



AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES
France

"Giving a voice to the defense"

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Access to law and justice
Fight against the death penalty
Legal services
Strengthening the role of the lawyer
Defence and assistance for victims
Fight against torture
Defending the defenders of human rights
Strengthening the abilities of local actors
and empowering them



Our identity

Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF) France

is an international solidarity association governed by the French law of 1 July 1901.

Objective:

- **To contribute to the positive enforcement of human rights**, *universally recognised for ensuring the defence of any individual deprived of access to a free and independent lawyer*
- **To work everywhere the association is deemed useful and necessary** *for the establishment and reinforcement of the rule of law, of the judicial system and in particular of the right to a fair trial and effective defence*
- **To defend lawyers and defenders of human rights** *who are the victims of threats or aggressions of any kind because of their professional activity*

To this effect, ASF uses all of the resources available to it and can refer cases to any national or international association, jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional, and intervene before them, including by bringing civil actions before the competent courts.



Word from the President

2011 was a year of important challenges for Avocats Sans Frontières France. In addition to the work which has allowed the association, over time, to win the trust of the beneficiaries and partners for international solidarity, the association has had to assume and handle an important change in management. François Cantier, who had held the role of president since the creation of the association, forewarned us of his decision not to stand for re-election to a senior management position. Here, on behalf of everyone involved in ASF France, we pay a double tribute to him. Firstly for having taken the care to prepare everyone for his departure as president of the association so that it could be managed in the best possible way. Secondly, and above all, a tribute to his investment and action in the association over many years. With the support of all the actors, he was able to raise ASF France to the level of an international association, known here and elsewhere for the clarity of its mandate and insistence on the quality of its interventions. This is illustrated by the numerous spontaneous requests which were made to him to chair the different bodies in which ASF France takes part. The association is honoured to now welcome him as honorary president and tireless figurehead.

It is therefore in line with the last 13 years of work that ASF France continues its development. This report will give you an appreciation of the work performed in 2011 in Cambodia, Cameroon, Laos and Nigeria, among others. The association has also continued to pursue one of its founding objectives: defending defence, for lawyers and defenders of human rights across the world. Furthermore, the association participates in the ASF Network, today made up of 16 members in a variety of locations across the world.

In 2012, two new projects increased the association's ability to help the most vulnerable people. In Mali, where a new project aimed at encouraging the respect of prisoners' rights will be developed in the Bamako, Kati and Kayes regions, and in Tunisia, where the association is pleased to participate in strengthening the institutional capacities of the Higher Institute for Lawyers (l'Institut Supérieur de la Profession d'Avocat (ISPA)) after having defended our colleagues for many years under the former regime.

All these activities require extensive financial and human resources, for which I naturally look towards the law profession. I address our colleagues, bar associations and representative bodies of the profession in France when I say that ASF France is a tool they can make use of. The association needs them to continue its work to serve the most vulnerable throughout the world. It needs the engagement of our colleagues to perform this task, as well as the support of the bar associations which constitute a guarantee of its independence and efficiency. To the bar associations I propose the organisation of an ASF France day, in connection with their County Council for Access to the Law (Conseil Départemental de l'Accès au Droit (CDAD)). The cost of the consultation given for free in France will support access to law and justice for the weakest everywhere in the world.

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I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those at our side, near or far, working for a world of justice and freedom.

