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Là où la défense n'a plus la parole

ACTION PLAN 2023



Editorial

COMMITMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Dear friends,

For Avocats Sans Frontières France, 2023 will be a time of renewed commitment to support all those for whom fundamental rights remain under threat.

We will continue our activities in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Greece, Cameroon and Cambodia, where our long-standing partnerships with civil society are solid and valuable.

We will continue our solidarity efforts in favour of migrants, victims of sexual violence, people deprived of their freedom or victims of torture. We will also be particularly vigilant in protecting the environment and will intervene wherever necessary in support of environmental defenders who are threatened, abducted or murdered.

Aware of the consequences that economic actors can have on fundamental rights - and of the role they can play in preserving them - we will continue to work for the development and reflection on corporate social responsibility.

Finally, with a concern that justice can be exercised anywhere without obstacles or hindrances, we will be present in conflict or post-conflict zones - in Kurdistan, in Ukraine - to take part in the complex and essential work of international criminal justice.



Matthieu Bagard
president

Testimonial SANS FRONTIÈRES

Haiti! Above all, it means not giving up hope in the political and social context.

It means moving forward and completing the IMPLIC project (Involvement and Participation of Actors for the Protection of the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty).

It means working for the future with the help of our courageous Haitian colleagues and partners who, in the field, are duplicating the training of trainers that we have provided to their colleagues, associations and also members of civil society who have been made aware of the subject through the broadcasting of a play.

It is to ensure the support and development of case management activities carried out by CALSDH lawyers for persons deprived of their freedom through the judicial process of habeas corpus allowing the release of unduly incarcerated prisoners.

Claudine Page Treasurer of ASF France .

This project has given me enough notions and skills, first of all on advocacy: how to build an advocacy strategy, elaborate a map of actors, know who is your ally? who is your opponent? Who is your relay? and who is neutral? But also to build an advocacy action among the 4 components of advocacy, namely lobbying, expertise, media communication and public mobilisation.

Papa Théa

Fraternité des prisons Guinée



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Founded in 1998, Avocats Sans Frontières France (ASF France) is a non-profit international solidarity association governed by the French law of 1901 which contributes to the respect of fundamental rights. Our work is guided by 3 fundamental values which are at the heart of our actions: Justice, Solidarity, Freedom.

OUR 3 MISSIONS

PROMOTE access to the law and to fair justice for vulnerable people who have been removed from it, 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 function;

STRENGTHEN the capacity to act and the autonomy of local actors in the defence and promotion of human rights (civil society and actors of the judicial system).

OUR STRATEGY FOR ACTION

ASF France defends, on a pro bono basis, any person 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, assassinations. Beyond the lawyer's status, it is the citizen who is deprived of defence and therefore of justice.

ASF France's mission is to promote access to the law, and this is why we participate in the implementation of legal aid and judicial systems. In this perspective, we work to bring the protection of the law to the most vulnerable people where it is lacking: provision of legal services (itinerant or sedentary consultations), reinforcement of judicial systems, awareness-raising among the population and judicial actors...

Finally, ASF France is committed to empowering local actors in the field of justice and the defence and promotion of human rights. To this end, we offer them basic and advanced training aligned with their specific needs.

OUR WORK IN BRIEF

1998 - 2022 : 24 YEARS OF ACTION FOR ACCESS TO LAW

1998

Creation of ASF France by François Cantier. Several lawyers, future members of ASF France, participate in the founding project of the Avocats Sans Frontières movement, "Justice for all in Rwanda", allowing for the holding of fair trials 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 new international legal instruments.



2004

Beginning of the intervention in Nigeria: fight against the death penalty and for the eradication of torture in places of detention. In 2020, ASF France will extend its intervention to the issues of extrajudicial executions and arbitrary detention.

2006

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



2008

Project to combat homophobia in Cameroon, allowing for the sensitisation and training of the media, religious authorities and actors in the criminal justice system in the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons, while ensuring the defence of the latter before the national courts.

2014

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2015

Defending the rights of migrants in Calais. In 2019, ASF France is setting up the Samos Legal Centre in Greece to guarantee the fundamental rights of asylum seekers.

