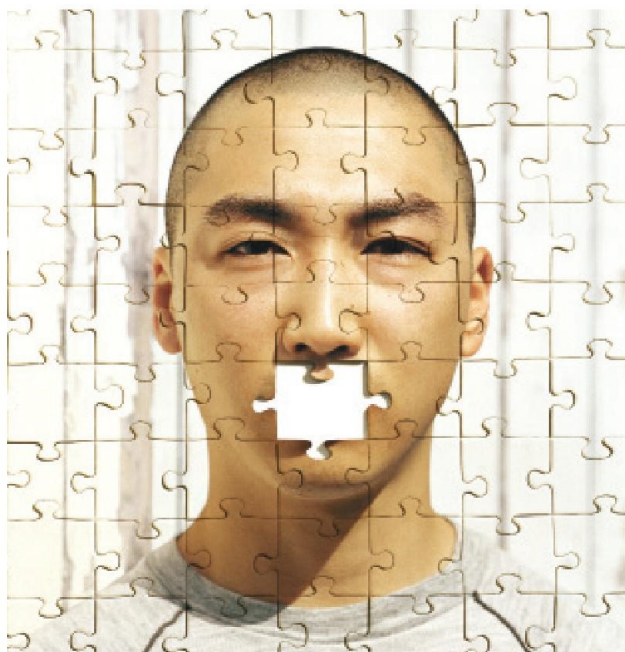
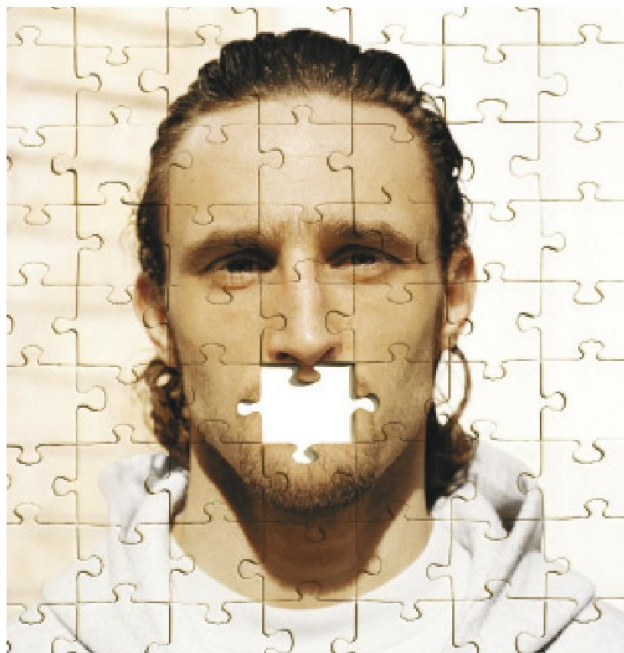
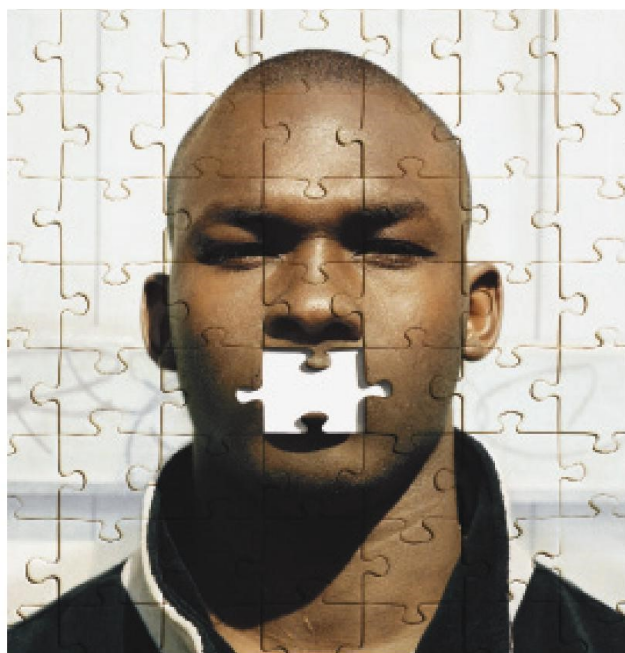


ACTION PLAN

2017



« Where defence doesn't have a voice »



AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES
France

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AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES France

is an international solidarity association

Governed by the French law of 1st July 1901.