Philippe Moriceau,
President of Avocats Sans Frontières France

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voluntary
workers

31

staff
members

9

head office
staff members

22

employees
on the field

50

assignments
carried out abroad

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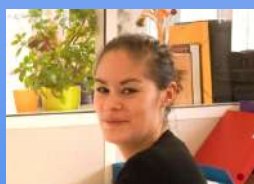
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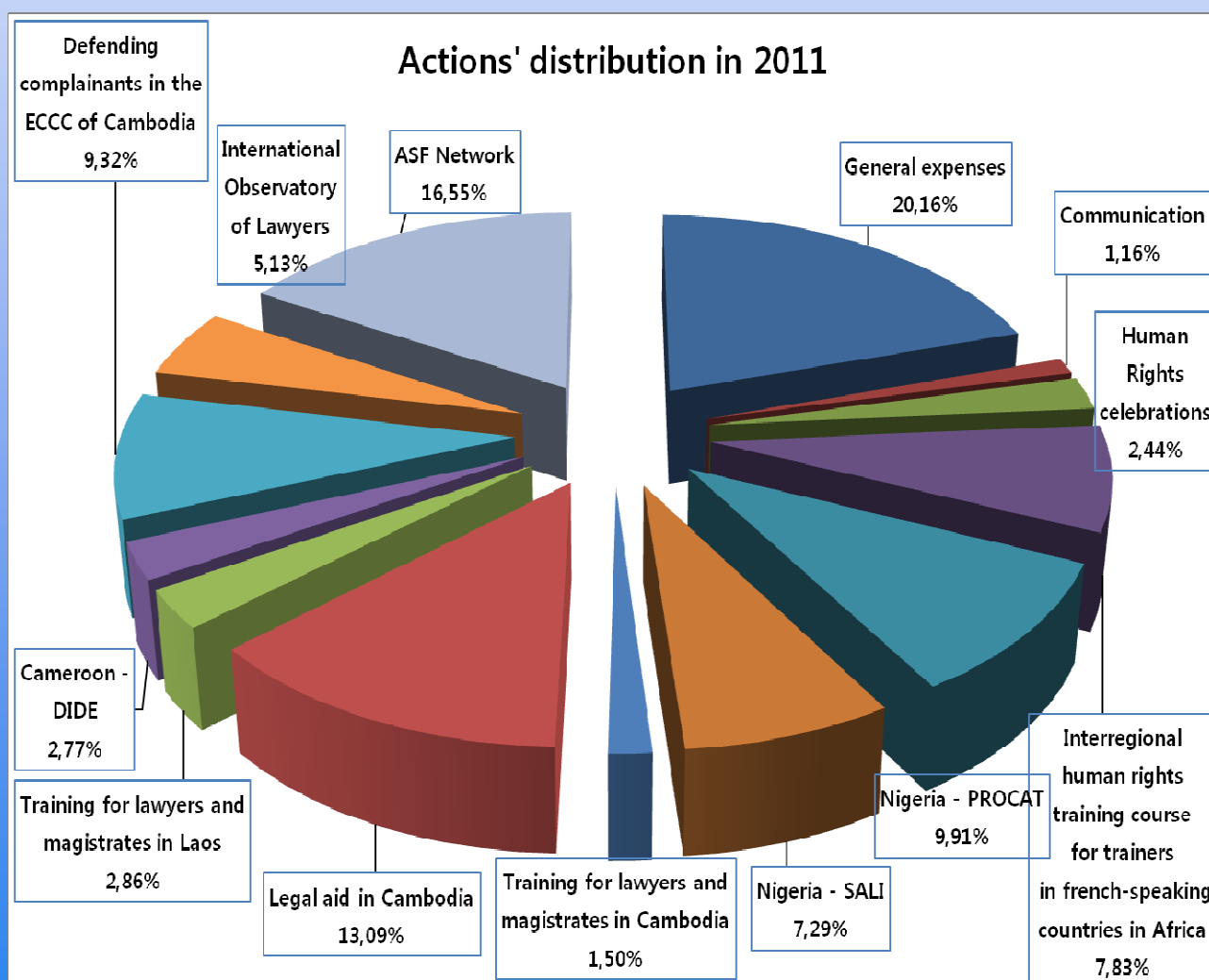
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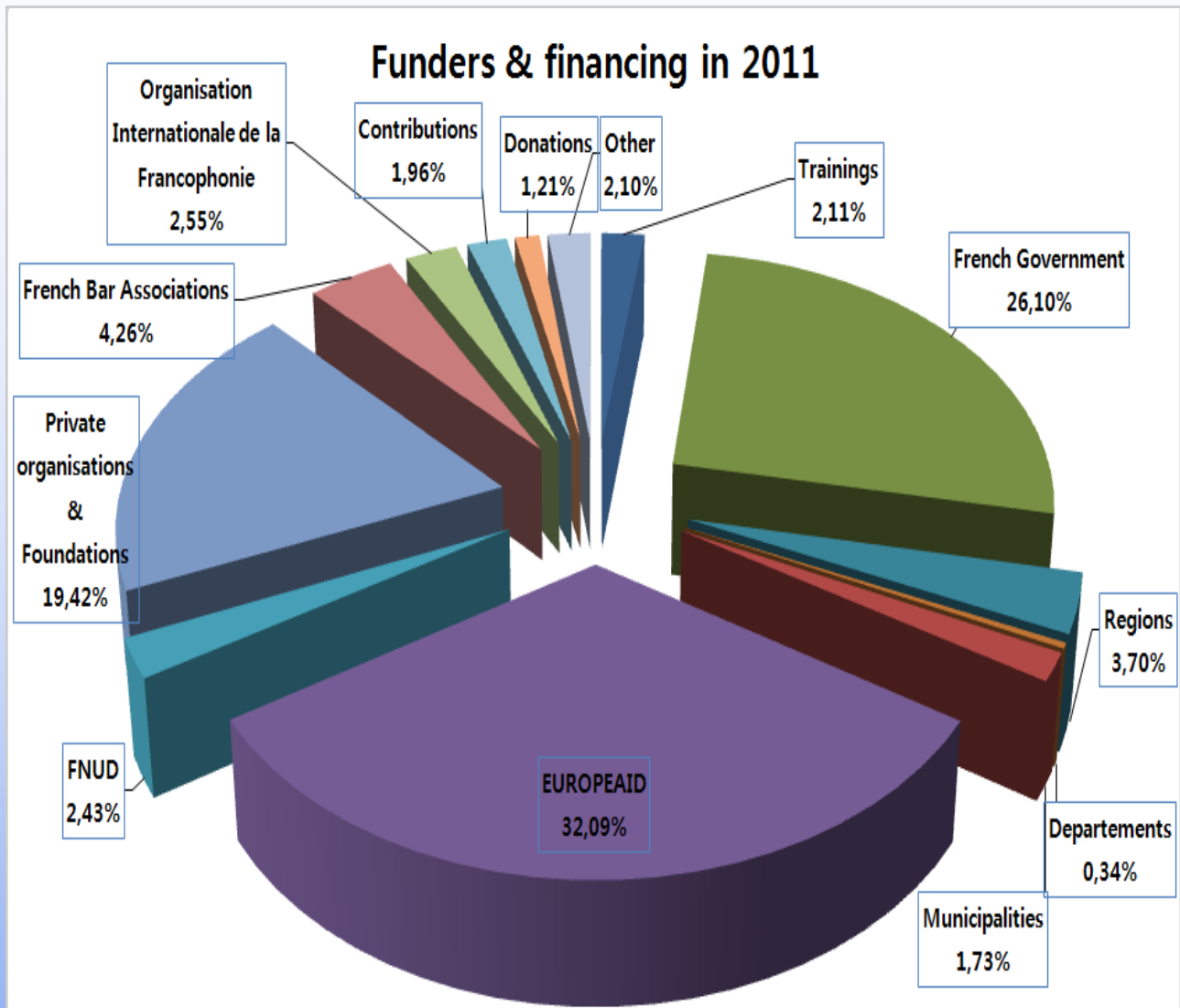
- **Independence:** ASF France is an independent association, both in respect to its philosophy for action and its means of action.
- **Financial transparency:** ASF France, as an international solidarity association, guarantees transparency regarding the association's activity, finances and accounts for its members and any entity it