2016

Two new projects: in Chad, for the defence of women and minors in prison and victims of ill-treatment; in Ivory Coast for the support of human rights defenders, harassed or threatened because of their commitment.



2018

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

2021

Three missions are carried out in Iraqi Kurdistan and Rojava (Syrian Kurdistan) where nearly 200 French children and 80 women are currently still detained. ASF France starts activities in the Republic of Guinea relating to access to law and support for civil society.

2022

ASF France is starting a project to strengthen the positive role of civil society, including digital media, in conflict prevention.

REPCOS

Networks for Peace and Social Cohesion: civil society organisations (CSOs), security forces (SDF) and communities in synergy for human security, prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) and conflict

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

February 2022 - January 2025

FUNDERS

European Union

This training was above all a place for participants (traditional chiefs and association leaders) to exchange experiences on the amicable settlement of neighbourhood conflicts due to water scarcity. There were also very interesting discussions on violence against women, in particular repudiation, forced marriages, early marriages and excision.

Me Ferdinand Djammen Nzepa, lawyer and member of the Board of ASF France

CONTEXT

Cameroon is facing a multidimensional crisis, with terrorist abuses in the north of the country, a secessionist movement in the west and a spillover of the Central African conflicts in the east.

These conflicts have created a significant risk of human rights violations and abuses due to rampant violent extremism.

A number of incidents have been reported, ranging from cross-border banditry, kidnapping for ransom, abuses by non-state armed groups, and the recurrent rape of women and girls in the targeted areas.

The actions envisaged aim to strengthen the rule of law in Cameroon, in close connection with the global values and principles of promoting democracy, good governance and respect for human rights in accordance with international conventions.

OBJECTIVES

Support women survivors of GBV to benefit from a holistic and adequate management of their cases leading to the conviction of the alleged perpetrators and the reparation of their damages.

Conduct advocacy, monitoring and awareness-raising activities to influence public policies and social attitudes regarding the respect of women's rights and GBV.



PERSPECTIVES 2023

- **Participatory approaches** and traditional and/or community-based mechanisms for responding to crises that threaten collective security and social cohesion are identified, analysed and strengthened;
- **A multi-actor network** (CSOs, community actors and duty bearers) is functional for ethno-identity conflict prevention, human security and social cohesion, with specialised pairs serving as contact points at community level;
- **An early warning** and response mechanism on threats to peace and social cohesion, taking into account the blunders of the forces of law and order and vigilance committees, is operational, with an anchoring at the community and institutional levels, capitalised by a participatory and interactive online platform;
- Women's capacities as actors in the de-escalation of violence and the fight against GBV are strengthened;
- **Mechanisms** of healthy social communication for peace, social cohesion and human security at the community level in the different localities are strengthened.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

ASF France will act as a technical expert to support RECODH, which initiated the project.



The Cameroon Network of Human Rights Organisations (RECODH) is a legalized network of associations and groups of associations working for the promotion and protection of human rights and governance. Its members and sympathisers throughout the national territory work for one goal: the culture of human rights in Cameroon.

SAMOS LEGAL CENTRE

• DURATION OF THE PROJECT

- Since January 2019
- **FUNDERS**
- Yo and Anne-Marie Hamoud Foundation
- Choose Love
- Antonis Schwartz through his foundation Good Move Initiatives
- Fondation de France
- Inkermann Fund

CONTEXT

Samos, an island in the Aegean Sea, is located 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, ASF France opened the Samos Legal Centre to provide legal support to asylum seekers who are geographically restricted in Samos.

With the opening of a new "controlled closed" camp in September 2021, the first of its kind in the EU, many organisations have left Samos, making the Samos Legal Centre one of the only independent legal actors on the island. The team of Greek lawyers and international and community volunteers works in cooperation with local actors and partners to ensure that access to justice and the right to seek asylum is protected.