Its purpose is :

- ♦ To contribute to the effective implementation of universally recognized human rights ; by ensuring the defense of any person deprived of recourse to a free and independent lawyer
- ♦ To work wherever useful and necessary for the establishment and strengthening of the rule of law, the judicial institution and especially the right to a fair trial and effective defense
- ♦ To defend human rights lawyers and defenders victims themselves of threats or attacks of any kind due to their professional practice

1992	Founding of the Avocats sans Frontières movement in Belgium
1998	Founding of Avocats sans Frontières France (ASF France)
2004	ASF France obtains consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
2005	In April, the Francophony International Organisation (OIF) grants to ASF France consultative status in acknowledgement of its actions in partnership with local actors of francophone countries. In September, ASF France is elected to the presidency of the International Non Governmental Organisations of the "Human Rights" chapter with the OIF
2008	ASF France celebrates its tenth year of activity and launches a human rights international observatory in partnership with the National Bar Council, the Paris Bar, the General Council of Spanish Lawyers and the Italian National Council of Bars.
2009	Setting up of the Avocats sans Frontières Network www.asf-network.org
2012	Consultative status with African Union
2014	ASF France reelected President at the head of the "Peace, democracy and human rights" mission of the International African Organisation
2016	As ASF France President, Me François Cantier represents the francophone civil society at the Francophony Heads of States Summit

IVORY COAST

« PRODEF : Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Defenders »

DESCRIPTION

Currently in a post-crisis period, where the climate of insecurity is high, human rights defenders (HRD) in Côte d'Ivoire face threats and intimidation. Faced with this problematic situation, Ivory Coast has adopted Law No. 2014-388 of 20 June 2014, which aims to strengthen the capacities and protection of human rights NGOs, and in particular human rights defenders.



OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Provide legal assistance to human rights defenders who are victims of violations of their rights
- ◆ Enabling local NGOs to gain a better understanding of their scope, limitations and rights
- ◆ Raising the awareness of the general public and the authorities to the defense of human rights
- ◆ Ensure collaboration between local human rights NGOs for a better intervention strategy
- ◆ Train NGOs and local associations in the defense of vulnerable people

AWAITED RESULTS

- ◆ Human rights defenders who are victims of violations receive legal aid
- ◆ Ensure effective protection for human rights defenders
- ◆ The right to protection of human rights defenders is known to actors in the field
- ◆ Human rights defenders are protected by the relevant authorities
- ◆ Rights and mechanisms for human rights protection are known to organisations working in the field, as well as human rights protection actors

ACTIONS IN 2017

- ◆ Free legal assistance to defenders who are victims of violations
- ◆ Sensitization of actors to the protection of human rights defenders
- ◆ Training for HRDs to strengthen their capacities to protect themselves and to defend and protect vulnerable persons
- ◆ Networking of human rights defenders and development of an emergency plan
- ◆ Establishment of an alert system and denunciation of cases of human rights violations against HRDs
- ◆ Financial support to local organisations

PARTNERS

Association of Women Lawyers of Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI), Bar of Côte d'Ivoire, Avocats Sans Frontières Côte d'Ivoire With financial support from USAID and the One World By All Foundation With the material support of Allen & Overy



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MALI

PROCAMANO : « Program of capacity building and improvement of the performance in criminal matters of Magistrates of Northern Mali »

DESCRIPTION

Mali has suffered a multidimensional crisis in 2012/2013 that has led to the decommissioning of northern tribunals. Since then, the Crisis and Support Center of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs has considered setting up a project to combat impunity and to accompany the restoration of the public service in northern Mali. If an organisational effort is to involve all the players in the criminal chain, the Magistrates are the key elements of the criminal process. In a difficult context of insecurity and shortage of staff, continuing training at the regional level appears essential in order to improve the quality and speed of justice expected by the person judicially concerned in a territory still very bruised by the crisis.

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ Contribute to improving the quality of criminal justice in Mali
- ♦ Strengthen the functional and cross-functional capacities of the Magistrates of the Mopti Court of Appeal



ACTIONS IN 2017

- ♦ 6 training sessions on themes adapted to the needs of the participants and adapted to the functions exercised by the 44 magistrates of the Mopti Court of Appeal
- ♦ Transmission of training techniques



EXPECTED RESULTS

- ♦ Ensure effective protection for human rights defenders. Strengthen the rights of litigants in the North
- ♦ The Magistrates of the Mopti Court of Appeal strengthen their functional and cross-functional capacities. They update their knowledge on strong themes and improve their performance in the processing of files
- ♦ The operational capacities of the National Institute of Judicial Training (INFJ) improve, the members take ownership of the training methods

PARTNERS

ASF Mali, INFJ With the financial support of the French Embassy in Mali



MALI

« Training of Lawyers and Human Rights Defenders in Mali »

DESCRIPTION

In this post-conflict period, national reconciliation and the strengthening of democracy require the consolidation of the knowledge and know-how of civil society actors. The aim of this new project is to form a pool of experienced lawyers with strong legal skills on international legal instruments protecting human rights and their use and able to transmit their know-how on the pedagogical level.