is in relation with. It is committed to complying strictly with management and accounting rules in force. Since its creation, its accounts have been subject to independent annual certification and checks, the results of which are made available. In addition the association establishes the principle of internal management control, independent and regular evaluation and external audits within the different projects.

2011 in figures 13,75 (% increase in 2011)



To finance its worldwide activities to help the most vulnerable, ASF France relies on:



The value of voluntary work

in 2011, voluntary workers gave more than 23,000 hours of their time for ASF France
the value of such contribution is estimated at 2,349,502 euros

181 memberships in 2011
51 bar associate members
100 donors

PARTNERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bar associations:



Agen, Ain, Aix en Provence, Albertville, Albi, Alençon, Amiens, Angers, Ariège, Aurillac, Avignon, Bayonne, Belfort, Béthune, Blois, Brive, Seine Saint Denis, Bordeaux, Brest, Corrèze, Caen, Chambéry, Charente, Chartres, Clermont-Ferrand, Colmar, Cusset-Vichy, Dax, Dijon, Draguignan, Dunkerque, Epinal, Essonne, Eure, Foix, Hautes-Alpes, Hauts-de-Seine, La Roche-sur-Yon, Laval, le Mans, Lille, Lyon, Macon, Marseille, Meaux, Mont de Marsan, Mulhouse, Nancy, Nantes, Paris, Poitiers, Pyrénées Orientales, Quimper, Reims, Rennes, Saint-Brieuc, Saint-Denis, Saint-Etienne, Saint-Nazaire, Strasbourg, Tarn-et-Garonne, Thonon-les-Bains, Toulouse, Tours, Val de Marne, Val d'Oise, Valenciennes, Versailles

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Agence Française de Développement, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes, Premier Ministre, Ambassades de France à l'Etranger, Union Européenne, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Démocratie, Bureau du Haut Commissariat des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies



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INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Characteristics of ASF France actions:

- ♦ Internal preparation process prior to the intervention of all the association's actors
- ♦ We do not replace local actors, but rather work alongside them at their request to help fulfil their requirements
- ♦ Combination of emergency and long-term interventions
- ♦ Empowerment of local actors, in particular through training sessions and strengthening abilities

50

assignments

831

Assignment days

18

countries

3,500

beneficiaries

23,000

Hours of voluntary work

4 main lines of intervention:

- ♦ **Fair access** to law and justice for vulnerable persons
- ♦ **Reinforcement** of the abilities and empowerment of local actors for justice
- ♦ **Protection** and reinforcement of the free exercise of the law profession for the benefit of vulnerable persons
- ♦ **Emergency defence** for defenders of human rights and victims of the most serious injustices



ACTIONS 2011...