@We Are One

I was warmly welcomed and the lawyer helped me to understand why my asylum application had been rejected. What I really appreciated was her honesty: she told me that my chances were 50-50, that she could not promise me anything. This helped me to stay sane. Now that I have refugee status, my life has changed. I have a job and a house and I will start the family reunification procedure. I want to be reunited with my wife and son and give them the best.
N., Cameroonian project beneficiary

OBJECTIVE

To help guarantee the right to seek asylum and protect the fundamental rights of asylum seekers.

PERSPECTIVES 2023

To provide legal assistance to asylum seekers on the Greek island of Samos.

To ensure that people in vulnerable situations receive adequate support tailored to their needs.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

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



DLA Piper is an international law firm with 77 offices in 31 countries. With over 4,200 lawyers. DLA Piper is the largest international law firm in the world in terms of the number of partners or employees.



I Have Rights is a legal and political NGO that provides access to individualised legal information and support to people on the move, including asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Samos.



Human Rights Lawyer Project - a joint initiative of humanitarians in Samos - has established a legal referral channel for asylum seekers and refugees who are victims of human rights violations.



IMPACT

INVOLVEMENT OF DIGITAL MEDIA IN ACTIVE CONFLICT AND TENSION PREVENTION

PROJECT DURATION

24 months (2022-2024)

FUNDER

Delegation of the European Union to Senegale

"By fighting against misinformation, the spread of hateful content and the dissemination of misleading information, our ambition through the IMPACT project is to maintain social peace in West Africa for the consolidation of democratic societies respectful of human rights, Ahmed Sékou Toure, IMPACT Project Manager

CONTEXT

The **IMPACT** project was born out of the need to strengthen the positive role of civil society in West Africa, including digital media, in conflict prevention in order to participate more globally in the consolidation of a sustainable peace.

IMPACT supports civil society in maximising the potential of media (traditional, community, social) on conflict dynamics so that they contribute to building and consolidating sustainable peace in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea.

In this sense, the project considers that civil society must be able to play a central role in conflict prevention and must benefit from capacity building to this end.

The activities implemented are complementary and will aim to analyse the role of the media in the coverage of conflicts and to encourage the creation of synergies to support exchange and experience, to strengthen the capacities of the media by equipping them with tools to maximise their potential, and finally to mobilise the media and civil society actors against hate speech and in favour of dialogue processes.

OBJECTIVE

Strengthen the positive role of civil society, including digital media, in conflict prevention.



PERSPECTIVES 2023

Follow-up workshops to strengthen exchange and synergies between partners

Capacity building activity for media on ethical, responsible and balanced conflict reporting

Training for digital media on combating hate messages and misleading information

Implementation of actions to promote fact-checking and media self-regulation

Training of citizen journalists in peri-urban areas

Raising awareness of citizen journalists on hate and misleading information through multiform content

Capacity building of citizens on the potential of digital media

Cascade funding for innovative initiatives to combat hate speech and misinformation

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

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



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



The Association des Blogueurs de Guinée (ABLOGUI) federates Guinean bloggers and web activists in order to promote citizen participation in the building of democracy.



The Réseau des Professionnels de la Presse en Ligne de Côte d'Ivoire (REPPRELCI) is an umbrella organisation for the Ivorian digital media that aims to promote the online press in Côte d'Ivoire.





PARAJ

PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE STRENGTHENING OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

30 months (2020-2023)

FUNDER

Delegation of the European Union to Guinea

"In Guinea, access to justice for the most vulnerable people is a real scourge from which citizens in general and vulnerable people in particular suffer on a daily basis, as well as all the actors in the judicial or para-judicial chain. The PARAJ Project has been unique in that it has allowed for long term cooperative work between the actors of civil society and the judicial system, all driven by the same ambition: to allow access to fundamental rights. The courage and determination of these professionals and local partners in the fight against the unacceptable can only bear fruit. "Alone we go faster, together we go further" sums up the credo of the project.

Me Murielle Baugniet, lawyer and PARAJ volunteer referent

CONTEXT

Three Legal Clinics (CJ) were set up by civil society, in particular the Organisation Guinéenne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen (OGDH) and Les Mêmes Droits pour Tous (MDT), in Conakry and N'Zérékoré in 2015, and Kankan in 2017.