ACTIONS IN 2017

- ♦ 3 sessions of 4 days are required to carry out the project:
 - 1st session: training to motivate and mobilize
 - 2nd session: workshops on strengthening and deepening
 - 3rd session: actions prepared at 5 and accompanied by the trainers

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ Ensure the dissemination and implementation by lawyers of human rights principles to consolidate the rule of law, democracy and peace
- ♦ Train lawyers on the use of international legal instruments for the benefit of vulnerable persons, procedures applicable in international jurisdictions and pedagogy



EXPECTED RESULTS

The trainers, after 3 training sessions, are able to:

- ♦ Train and transmit knowledge and methods essential to human rights preservation
- ♦ Sensitize groups, population
- ♦ Conduct debates, talks, conferences
- ♦ Lead advocacy

PARTNERS

ASF Mali, Bar of Mali With the financial support of the National Bar Council



Projet PROCAT : « Fight against torture »

Although Nigeria ratified the United Nations Convention against Torture (CAT) in 2001, there are many obstacles to its effective implementation. Torture is widespread in Nigeria and systematically used by security forces during interrogations. This practice is fueled by the impunity enjoyed by the perpetrators of torture, but also by insufficient access to justice and compensation for the victims. Police violence, arbitrary or unlawful detention or cruel punishment are not thwarted by lawyers or the public, who is ill-informed about their rights, ill- defended and suspicious of the judicial authorities.

- ◆ Contribute to the reduction of acts of torture throughout the judicial chain through the mobilization of judicial actors and the sensitization of the population in Nigeria

- ◆ Facilitating access to justice for victims of torture
- ◆ Strengthen the knowledge and skills of judicial, governmental, medical, media and CSO authorities in respect of human rights principles and anti-torture laws

- ◆ Free defense of victims of torture or ill-treatment at various stages of the judicial process (in Kaduna and Enugu states)
- ◆ Training for legal and medical professionals involved in the fight against torture, their role in obtaining evidence for the constitution of cases
- ◆ Training for security agencies, government authorities, CSOs and the media on their role in combating torture
- ◆ Communication actions on the visibility of acts of torture in order to reduce them



NHRC With the financial support of UNVFT and the German Embassy in Nigeria.



- ◆ 50 cases of torture and ill-treatment are identified and victims are provided with free legal and judicial assistance. Particular attention is given to women and juveniles in detention who are particularly vulnerable
- ◆ 70 actors involved in the prevention of torture are trained in national, regional and international instruments against torture and the National Convention against Torture
- ◆ The public is informed of its rights and knows where to go to report cases of torture

CHAD

« PADEF : Program of Assistance and access to the Law for Children and Women »

DESCRIPTION

In Chad, detention centers are overcrowded, the vast majority of detainees are awaiting trial, have no lawyers, and sometimes no case. The state of the penitentiary system, the ignorance of their rights by the beneficiaries, the lack of training of the judiciary and the culture of impunity increase the vulnerability of women and children who regularly suffer serious violations of their rights. Outside the prison environment, they are victims of numerous forms of discrimination and violence. The lack of psychological support, social support, economic assistance or legal aid means that these women and children do not dare denounce the violence they suffer.



EXPECTED RESULTS

In the areas covered by the project:

- ♦ Women and children benefit from comprehensive protection with full and adequate care of their files
- ♦ The Chadian population as well as those involved in the criminal justice system are sensitized to the protection of the rights of women and children

OBJECTIVES

- ♦ Contribute to strengthening the rule of law and the judicial system in Chad
- ♦ Contribute to better care for female and juvenile detainees
- ♦ Contribute to the reduction of violence against women and minors and to defend their rights

ACTIONS IN 2017

- ♦ Free consultations and information sessions for women and children deprived of their liberty
- ♦ Legal, medical and psychosocial offices for women and children victims of violence
- ♦ Free defense for women and minors in detention and victims of violence
- ♦ Training of legal professionals, prison staff and law enforcement officials
- ♦ Sensitization of general population about the rights of women and children through conferences, radio broadcasts, film screenings, theater performances, educational lectures, and distribution of flyers
- ♦ Organisation of round tables for judicial authorities and development of a Charter of good practices
- ♦ Technical and financial support for awareness-raising initiatives, reintegration into the society of women and children, reintegration of minors into schools and capacity-building for NGOs in project management