Point de vue

Le procès du tortionnaire Douch a été utile

Le Monde | 24.07.10 | 12h31 • Mis à jour le 24.07.10 | 12h31

Philippe Canonne, Martine Jacquin, Moch Sovanarry

Le Monde.fr

Le premier procès dit "des Khmers rouges", celui de Douch, directeur du centre de détention et de torture S21, responsable de l'extermination de 12 000 personnes (et sans doute davantage), s'achèvera, le 26 juillet, par le prononcé du verdict. Quarante années de réclusion criminelle ont été requises, en décembre 2009, par les coprosecuteurs, au terme d'une minutieuse instruction et de très longs débats. Pour la première fois devant une juridiction pénale internationale chargée de juger des crimes de masse - crimes contre l'humanité - et ce depuis le tribunal de Nuremberg, les survivants des victimes ou leurs familles ont pu être entendues non seulement comme témoins mais comme parties civiles.



Sur le même sujet

LES FAITS

L'ex-Khmer rouge Douch condamné à 35 ans de prison



ENTRETIEN Procès Douch : "Le premier ministre cambodgien a toujours détesté l'idée d'un tribunal international"

Ce procès était historique, de nombreux juristes et associations de défense des droits de l'homme souhaitant lui voir acquiescer un statut de modèle pour la réforme et l'évolution du système judiciaire au Cambodge. Conformément à la Constitution, le pouvoir judiciaire est indépendant et les décisions de justice seront rendues au nom du peuple khmer même si, à chacun de ses rouages, le mécanisme, sous l'égide des Nations unies, aura été mixte et la procédure pénale bâtie à la fois sur le droit anglo-saxon (*common law*) et le droit romano-germanique (*civil law*).

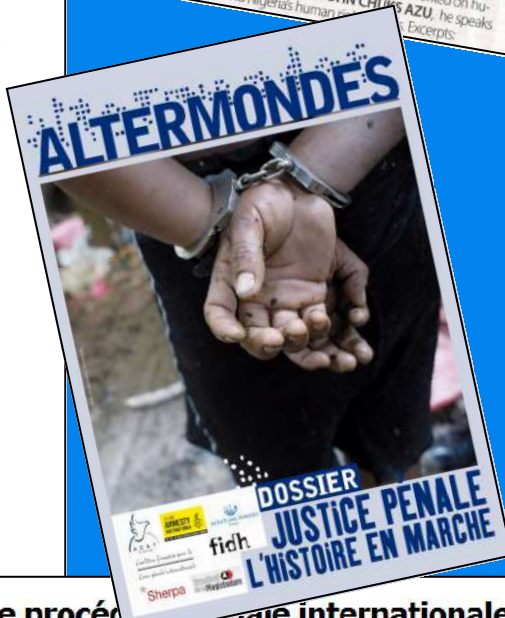
Donner la parole aux victimes, c'était leur permettre de livrer le récit des atrocités subies, libérer leurs émotions, montrer leur réflexion profonde et exprimer leur volonté de pacification, au-delà de la juste réparation. C'était peut-être donner au monde à comprendre comment des hommes, au nom d'une idéologie de masse, ont pu exécuter de tels ordres et les ordres et les crimes.

MEURTRE DE CHEBEYA: PROCÈS VENDREDI

Plus de cinq mois après l'assassinat de Mr Floribert Chebeya, porte-parole de l'association la «Voix des Sans Voix», en République Démocratique du Congo, 8 personnes comparaitront à partir de vendredi pour association de malfaiteurs, enlèvement, terrorisme et assassinat, révèle le Réseau Avocats Sans Frontières qui représentera les parties civiles. Le colonel Daniel Mukalay, chef des services spéciaux de la police nationale sera notamment sur le banc des accusés.

ASF sera aux côtés du collectif des avocats, coordonné par le Bâtonnier Jean-Joseph Mukendi wa Mulumba, et de la société civile organisée auprès de l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

« Nous dénonçons le rôle éminent qu'a joué dans l'assassinat de Floribert Chebeya et la mort de Fidel Bazana, le Général Nombi qui est le chef de la police et qui ne figure pas sur le banc des accusés. »



Une procédure pénale internationale contre Kadhafi ?



L'ONG Avocats sans frontières (ASF), qui a enquêté auprès de victimes des forces du colonel Mouammar Kadhafi, évoque des "crimes contre l'humanité et crimes de guerre à grande échelle" dont elle va informer la Cour pénale internationale.