Their mission is to provide free legal aid services and improve access to justice in these localities.

However, due to a lack of human and material resources, these clinics are unable to meet the growing demand for legal aid from the increasingly overcrowded courts and prisons.

In addition, political instability and the COVID-19 pandemic have created additional pressure on prisons and vulnerable inmates.

Finally, there is no coordination between these Legal Clinics and the local justice actions of the Maisons de Justice (MJ) under the Ministry of Justice. Thus, PARAJ aims to perpetuate the actions of the Legal Clinics and the Houses of Justice, and to strengthen their links, in order to guarantee a more effective, holistic and inclusive concept of community justice, and to allow for a greater geographical coverage.

OBJECTIVE

Support CSOs in consolidating the rule of law by strengthening access to justice for vulnerable people and combating impunity in the Republic of Guinea.

PERSPECTIVE 2023

-Training for community justice actors on human rights issues.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

COGINTA is an international organisation specialising in security and judicial governance, social cohesion and the rule of law.



The Organisation Guinéenne de Défense des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen (OGDH) provides judicial support to victims of serious human rights violations in Guinea, fights against impunity and for national reconciliation.



Mêmes Droits pour Tous (MDT) is an NGO for the defence and promotion of human rights founded in 2004 by Guinean lawyers and young legal professionals and which aims to fight against human rights violations in Guinea.



IMPLIC

INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF ACTORS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

March 2020 to June 2024

FUNDERS

Delegation of the European Union in Haiti and the French Development Agency.

Le système judiciaire haïtien n'est pas épargné par la faiblesse institutionnelle qui caractérise l'administration publique haïtienne. L'accès à la justice est un luxe et des milliers de personnes sont détenues dans des conditions irrégulières, subissant les effets pervers et irréversibles de la détention préventive prolongée. Se pose aussi le problème de la qualité de l'assistance légale disponible. Ce service est souvent fourni par des avocats inexpérimentés et avec des moyens très limités.

Marc-Daly Joassaint, chef de projet IMPLIC

CONTEXT

In 2022, Haiti is ranked 136th out of 140 countries in the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index.

One of the factors of this failure is the chronic political instability. Indeed, since its independence in 1804, the country has experienced a succession of dictatorships and foreign interventions.

Overcrowding in Haiti's prisons leads to inhumane conditions of detention. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the overcrowding is mainly due to the high number of arbitrary arrests and the frequent use of preventive detention.

In 2022, prolonged pre-trial detention accounted for 82% of detainees at national level. The legal framework has been enriched in recent years through the ratification of international conventions and treaties on the rights of detainees, the adoption of progressive laws on detention conditions, and the adoption by presidential decree of a new penal code and a new penal procedure code, which should come into force in June 2022. However, dysfunctions persist in the judicial system due in particular to the lack of knowledge and the non-application of the rules of law by those involved in the criminal justice system and by citizens.

OBJECTIVE

To contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law and the respect of human rights in Haiti.

To contribute to the defence and protection of the rights of persons deprived of their liberty through the involvement and participation of national actors in Haiti.

PERSPECTIVES 2023

-Legal assistance activities for persons deprived of their liberty in order to promote access to the law and to justice for persons deprived of their liberty

-Training sessions for actors in the Haitian criminal justice system

-Production of tools to raise awareness among the general public with the creation of video clips, the organisation of mock trials, pleading competitions and the implementation of a communication campaign;

-Creation of a sustainable tool: a guide to good practice for legal aid providers

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

The Collectif d'Avocats Spécialisés en Litige Stratégique des Droits Humains (CALSDH) is a Haitian organisation working for better protection of human rights in Haiti. It aims to bring emblematic cases before national and international courts that can have an impact on society.



e-RIGHTS

Enhancing Digital rights in Nigeria

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

February 2023 - July 2025

FUNDER:

Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria

CONTEXT

Nigeria has seen an exponential increase in the number of internet users over the past decade, from 200,000 users in 2001 to 104 million users in 2022. This increase in the number of internet users is not surprising, given the digitisation of most processes, as well as the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in the lockdown of public spaces, leaving people dependent on digital platforms for social interactions and work.

