ACCESS TO LAW AND TO FAIR JUSTICE

FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM JUSTICE, ARBITRARILY DETAINED OR TORTURED.

DEFEND ALL PERSONS DEPRIVED OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT DEFENCE, AS WELL AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS THREATENED OR VIOLATED IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

STRENGTHEN THE POWER TO ACT AND THE AUTONOMY OF LOCAL PLAYERS IN THE DEFENCE AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (CIVIL SOCIETY AND PLAYERS IN THE PENAL CHAIN).

OUR ACTION STRATEGY

ASF France defends, on a pro bono basis, anyone whose fundamental rights are threatened and who is deprived of a free and independent defence. We also intervene when a lawyer is subject to pressure related to his or her profession: threats, imprisonment, assassination. Beyond the lawyer's status, it is the citizen who is deprived of defence and therefore of justice. ASF France aims to promote access to the law. This is why we are involved in setting up legal aid and court systems.

With this in mind, we are working to bring the protection of the law to the most vulnerable people in places where it does not exist: providing legal services (itinerant or sedentary consultations), strengthening judicial systems, raising awareness among the population and judicial actors, etc. Finally, ASF France is committed to strengthening the power to act and the autonomy of local actors in the justice system and in the defence and promotion of human rights. To this end, we offer them initial and ongoing training tailored to their specific needs.



AMAZONIA

Project duration : January 2024 - December 2024

Areas of intervention : State of Pará - Brazilian Amazonia

BACKGROUND

The region known as Bas-Tocantins, located in the state of Pará, has become a strategic location for companies with significant activities in the international commodities market, as well as one of the main logistical hubs for Brazilian exports from the Centre-West and the Amazon, particularly soya, minerals, livestock and timber.

Barcarena is the municipality in the Lower Tocantins that concentrates the presence of major companies and where logistics are allocated to link the Brazilian Amazon and the Centre-West to the international market. It is already home to major bulk and mineral ports.

The Barcarena industrial district currently has 94 companies operating in an area of over 8,000 hectares, and the government of Helder Barbalho has encouraged its expansion.

The association FASE (Federação de Órgãos para Assistência Social e Educacional - Federation of Organisations for Social and Educational Assistance), which is involved in organising and developing local, community and associative actions in Brazil, plans to denounce and bring to justice the socio-environmental crimes committed by the mining companies in Barcarena.

ASF France has been asked by FASE to provide training and tools to help it meet the expectations of communities with regard to the process of making companies, particularly French companies, accountable.

OBJECTIVE

Building the capacity of the FASE association and popular educators in terms of corporate duty of care.

OUTLOOK FOR 2024

In partnership with CCFD Terre Solidaire, ASF France is going to **train and equip** popular educators and members of FASE so that they can **understand and pass on** to communities the elements relating to corporate duty of care.



PARTNERS



CCFD-Terre Solidaire is a French NGO founded in 1961, which works for international solidarity by supporting development projects, fighting injustice and promoting human rights.



FASE, founded in Brazil in 1961, is an NGO working for local development, resistance to dictatorship and the promotion of democracy, with an emphasis on community organisation and the fight against social, economic and environmental inequalities.

PAGOC

PROJECT TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED PRISON GOVERNANCE IN CAMEROON

Project duration: April 2024 - March 2027
Intervention areas: Yaoundé, Douala, Bafoussam, Buea, Bamenda, Garoua and Maroua

BACKGROUND

Cameroon has a legislative framework that protects human rights, enshrined in the 1996 Constitution and supported by the ratification of various international conventions. Despite this progress, the country faces major challenges, notably an increase in arbitrary arrests and pre-trial detention, leading to prison overcrowding, particularly in dilapidated establishments with occupancy rates often exceeding 600%. In 2021, 58% of prisoners were on remand. The crackdown on acts of terrorism, broadly defined by the 2014 law, has led to arbitrary arrests, military trials for civilians, and the frequent use of the death penalty.

Material conditions in prisons are critical, with inequality of treatment between prisoners. Foreigners and women are particularly affected, with frequent human rights violations at all levels of the penal system. Epidemics of Covid-19 and cholera in 2022 highlighted the deplorable hygiene conditions and poor access to healthcare for prisoners. The lack of professional and psychological support exacerbates the vulnerability of ex-prisoners, contributing to a high rate of recidivism.