Torture, exécutions sommaires, massacres, boudiers humains, utilisation de bombes à sous-munitions: les témoignages des violences infligées ces dernières semaines par le pouvoir libyen à la population sont multiples, estime l'avocat français Philippe Moriceau, vice-président d'ASF France.

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KHMER ROUGES TRIAL DEFENCE OF CIVIL PARTIES BEFORE THE ECCC



Commencing activity in July 2007, this court was created by the Cambodian government under the aegis of the United Nations in order to judge the main perpetrators of crimes committed under the Khmer Rouge regime between 1975 and 1979. It is a mixed tribunal, with 2/3 Cambodian and 1/3 international judicial personnel.



Carried out in partnership with:
The Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia

The project of Avocats Sans Frontières France aims at ensuring the victims' defence before the ECCC. Indeed, the status of the civil parties had not been secured at the time the court was set up and, most importantly, the defence for the numerous victims of the Khmer Rouge regime did not benefit from any support in the statutes of the court.

ASF France therefore set up an office in 2008 for the support and defence of civil parties in partnership with the Bar Association of Cambodia.



This project is made possible thanks to financial support from the: Agence Française de Développement, French Embassy (Embassade de France), Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs (Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes), Prime Minister's Cabinet (Cabinet du Premier Ministre), National Bar Association (Conseil National des Barreaux)

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

The actions of ASF France before this court have for now mainly been based on the two primary files:

► **File no.1:** concerning Kaing Guek Eav, known as “Duch”, the former director of torture and detention centre S21 (Tuol Sleng), for which ASF France ensures **the defence of 28 civil parties** out of a total 90.

After a hearing of over 3 years, the first decision was heard on 26 July 2010, condemning Duch to 35 years in prison and dismissed a certain number of victims who had not been recognised as civil parties.

During the appeal trial, further to the relentless work of the ASF lawyers, among others, the culpability of Duch was confirmed and a life

sentence more reflective of the charges against him was handed down. At the same time the victims were recognised as civil parties and the extent of damages in the Court’s authority, namely the publication of Duch’s confessions, was ordered.

► **File no.2:** trial accusing four former senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime: Ieng Sary (former minister of foreign affairs), Ieng Thirith (ex-minister of social affairs), Nuon Chea (former prime minister) and Khieu Samphan (former head of state). ASF France assists **1,140 civil parties** out of a total of 3,867 at this trial and is the main team representing the victims.

After years of pre-trial investigation, sentencing started on 27 June 2011 and will continue into 2012.

A group of international lawyers rotates each month on a voluntary basis alongside the two Cambodian lawyers, assisted by a team of jurists in order to ensure the defence of civil parties before the ECCC.

In addition to the defence activity before the court, the ASF France civil parties’ defence team regularly meets with the victims to inform them of the development of the trial and participate in information and discussion forums organised in the provinces by the victim support service and other Cambodian associations such as the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC) and the Khmer Institute of Democracy (KID).



Members of the project team:

Project manager: Martine JACQUIN (Paris Bar Association)

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IN ASIA

Cambodia



STRENGTHENING THE ABILITIES OF LAWYERS AND LEGAL SERVICES

Website:

www.asffrance-cambodge.org

The structures of the Cambodian State, including the judicial system, were devastated by the long period of war and reign of the Khmer Rouge regime.

Despite the creation of the Bar Association in 1995, access to law and justice for the population and in particular the most vulnerable remains remote.



Action performed in partnership with:
The Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
the Brive Bar Association

Depuis Since 2006, Avocats Sans Frontières France and the Cambodian Bar Association have been leading a programme for legal services and access to law in all the country's provinces in order to contribute to the reinforcement of the rule of law.

While formerly all lawyers were concentrated in the capital Phnom Penh, this programme has made it possible for 22 lawyers to set up in the country's 20 provinces.



◀ **Lawyers from the programme set up in the provinces**



This project is made possible thanks to the financial support from the: Agence Française de Développement, International Organisation of La Francophonie (Organisation Internationale de La Francophonie) and the Regional Council of Limousin (Conseil Régional du Limousin)

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

This programme is in two parts:

► Legal services:

- ♦ 22 lawyers set up in the 20 Cambodian provinces
- ♦ 1,149 files processed in 2010 and 1,414 new files accepted free of charge in 2011 by the 22 lawyers in the programme
- ♦ Increasing the awareness of local authorities and judicial actors: information about the legal services programme for village heads, presidents of provincial courts, judges and clerks

► Strengthening the abilities of lawyers providing legal aid:

In order to allow them to best cope with the different litigation they are confronted with, the 22 lawyers in the programme and the other lawyers in the Bar Association benefit from actions to reinforce their abilities, aiming at empowering them.