PARTNERS

Association of Women Lawyers of Chad (AFJT), Chadian Association for the Promotion of Human Rights (ATPDH) With financial support from the European Union and the French Development Agency



CAMBODIA

« Province of Battambang :

Legal access to all and defense of the most deprived »

DESCRIPTION

In Cambodia and especially in Battambang, access to law and legal aid are a priority. Neither the provincial courts nor those of Phnom Penh, the capital, provide legal offices for the most deprived persons within their premises. This general difficulty is compounded by the fact that criminal cases necessarily require a lawyer. The limited number of lawyers available in the province is an obstacle, and can lead to delays in the settlement of proceedings and extended detention.



ACTIONS IN 2017

- ◆ Legal services in the Battambang Court to inform and advise litigants on their rights
- ◆ Awareness-raising workshops and legal counsel activities organized in the province of Battambang communes
- ◆ Support of criminal cases

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Improve the defense in the province of Battambang, for poor defendants deprived of lawyers in criminal cases
- ◆ Strengthen the rule of law and promote access to justice and justice for those in the province of Battambang, particularly the most disadvantaged

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ◆ In the province of Battambang, the defense of criminal cases is optimized
- ◆ Individuals receive legal advice free of charge, in court and in municipalities



PARTNERS

Bar of Cambodia

With the financial support of the Occitanie Region, the Prime Minister's Office, the international firm DFDL, and the Bar Association of the Conseil d'Etat and the Court of Cassation



PARIS

« Legal support for migrants »



DESCRIPTION

A worthy reception of migrants will not be achieved without the effective and unconditional guarantee of access to law.

A group of lawyers, members of Avocats Sans Frontières France, who went to Greece to see the dramatic management of migrants in Europe, decided to create a place where all migrants would be welcomed without discrimination by lawyers and lawyers.

Access to law, advice and legal information remains the pillar of the protection of the fundamental rights of this fragile population.

ACTIONS IN 2017

- ◆ Participate along the Bar of Boulogne sur Mer, the Bar of Lille and the Bar of Dunkirk, to provide legal advice to migrants
- ◆ Contribute to the respect of migrants' rights

RESULTATS ATTEN-

- ◆ L'accès au droit
- ◆ Les droits et libertés fondamentaux sont mieux respectés
- ◆ Les migrants ont reçu des informations et conseils juridiques utiles pour faire respecter leurs droits
- ◆ Les capacités des différentes associations sont renforcées sur les droits de ces personnes.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Ensuring legal permanence with and without rdv, on general questions but also on particular problems (minors, victims of serious crimes ...)
- ◆ Contribute to the respect of the fundamental rights of the human being by organizing the care of migrants
- ◆ Organize access to law and legal assistance for foreign migrants who are not EU nationals, especially minors

Search for funding in progress

THE FRANCOPHONIE AND ASF FRANCE



Francophonie is primarily women and men who share a common language, French. From the first decades of the twentieth century, French speaking persons became aware of the existence of a shared linguistic space, conducive to exchanges and mutual enrichment. They have since formed in a multitude of associations and regroupings in order to make the French Speaking Space or Francophonie live the day.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO THIS DAY

- ♦ Participation in work on relations between French speaking civil society and the OIF
- ♦ Participation in the 10th Conference of French-speaking INGOs, which took place from 2 to 4 November 2016 in Antananarivo, Madagascar. ASF France organized and hosted a round table on "French speaking civil society facing the challenge of the migratory crisis".
- ♦ Participation in the XVI Summit of La Francophonie, in which Me Cantier represented the Conference of INGOs, during the Summit of the Francophone Heads of State, the Permanent Council of La Francophonie and the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie.

The International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF) wished civil society and its organisations to become partners of La Francophonie.

It has thus labeled a number of international non-governmental organisations, including ASF France, which have consultative status with it.

These organisations are divided into 4 groups:

- A. French language, cultural and linguistic diversity
- B. Peace, Democracy and Human Rights
- C. Education, training, higher education and research
- D. Economic cooperation, sustainable development and solidarity.
- E. In the Mission Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, in which ASF France is represented, 24 INGOs, ASF France, in the person of François Cantier, was elected to the Presidency of the INGOs of this mission

OUTLOOK FOR 2017

- ♦ Deepen the relations between the civil societies of the different Francophone countries
- ♦ Work on common projects that allow effective progress of the rule of law





« Strengthening and developing Avocats Sans Frontières organisations »

Created in 2009, the Avocats Sans Frontières Network aims to develop and strengthen ASF associations by sharing tools and experiences, coordinating interventions and increasing visibility of ASF actions for the benefit of the most vulnerable.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO THIS DAY

Today, 21 national associations are part of the ASF Network, from:

Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Peru, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo and Tunisia .