OBJECTIVES

- **To contribute** to the consolidation of prison and judicial governance that is sensitive to human rights and the protection of people in detention, particularly the most vulnerable detainees in Cameroon.
- **To put in place** a participatory and inclusive process mobilising all stakeholders in order to improve access to justice for vulnerable detainees, their conditions of detention, their socio-professional reintegration and the effective application of alternative sentences with a view to reducing the prison population.
- **Contribute** to a paradigm shift in the representation and perception of the prison system, which today is more oriented towards punishment and degradation.

"PAGOC is an innovative project that will help to relieve overcrowding in detention centres in Cameroon. This project places great emphasis on the reintegration of prisoners who have been supported. The baseline studies that will be carried out will undoubtedly form an important basis for addressing the issue of access to justice for prisoners in Cameroon. [...] The partners' militant commitment to justice and respect for human rights is a major asset for the success of the project." **Théophile Sobngwi - RIDEV Executive Coordinator**

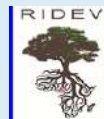
OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Mapping** the actors involved in promoting and protecting the rights of detainees.
- **Training** lawyers and other players in the criminal justice system in the protection of human rights and the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.
- **Legal assistance** for people deprived of their liberty in vulnerable situations or on remand.
- **Raising awareness** among detainees of their rights, remedies and legal procedures through a guide.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS



Le Réseau Camerounais des Organisations des Droits de l'Homme (RECODH) is a network of associations and groups of associations working to promote and protect human rights and governance.



Research Institute for Development (RIDEV) is a not-for-profit civil society organisation working on behalf of vulnerable populations. Its main mission is to improve the quality of life of people living in areas of conflict or at risk.

FUNDING SOURCES



SAMOS LEGAL CENTRE

Project duration : Since January 2019
Area of intervention : Greece, island of Samos

*"Being a member of Samos Legal Centre is a daily challenge. So our team does its best to support asylum seekers to access legal aid and fight for their fundamental rights."
 Dimitra Dokanari, Greek lawyer at the Samos Legal Centre*

BACKGROUND

Samos, an island in the Aegean Sea, lies opposite the Turkish coast. Its geographical location makes it one of the main entry points for asylum seekers travelling through Turkey to seek international protection in Europe. In response to the significant lack of legal assistance on the island, Avocats Sans Frontières France opened the Samos Legal Centre in January 2019 and has since been providing legal support to asylum seekers who are geographically restricted in Samos. The team of Greek female lawyers and international and community volunteers works in cooperation with local actors and partners to ensure access to justice and that the right to seek asylum is protected.

- **Strengthen** the capacities of the project, which is entering its 5th year of existence. Strengthening cooperation with other players. Optimising tools and the workplace. Improve internal data protection policies.

OBJECTIVE

- **Help** guarantee the right to seek asylum and protect the fundamental rights of asylum seekers.

OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Increase** the sharing of legal information on the asylum procedure. Setting up weekly legal advice sessions with our partners operating near the camp. Information workshops on the asylum procedure for asylum seekers. Awareness-raising workshops for non-legal actors on the island.
- **Develop** strategic advocacy and litigation actions. Introduction of requests for interim measures before the ECHR for asylum seekers in extremely vulnerable situations. Submission of applications to the Greek Ombudsman. Participation in joint declarations.
- **Continue** to provide legal support to as many asylum seekers as possible in Samos. Preparation for asylum interviews. Take charge of cases before the Appeals Committees. Identifying and guiding people in vulnerable situations. Preparing and submitting applications for reconsideration. Support for family reunification procedures.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS



Samos Volunteers is a volunteer movement offering asylum seekers informal education, hygiene services and psychosocial support.

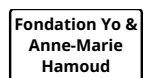


I Have Rights is a legal and political NGO that provides access to personalised legal information and support to people on the move in Samos.



Human Rights Legal Project, founded in 2020 in Samos by humanitarian workers, has established a legal referral channel for asylum seekers and refugees who wish to lodge a complaint or seek legal assistance when they have been the victim of a human rights violation.