In 2011, two training actions were carried out in this respect:

- ♦ A training session on the new Cambodian Penal Code from 14 to 18 March 2011 in Sihanoukville.
- ♦ A training session on "the use of international legal instruments for the protection of human rights" from 5 to 8 July 2011 in Sihanoukville.

▼ *Training sessions are facilitated by lawyers and other ASF France practitioners, with the support of Cambodian co-trainers, previously trained by the association to teach methods.*



Members of the project team:

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IN ASIA

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STRENGTHENING THE ABILITIES OF LOCAL ACTORS: TRAINING CAMBODIAN LAWYERS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF THE DEFENCE

After two decades of civil war, the judicial system and all the judicial professions were wiped out. Since 2005, in partnership with the Professional Training Centre for Lawyers, ASF France has stepped in to help with the initial training of lawyers in Cambodia. This project was opened up to include student magistrates from 2009 in partnership with the Royal School for Judges and Prosecutors.



Actions performed in partnership with: The Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Royal Academy for Judicial Professions hosting the Centre for Lawyers Training and Professional Improvement (Centre de Formation Professionnelle des Avocats) and the Royal School for Judges and Prosecutors (Ecole Royale de la Magistrature)

This project to strengthen the abilities of judicial actors aims at contributing to the restoration of a fair judicial system and the reinforcement of the rule of law. Specifically, this allows:

- ◆ The methodological expertise to be passed on to the Centre for Lawyers Training and Professional Improvement the Royal School of Magistrates, allowing them to use a pool of quality local trainers.
- ◆ The initial training for lawyers to be reinforced regarding the rights of the defence and use of international legal instruments to protect human rights.
- ◆ The initial training for magistrates to be reinforced regarding criminal procedure and the compliance with the rules of a fair trial and the respect of human rights.
- ◆ The main principles of the right to a fair trial to be passed on to the judicial actors.



This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of: the French Embassy (Ambassade de France), the Minister of Foreign and European affairs (Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes) and Regional Council of Midi-Pyrénées and Pays de la Loire.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► A training session on teaching methods for Cambodian trainers

A group of jurists and Cambodian lawyers followed the training session in order to acquire the teaching methods and tools for training. This group then worked as co-trainers alongside ASF France trainers during the training session given to student lawyers.

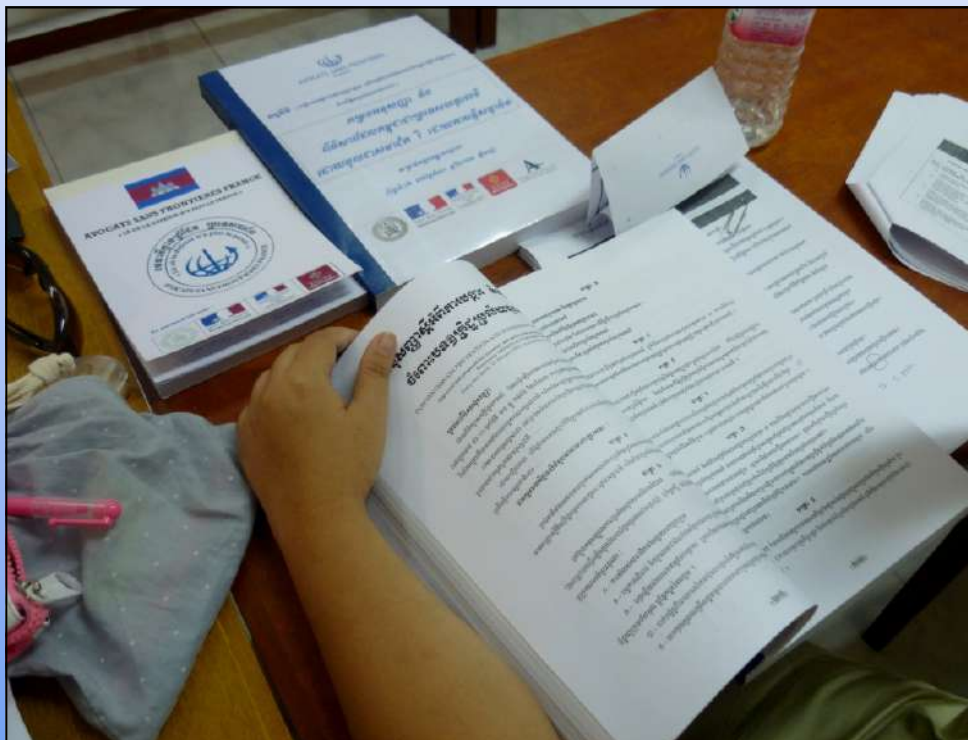
They will also take part in training sessions organised by the association in Cambodia, as well as other associations and institutions in the country.