This change has enhanced digitalisation in Nigeria, which is essential for socio-economic development, but this development has come at a price.

The growing power of social networks has triggered public censorship and prompted the government to regulate some social media platforms.

A pattern of digital repression has been observed in Nigeria, characterised by severe restrictions on press freedom, high levels of fake news, regulatory bottlenecks, restrictive policies, interruptions or partial shutdowns of the internet, bans/suspensions of social networks, intentional misinformation of voters or crackdowns on critics and activists.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the e-RIGHTS project is to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law in Nigeria.

Specifically, the project aims to strengthen digital rights in Nigeria for better protection of human **rights defenders and the general public.**



PERSPECTIVES IN 2023

-Development of a digital platform "Closing Civic Spaces

-Training activists on digital rights, protection mechanisms and online safety tools

-Training lawyers and judges on international and European digital rights standards

-Legal assistance to activists whose digital rights have been violated in Nigeria;

-Training and setting up of an expert group for the development of a legislative reform guide on digital rights in Nigeria;

-Advocacy actions during an ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

-Awareness campaign on digital rights through youth mobilisation and the use of social networks;

TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Spaces for Change (S4C) is a non-profit organisation that works 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



DROITS DES ENFANTS

CAPACITY BUILDING OF CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

8 months in 2023

FUNDER

UNICEF

CONTEXT

Nigeria incorporated the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2003 through the Child Rights Act at federal level.

32 states have enacted the equivalent at their levels.

These laws provide clear legal guarantees for the protection of children's rights to survival and development.

However, the situation, as reflected in the 2014 National Survey on Violence against Children, shows a high prevalence of violence, abuse and exploitation of children, especially sexual violence affecting six out of ten girls and four out of ten boys.

Children are detained for minor offences or misdemeanours and the justice system fails to make effective use of diversion and other alternatives to imprisonment.

OBJECTIVES

The intervention aims to ensure that children in contact with the law have access to the services of a functional and responsive justice system that protects their rights as children in accordance with international standards in the target states.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Child survivors of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation have access to quality and timely legal assistance, including legal representation.

Children in conflict with the law have access to justice through child-friendly procedures and services, including legal representation, reintegration and restorative justice services (diversion/alternative to detention).

-Law enforcement professionals, including police, prosecutors, court officials and prison staff, improve their knowledge and skills in national and international standards on children's rights and standards of administration of justice for children in contact with the law, including children deprived of liberty.

PERSPECTIVES IN 2023

-Capacity building for prosecutors in the Ministry of Justice and the police on national and international standards of justice for children.

-Holistic care for child survivors of CAVS and for minors in conflict with the law, through the provision of legal aid and referral services.

-Advocacy with policy makers for improved respect of children's rights.

-Improving the data collection and monitoring system for minors in conflict with the law through the use and dissemination of the CPISM tool in prisons.

RAMADE

CAPACITY BUILDING OF NATIONAL ACTORS AND ADVOCACY TO END GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

DURATION OF THE PROJECT

24 months - March 2023 - February 2025

FUNDER

European Union

CONTEXT

In the Republic of Congo, the Human Development Index ranks the country 149th out of 189.

This context exposes children in very precarious situations, such as incarcerated children and street children, to mistreatment, multiple acts of violence and abuse committed by their peers or adults who take advantage of their extreme vulnerability.

In the Congo, 1,900 children are currently in a situation of family breakdown and severe marginalisation, according to civil society organisations (CSOs).

The Convention on the Rights of the Child, Law 04/2010 of 14 June 2010 on the Protection of the Child in the Republic of Congo, has strengthened the legislative arsenal on child protection.

However, on a daily basis, children's rights remain unknown, including by those in charge of their application and the children themselves. Even worse, these laws are often knowingly and massively violated. A better application of children's rights therefore requires actions aimed at making them better known and protecting them.