FUNDING SOURCES



IMPACT

USING DIGITAL MEDIA TO ACTIVELY PREVENT CONFLICT AND TENSION



Project duration: 1 March 2022 - 29 February 2024

Areas of intervention: Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire

"The Réseau des Professionnels de la Presse en Ligne de Côte d'Ivoire (REPPRELCI) is honoured to participate in the IMPACT project. This important project has made it possible to carry out several relevant activities for the press ecosystem, but also for peace and social cohesion. These activities include the caravan that REPPRELCI is about to organise to combat misinformation and hate speech. The caravan will visit 10 of the country's major cities to train and raise awareness among students and other civilians about the dangers of misinformation and hate speech. Some 10,000 beneficiaries are targeted by this caravan".
Lassina Serme, President of REPPRELCI

BACKGROUND

The IMPACT project was born out of the need to strengthen the positive role of civil society in West Africa, including the digital media, in conflict prevention in order to participate more globally in the consolidation of sustainable peace. IMPACT supports civil society in maximising the potential of the media (traditional, community and social) to influence conflict dynamics and help build and consolidate sustainable peace in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. In this sense, the project considers that civil society should be able to play a central role in conflict prevention and should therefore benefit from capacity building.

The activities implemented are complementary and are aimed at analysing the role of the media in covering conflicts and encouraging the creation of synergies to support exchange and experience, building the capacity of the media by equipping them with tools to maximise their potential, and finally mobilising the media and civil society players against hate speech and in favour of dialogue processes.

OBJECTIVES

- **To help** consolidate lasting peace in West Africa.
- **Strengthen** the positive role of civil society, including digital media, in conflict prevention.

FUNDING SOURCES



OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Implementing measures** to encourage fact-checking and media self-regulation by strengthening the Observatoire des Médias Numériques en Côte d'Ivoire (OMENCI).
- **Raising awareness** among citizen journalists about hatred and misleading information by means of multiform content in Côte d'Ivoire.
- **Capacity-building** for citizens on the potential of digital media through the provision of a MOOC on the fight against disinformation and hate speech.
- **Training** workshop on combating misinformation and hate speech in Guinea for 50 media owners and members of civil society.

PARTNERS



Danaïdes is an NGO that develops communication tools and channels for the protection of civilian populations in countries in conflict.



AfricTivistes is a pan-African network of bloggers and web-activists based in Senegal whose ambition is to promote and defend democratic values, human rights and good governance through digital means.



The Association des Blogueurs de Guinée (ABLOGUI) aims to promote citizen participation in building democracy through information and communication technologies.



The Réseau des Professionnels de la Presse en Ligne de Côte d'Ivoire (REPPRELCI) is a historic umbrella organisation for the digital media in Côte d'Ivoire, whose aim is to promote and develop the online press in the country.

LIBRE

COMBATING IMPUNITY FOR PERPETRATORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN GENDER EQUALITY IN GUINEA

Project duration: March 2024 - February 2027
Intervention areas : Guinea (Conakry, Kankan, Mamou)

"This new project, implemented in consortium with ASF France, will undoubtedly enable us to strengthen our actions in favour of access to justice for people in vulnerable situations, as well as in the care of victims of GBV in Guinea". Kadiatou Konate, Member of the Club of Young Girl Leaders of Guinea

BACKGROUND

Human rights in the Republic of Guinea face numerous institutional and socio-cultural obstacles. The situation of women is still marked by limited access to social services and productive resources, limited participation in decision-making processes at all levels and little recognition of their rights. According to the 2016 National Survey on GBV, 80.7% of women aged 15-69 have experienced emotional, psychological or physical violence at least once in their lives, and 29.3% have experienced sexual violence. In addition, the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) carried out for Guinea in 2018 reveals a worrying rate of early marriage and extremely widespread use of female circumcision.

However, real progress is being made in terms of women's rights and gender equality, thanks to the programmes and projects implemented by the government, development partners and CSOs. LIBRE has been designed to respond to these issues by strengthening civil society, which must play an important role in the fight against GBV in Guinea, in order to promote the effective implementation of pre-existing legislation on GBV and the conviction of the perpetrators of such violence.

OBJECTIVES

- **To contribute** to the fight against gender-based discrimination and, in particular, against GBV in Guinea.
- **To take part** in the fight against impunity for perpetrators of GBV by promoting access to justice for victims and encouraging a change in behaviour on the part of the authorities and the general public.