► A training session for student lawyers on the use of international legal instruments to protect human rights

The training session was given to 40 students at the Centre for Lawyers Training and Professional Improvement. It was led by ASF France trainers, with support from Cambodian co-trainers who had previously been trained in teaching methods, with the aim of allowing future lawyers to study the contents of the main international legal instruments for the protection of human rights (ratified by Cambodia) in greater depth, as well as their practical uses in the interest of the people they are defending.

Cohorts

These training activities will continue into 2012, both for new cohorts of student lawyers and magistrates and practising lawyers.



Members of the project team:

Project manager: Martine JACQUIN (Paris Bar Association)

Teaching supervisor: Françoise GAUTRY (Brive Bar Association)

Trainers involved in this project in 2011: Hélène DIRIBARNE SOMERS (Pau Bar Association), Nicole DUMAS (Foix Bar Association), Françoise GAUTRY (Corrèze Bar Association) and Jeanne Gisette MARE (Cameroon Bar Association)

Other actors involved in the development of teaching material: Evelyne BOILEAU BRANDOMIR, Marie Dominique BOYER BESSON, Philippe CANONNE, Francis CLOTTES, Annie DELAHAIE, Laure DESFORGES, Ferdinand DJAMMEN NZEPA, Nicole DUMAS, Isabelle DURAND, Simone FEOKETCHANG, Marie Dominique FLOUZAT AUBA, Françoise FRAIGNEAU, Françoise GAUTRY, Jeanne Gisette MARE, Christine MARTINEAU, Alix PHIQUEPAL D'ARUSMONT, Victorine PIMBO, Marie Paule PONDY, Henry NAYRAL DE PUYBUSQUE, Elisabeth RABESANDRATANA, Vincent RICOULEAU, François ROGER, Fabienne TRUSSES NAPROUS, Anne VIDAL, Désirée ZOGO.

ASF France team in Phnom Penh: NAY Sinek, TOUCH Pisethsathya and HENG Sengdy (coordinators)



PARTICIPATION TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION OF LAWYER IN LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

In 2007 the Lao government embarked on a massive judicial reform with the help of the UNDP. In this context, the Lao Bar Association, a young institution set up 1996, wanted to improve the quality of its initial and continuous training programmes and its ability to provide legal services to the poorest people.



Action performed in partnership with:
the Lao Bar Association

This 3-year project led by ASF France in partnership with the Lao Bar Association started in January 2010. It aims at providing two training sessions per year on the rights of the defence and human rights for student lawyers as well as interested practising lawyers from the Lao Bar Association.

The first six-week training session given to each new cohort of student lawyers by the Lao Bar Association will also benefit from the support of this project

ASF France trainers will be involved in the following themes: "The role of the lawyer" and "Using international legal instruments for the protection of human rights".

The project aims at:

- ◆ promoting fair justice and restoring the rule of law in Laos
- ◆ contributing to strengthening the legal profession in Laos
- ◆ improving the capability of lawyers in Laos to deliver high quality legal services to vulnerable persons



This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of: the European Commission, Agence Française de la Développement, the Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs (Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes), the International Organisation of The Francophonie (Organisation Internationale pour La Francophonie).

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► Training sessions on teaching methods for Laotian co-trainers

Laotian co-trainers, both jurists and lawyers, benefitted from two training sessions on teaching methods before going on to train student lawyers themselves.

In order to optimise the efficiency of training sessions and ensure they become well-established, this project aims at producing a group of trainers made up of local actors and lawyers. This allows the Bar Association, as well as other institutions, access to a group of resource persons who can play a part in issues regarding training.

► "The role of the lawyer" training session from 5 to 9 September 2011, in Vientiane

This session gathered all 18 student lawyers

from the class of 2011. It covered diverse themes such as applying the rights of the defence, professional ethic, professional secrecy, customer relationships and relationships and interaction with other judicial actors, etc.

► "International legal instruments" training session from 10 to 14 October 2011, in Vientiane

These 18 student lawyers also took part in this training session, which allowed them to more precisely identify the contents of international legal instruments for the protection of human rights, their possible use in internal law and the use of jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional mechanisms on an international scale.



▲ A ceremony was organised on 14 October to close the 2011 training sessions in the presence of the deputy minister for justice, KET KIETTASACK, representatives from the French cooperation, including French Ambassador François SENEMAUD, the Executive Committee of the Lao Bar Association and professors from the Lao Bar Association, as well as local partners supporting the project, the European Commission delegation and the French Development Agency. End-of-year-training diplomas were awarded to the future lawyers on this occasion.

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Martine JACQUIN (Paris Bar Association)

Teaching supervisor: Fabienne TRUSSES NAPROUS, (Tarbes Bar Association)

Trainers involved in 2011: Evelyne BOILEAU (Clermont Ferrand Bar Association), Simone-Solange FEOKET-CHANG (Cameroon Bar Association), Henri NAYRAL de PUYBUSQUE (Toulouse Bar Association) and Vincent RICOULEAU (Saint Nazaire Bar Association).