Le Réseau des Avocats Sans Frontières

OUTLOOK FOR 2017

- ♦ Continue our support actions with lawyers and human rights defenders
- ♦ Develop partnership projects
- ♦ Strengthen the capacity of national organisations

31st ANNUAL CIB CONFERENCE in Yaoundé

A meeting of the ASF Network was held on the sidelines of the Annual Conference of the International Conference of Bars and Law Societies, held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 7 to 9 December 2016.

This major annual meeting is a major event for the profession and civil law counsels.

Many Head of Bar of the French-speaking world participate in this event as well as numerous delegations of national and international lawyers.

The theme of this 31st edition, "Rule of law in the face of new security challenges, myth or reality", reflected the involvement of lawyers in defending the rule of law and preserving democratic achievements.



Me Cantier, President of ASF participated in this conference and spoke on the theme of society and whistle blowers within the protection of the rule of law.

Present at the meeting were: ASF Benin, ASF Cameroon, ASF Congo, ASF France and ASF Togo. They discussed the activities of each association and the future projects of the Network

CALENDAR OF TRAINING SESSIONS 2017

Training of trainers - Fundamentals
in Toulouse

8-11 March 2017

International legal instruments
in Paris

6-8 April 2017

Training of trainers - Strengthening
in Toulouse

8-10 June 2017

International criminal defence - Level 1
in Paris

22-23 September 2017

Regional systems for the protection of Human rights
in Paris

5-7 October 2017

Training of trainers - Fundamentals
in Toulouse

15-18 November 2017

The place of victims before the International criminal court in Paris

1-2 December 2017

International criminal defence - Level 2
in Paris

8-9 December 2017

Informations



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♦ ASIA



CAMBODIA :

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to strengthen the rule of law in Cambodia for a fair society equitable for women. The project aims to reach out to women who are victims of gender-based violence as well as to women who support and combat violence and discrimination. The project aims to promote access to justice for women and encourage women to exercise their rights.



LAOS :

In partnership with local organisations, ASF France wishes to develop a project aimed at providing access to law and justice and medico-social accompaniment for the populations of the Oudomxay province of northern Laos.

♦ AFRICA



BENIN :

ASF France in partnership with the Media Observatory for Democracy and Good Governance in Benin proposes a project to sustain Beninese civil society in the protection of human rights and the fight against economic crimes and violations of human rights.

CENTRAL AFRICA :

ASF France, in partnership with ASF Center Africa, proposes a project whose aim is to contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law by improving the capacities of human rights defenders and judicial actors as well in term of legal tools as of management of their organisations.



CAMEROON :

The objectives of the project are to strengthen the capacities of the players in the criminal justice system in Cameroon to contribute to strengthening Cameroon's judicial system, improving knowledge and respect for human rights and thus contributing to the consolidation of Rule of Law in Cameroon. Legal aid would also be provided to beneficiaries.





Monday 24th April: Theater

The Micycles, an association of student lawyers whose aim is to organize theatrical performances with a charitable purpose, decided to present a piece whose full profits are transferred to Avocats Sans Frontières France.



From 9:30PM



Paris, La Boussole theater



Sunday 11th June : Race Juris'Run

Each year, the Association of Corporate Counsel Lawyers organizes a 10 km run, in which only legal professionals are invited to participate. 500 racing enthusiasts gather for a sporty morning. A team of ASF France will wear the colors of the association during this "legally" sporting event!



Departure 9AM



Paris, Bois de Boulogne



From 18th to 21st October : National Convention of Lawyers

The National Bar Council organizes the National Convention of Lawyers, which is the most important event organized by the profession. It will be composed of plenary assemblies, symposiums, training workshops and a major trade fair. Numerous personalities from the political and economic world will participate in this event. ASF France and a team of volunteers will be present.



Starting at 5PM



Bordeaux, Exhibition Center



Consultations CDAD

The Departmental Councils of Access to Law (CDAD) offer citizens interviews with lawyers who inform these people about their rights and obligations and guide them in their steps. Participating lawyers are asked to pay all or part of the remuneration received for the CDAD consultations to ASF France.

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