FUNDING SOURCES



OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Development** of a consultation framework for key players in the fight against GBV in Guinea.
- **Creation** of a database to collect, centralise and analyse data on GBV.
- **Advocacy** actions to systematically collect data on GBV.
- **Creation, leadership and training** of human rights and gender clubs in schools and universities in the project's target areas.
- **Holistic treatment** for victims of GBV and the necessary referrals.
- **Digital communication campaign** to raise public and official awareness of GBV and its prosecution.
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- **Lobbying the authorities** to promote the development of forensic medicine in Guinea.
- **Advocacy** for the creation of an integrated fund managed by civil society.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS



The Centre Guinéen de Promotion et de Protection des Droits de l'Homme (CPDH) is a Guinean NGO dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights. Its activities include raising public awareness, providing legal representation for victims, and lobbying the authorities for legislative and policy reforms to strengthen the protection of human rights.



The Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée (CJFLG), founded in February 2016, is an association campaigning for the rights of women and children in the Republic of Guinea. Its main activity is the fight against forced marriages, marital rape and genital mutilation.

IMPLIC

INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF STAKEHOLDERS IN PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY

Project duration: 50 months from March 2020

Areas of intervention: Metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince including Petit-Goâve, Cabaret and the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets, as well as the jurisdictions of Gonaïves, Cayes, Hinche / Mirebalais, Fort-Liberté, Jérémie, Jacmel, Grande-Rivière Nord, Cap-Haïtien and Port-de-Paix.

'The IMPLIC project's social reintegration programme aims to enable these vulnerable ex-prisoners, who are virtually isolated and excluded from society, to attend a technical school to learn a trade, find a job and forge social links in order to gain access to or regain personal and professional autonomy and, where appropriate, self-confidence so that they can better integrate into the community.'

Ketty Julien - Executive Director of IMED

BACKGROUND

The project is designed to address these issues, with the aim of helping to strengthen the rule of law and respect for human rights in Haiti. More specifically, the project aims to contribute to the defence and protection of the rights of people deprived of their liberty through the involvement and participation of national actors in Haiti. It is civil society and national actors who will bring about a change in behaviour and a sustainable strengthening of the protection and defence of the rights of people deprived of their liberty.

OBJECTIVES

- **Strengthening** the rule of law and protecting the rights of people deprived of their liberty in Haiti
- **Greater** involvement and participation of national civil society actors



FUNDING SOURCES



OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Socio-professional reintegration** of cases identified by project partner IMED.
- **Production** of video clips.
- **Training courses.**
- **Case management** by CALSDH.
- **Logistical support** for BINUH.



TECHNICAL PARTNERS



The **Collectif d'Avocat-e-s Spécialisé en Litige Stratégique des Droits Humains (CALSDH)** is a Haitian organisation working for better protection of human rights. CALSDH aims to bring emblematic cases before national and international courts that are likely to have an impact on society.



The **Institut Mobile d'Education Démocratique (IMED)** is a Haitian human rights organisation. IMED raises awareness among Haitians of their rights as citizens and voters through weekly radio programmes and information sessions, in collaboration with mobile educational clinics.

KURDISTAN

Project duration: Since 2020

Areas of intervention: Iraqi Kurdistan and Syrian Kurdistan

BACKGROUND

ASF France began its activities in connection with Kurdistan in 2020 following the fall of the Islamic State. Since then, hundreds of women and children from Europe have been held in camps in inhumane conditions. ASF France is helping to repatriate French nationals (children and women) held in camps under Kurdish administration.

OBJECTIVES

Contribute to the repatriation of French nationals (children and women) detained in camps under Kurdish administration with a view to :

- Care for the children,
- Bringing women to justice in France.