OBJECTIVE

The action aims to strengthen child protection in the Republic of Congo by providing responses that guarantee the effective respect of rights and their enjoyment. The main objective of the project is to put children's rights into action by developing more effective protection for minors in conflict with the law, children deprived of parental care or at risk of being so. Progress remains to be made in order to make actions more effective, especially after the Covid-19 pandemic which further demonstrated the vulnerability of child protection.

PERSPECTIVES IN 2023

-Training of lawyers on minors in conflict with the law;

-Training of actors of the penal chain and social workers for a better management of minors in conflict with the law;

Production of an awareness-raising and information guide for CSOs on procedures and possible remedies to ensure the protection of minors in conflict with the law;

-Support to REIPER for the referral and holistic care (legal, medical and psychosocial) of minors in conflict with the law.

TECHNICAL PARTNER

The Réseau des Intervenants sur le Phénomène des Enfants en Rupture (REIPER) was created in 2003.



A non-profit association, the network is made up of 22 structures (mostly local organisations) operating throughout the country, mainly in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. It has gradually developed nationally and internationally to become a reference in the care of children in vulnerable situations in Congo Brazzaville. Thus, nearly 900 children are cared for each year by REIPER member structures.



Democracy increasingly under threat: towards a drive for change?

Increasingly threatened in recent years, democracy will continue to be challenged in 2023.

Political and social instability, often identified as a factor favouring the arrival or development of political regimes that do not respect human rights, could it not represent an opportunity for positive change?

In 2023, ASF France and its partners will continue and strengthen their support, particularly for young people and women, who will be at the heart of actions to promote respect for human rights.

Their mobilisation and advocacy will certainly be at the origin of the impetus for change in favour of the rule of law, environmental protection, the right to health, CSR, women's rights and freedom of association.

In 2023, towards a free and secure web?

Over the past few years, many opportunities and actions have emerged to promote a free, inclusive and secure web.

Misinformation, surveillance technologies and online violence and harassment are of concern.

In 2023, ASF France and its partners are further committed to promoting and creating a digital future and technologies that enable the exercise and protection of human rights. Journalists, citizens, civil society organisations and legal professionals will contribute to these efforts alongside ASF France



In 2023, a civic space that continues to be challenged?

The achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is mainly linked to the guarantee of freedom of expression, opinion, assembly and association.

Repressive laws and restrictions are increasing. New technologies have facilitated the cohesion and development of civil society, but they have also opened the door to new possibilities to control the actions of civil society and the media. The COVID crisis and the security language have amplified this escalation of human rights violations.

In 2023, ASF France and its partners will work to combat online and offline threats and attacks against human rights defenders by providing more support, tools and practices to enable civil society to unite, reunite and/or strengthen its contribution to the development of more human rights protective policies.



OUR TRAINING SERVICE

A vocation

Since our creation, training has been at the heart of our mission because it is a crucial tool for achieving our primary objective: to ensure quality defence for those who are deprived of it. Through training, we pass on our experience, our skills and our **25 years** of practice in the defence of human rights.

A quality service

In 2022, ASF France obtained Qualiopi certification for its training activities in France. This certification is a guarantee of quality that makes our legal training courses likely to be approved by the Conseil National de Barreaux (CNB) and to be paid for by the OPCOs and the Fonds interprofessionnel de formation des professionnels libéraux (FIF PL).

Tailor-made training to meet your specific needs

Our preferred themes are the right to asylum, the rights of persons deprived of their liberty, the rights of victims of gender-based violence (GBV), the duty of care of companies, the defence of victims and/or defendants before the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the geopolitics of asylum countries.

However, you can also request training on other topics related to human rights or even law in general.

Our experts can adapt to different audiences: lawyers, legal professionals, students, associations, institutions, etc. Our experts are competent in both face-to-face and distance learning, in French and in English.

If you are disabled or have specific needs to follow our training courses, do not hesitate to ask us for an interview to study the possible adaptations.

"The keys that we were given allow us to make our own legal and personal journey to deepen the concepts later. (...) I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much. It is both essential and complex to approach these very human issues from a legal perspective.

Anonymous testimony at the end of our training on asylum

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If you are a lawyer, you can mobilise your bar association: organise Solidarity Workshops in coordination with the Departmental Council for Access to the Law.

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