*"Faced with the dramatic conditions in which women, children and young adults are currently being held without right or title in camps and detention centres in north-eastern Syria, ASF France has mobilised alongside lawyers instructed by families in France, and has visited the area on 4 occasions to ensure that the urgent repatriation of these nationals finally takes place. ASF France also intervened as a third party before the European Court of Human Rights to ensure that the courts had a say in this situation, which is an affront to our fundamental values". **Mathieu Bagard, co-president of ASF France and voluntary expert.***

OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Advocacy** support for the repatriation of French nationals (children and women) illegally detained in camps in north-eastern Syria.
- **Study** of the situation of men and young adults who have reached adulthood and are detained in the camps in north-eastern Syria.
- **Follow-up** on the judgment of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights condemning France under Article 3§2 of Protocol No. 4 to the Convention, which states that no one shall be deprived of the right to enter the territory of the State of which he is a national.
- **Capacity-building** for lawyers at the Erbil bar via online training.



Erbil Citadel, city of Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan

MAACI

MULTISTAKEHOLDER ALLIANCE AGAINST CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN LAOS

Project duration : July 2024 - June 2028

Areas of intervention : Laos

BACKGROUND

Laos ranks 126th out of 180 countries in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). Despite progress, according to the UNDP, corruption in Laos still disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable populations, limiting their access to essential services and opportunities for socio-economic progress, which perpetuates the cycle of poverty and marginalisation, further exacerbating social inequalities. Although Laos has ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption and consequently enacted a national anti-corruption law in 2005, the high level of corruption and impunity in the country is a major concern for the achievement of the government's OBJECTIVES in the fight against corruption and impunity.

The project aims to address these issues by bringing together state and non-state actors in the fight against corruption to participate in the amendment of the anti-corruption law, with the aim of creating a more inclusive and participatory legal framework. Through this collaborative effort, the proposed action has the potential to lead to significant progress in the fight against corruption.

OBJECTIVES

- **To strengthen** accountability and transparency in Laos, ensuring fair and impartial access to justice and essential services for all citizens.
- **To strengthen** the capacity of the State Inspection Authority (SIA) to take anti-corruption measures and fight impunity at national and local levels.
- **Increase** the awareness and capacity of citizens and civil society organisations to identify and report misconduct that hinders citizens' access to justice and services.

"MAACI is an essential project that will contribute to the government's national strategy to fight corruption in Laos. The project is also part of Oxfam's strategy in Laos to strengthen collaboration between civil society and development partners to improve citizen participation and contribute to good governance in Laos." **Khamphy Khamvong, Oxfam representative in Laos.**

OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Development** of an evaluation study of anti-corruption policies and practices.
- **Revision** of the SIA training manual.
- **Strengthening** coordination between the SIA and the National Assembly (NA) and the Provincial People's Assemblies (PPA).
- **Research** into the impact of corruption on women and girls.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS



Gender Development Association (GDA) is dedicated to promoting equality between men and women. The organisation also actively defends women's rights in the context of the wider justice movement, working to eliminate gender-based disparities and injustices in the legal system.



Oxfam is an international organisation that fights poverty and social injustice. It works through development programmes, emergency relief and advocacy to promote change. It is present in over 90 countries around the world.

FUNDING SOURCE



e-RIGHTS

ENHANCING DIGITAL RIGHTS IN NIGERIA

Project duration: March 2023 - September 2025

Intervention areas : Lagos, Abuja, Kano (Nigeria); IMO state.

"We are seeing a progressive movement in which the heads of digital technology-related agencies are willing and ready to work with civil society groups to address the challenges that stand in the way of digital rights flourishing. The challenge, in my view, is that many people are beginning to realise the need for unfettered access to digital rights, while the complex issues of privacy, data protection laws [...] are poorly understood." Y-Z - Executive Director of Citad

BACKGROUND

The e-RIGHTS project aims to promote the rights of the Nigerian population in the digital sphere, by exploiting the opportunities offered by new technologies and addressing the challenges they pose. The project will directly address the needs of Nigerian youth, activists, journalists, online media, bloggers, social network influencers, human rights defenders and citizens who aspire to have free and open access to the internet.

OBJECTIVES

- **Strengthening** digital rights in Nigeria to better protect human rights defenders and the population.
- **Human** rights defenders recognise and are able to deal with the digital threats they face.
- **An appropriate** environment for the enjoyment of digital rights has been established in Nigeria.



OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **30 judges** from IMO and LAGOS will be trained in digital rights.
- **7 working sessions** will be organised enabling experts to work on the policy reform guide on digital rights in Nigeria.
- **30 cases** of digital rights violations will be reported on the digital platform before the end of the project.
- **Online training (MOOC)** will be available for activists on digital rights, protection mechanisms and online safety tools.
- **2 Situation Rooms** will be organised to strengthen digital rights in Nigeria.
- **9 videos** will be produced by Nigerian influencers to promote digital rights and freedom of expression.

PARTNERS



Spaces for Change (S4C) is a non-profit organisation working to integrate human rights into social and economic governance processes in Nigeria.



CITAD is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation committed to using information and communication technologies for development and the promotion of good governance.

FUNDING SOURCES



LILLE AVOCATS
SOLIDARITÉ



RAMADE

STRENGTHENING ACTIVITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Project duration: July 2023 - February 2024

Areas of intervention : Congo Brazzaville /
Pointe Noire

BACKGROUND

The **RAMADE** project for "Reinforcement of Activities for the Implementation of Children's Rights" is a 24-month project implemented by REIPER and financed by the European Union in the Republic of Congo. The main aim of the project is to promote respect for and implementation of children's rights in the Republic of Congo.



OBJECTIVES

- **Develop and strengthen** actions to promote legal assistance for minors in conflict with the law.
- **Enable access** to identity rights and alternative care for children deprived of parental care.
- **Build the capacity of REIPER members** to implement good practice in child protection and participation.

FUNDING SOURCE



"The RAMADE project is innovative in that it tackles the issue of support for minors in conflict with the law in the Republic of Congo. Unfortunately, these minors are all too often left to fend for themselves, whether by their families or by the Congolese state. The project will not only train those involved in the criminal justice system to ensure that their rights are respected more effectively, but will also provide legal, psychological and medical assistance to ensure that the dignity of these minors is respected at least a little" - Maxime PROUX - REIPER project manager.

OUTLOOK FOR 2024

- **Carrying out** the 3rd and final mission for players in the criminal justice system and social workers in Brazzaville.
- **In collaboration with Congolese CSOs, design an information and awareness-raising guide** on the procedures and remedies available to ensure the protection of these minors, in a format of around twenty pages and including images and diagrams to make it accessible to all. A further 500 copies of the guide will be distributed to all those involved.



PARTNER AND CONSORTIUM LEADER



The Réseau des Intervenants sur le Phénomène des Enfants en Rupture (**REIPER**) is a non-profit association made up of 22 organisations working throughout the country, mainly in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. REIPER's member organisations take care of almost 900 children every year.



OUR OUTLOOK FOR 2024

2023 was a painful year for human rights around the world, with the intensification of armed and social conflicts and climate chaos. Human rights crises and their consequences often transcend borders, and the answers lie in the universal principles of international human rights and the rule of law.

With its resources and expertise, ASF France continues to support the respect, defence and promotion of human rights.

EMERGENCY DEFENCE

ASF France was founded to support human rights defenders and victims of human rights violations.

Our mission has broadened over time, and the ways in which we intervene and collaborate have evolved, yet this support is at the heart of our work to assist and accompany people whose rights have been violated and those around them.

In 2024, ASF France aims to mobilise more technical and financial resources to meet the urgent defence needs of people deprived of their rights. The continuity of conflicts and the emergence of new ones confirms ASF France's determination to continue its action in favour of the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes and to participate in the implementation of victims' rights.

BUSINESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Inequalities continue to grow around the world and economic players have increasing power. Human rights and environmental defenders are increasingly under attack, and communities are struggling to obtain redress for violations of their economic, social and cultural rights.

In 2024, ASF France is renewing its commitment and support, alongside communities, partners and local players, for greater corporate responsibility, respect for the right to a healthy environment and improved access to justice for victims.

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

While digital technologies are increasingly shaping the way we live and interact, human rights are not integrated at the heart of the life cycle of these technologies. What is the potential impact of these advanced technologies on fundamental human rights?

In 2024, ASF France is continuing its reflections and actions in relation to key legal issues and challenges such as freedom of expression, equitable access to technology and the benefits of the digital society, information sharing and digital surveillance.

TRAINING SESSIONS

"Very good, very entertaining. With the support of the documents it was easy to understand the training." **Testimonial following the webinar on the rights of persons deprived of their liberty**

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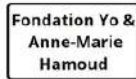
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