Other actors involved in the development of teaching material: Marie Dominique BOYER BESSON, Philippe CANONNE, Francis CLOTTES, Annie DELAHAIE, Laure DESFORGES, Hélène DIRIBRNE SOMERS, Ferdinand DJAMMEN NZEPA, Nicole DUMAS, Isabelle DURAND, Marie Dominique FLOUZAT AUBA, Françoise FRAIGNEAU, Françoise GAUTRY, Jeanne Gisette MARE, Christine MARTINEAU, Alix PHIQUEPAL D'ARUS-MONT, Victorine PIMBO, Marie Paule PONDY, Elisabeth RABESANDRATANA, François ROGER, Ghislaine SEZE, Anne VIDAL, Désirée ZOGO.

ASF France team in Vientiane: Somchine PHANNARATH, Phivath VORACHAK

IN AFRICA

Nigeria



PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE (ProCAT)

ASF France has been carrying out actions in Nigeria for nearly 10 years, following its intervention to support the defence of Amina Lawal, a young woman sentenced to death by stoning by a sharia court because she had a child out of marriage. This trial brought to light many problems in the Nigerian judicial system.

Despite the fact that Nigeria ratified the UN Convention against Torture in 2001, numerous obstacles continue to prevent its efficient application, with fundamental rights flouted during police investigations, the break down of legal aid services, abuse of processes, etc. Torture is commonly used in police custody to extract confessions. Legal aid is practically non-existent, making access to law and justice extremely difficult for vulnerable people.



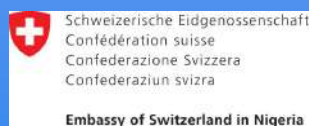
Action performed in partnership with:
LEGAL AID COUNCIL Of Nigeria
and the Nigerian Bar Association

**The project aims to reduce
torture and mistreatment
committed during judicial proceedings
by mobilising Nigerian legal actors
and raising public awareness**



▲ Training session in Kaduna, July 2011:
participants, trainers and the local ASF France
team

Plateau State, November 2011: judicial
actors at the training session organized by
ASF France in Jos



This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of: the European Union, the Swiss Embassy in Nigeria and Agence Française de Développement.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► Legal services

407 cases were identified by the project lawyers in the 4 target States prisons.

19 people were released on bail, while 25 people had charges against them dropped and were released.

Finally, 16 proceedings brought before the Nigerian *High Court* on behalf of torture victims were successful: they were released and received around €5,000 in damages.

► Training judicial actors

4 training sessions took place in the States of Kano, Kaduna, Lagos and Plateau between March and November.

These training sessions were delivered to around 20 people, including magistrates, lawyers, police and prison staff, and focused on the prohibition of torture. The training sessions were followed by a

half-day round table discussion, involving the main judicial actors in the State.

These actors therefore engaged in a discussion on the practice of torture and developed ideas on courses of action and good practices.

► Awareness

Radio adverts in pidgin (English Creole) were broadcast in the 4 project States at the same time as the training sessions, using a short dialogue to explain the prohibition of torture and the possibility of legal representation.

Awareness workshops were held with civil society associations and community leaders in Kano, Kaduna and Lagos. Awareness of torture has therefore been raised among key actors in the civil society, and they know which procedures to follow, should they receive a case from a victim of torture.

This project is now in its final year. These three areas (legal services, training for judicial actors and awareness) will however continue to be expanded, with a new project in development to spread and increase the excellent results already obtained.



◀ Training session in Kano, May 2011: participants, trainers and the local ASF France office team

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Ivan Paneff

Advisors: Jean-Sébastien Mariez (case follow-up advisor), Cécile Ostier (training session advisor), Pierre-Frédéric Degon (awareness advisor),

Other team members: Zolika Bouabdallah, Sabah Boumesla, Julien Brun, Mechtilde Carlier, Julie Cateau, Laurent Gaudon, Catherine Mabile, Valia Morgenbesser, Lionel Njeukam, Michèle Stern.

Local office in Abuja: Hélène Caby (head of mission), Nadia Nata (head of mission), Céline LEMMEL (head of mission since 2012), Rotkang Kyunni (coordinating lawyer), Angela Uwandu (legal assistant), Barbara Maigari (legal assistant), Sifon Essien (communication officer), Obiora Diru (logistics officer)

Support lawyers: Adeyinka Adebayo, Ibrahim Adams Andrew, Remi Atunwa, Bolaji Gabari, Paul Hammache, Mustapha Idris, Lydia Eniola Laka, Bryan Olekanma

IN AFRICA

Nigeria



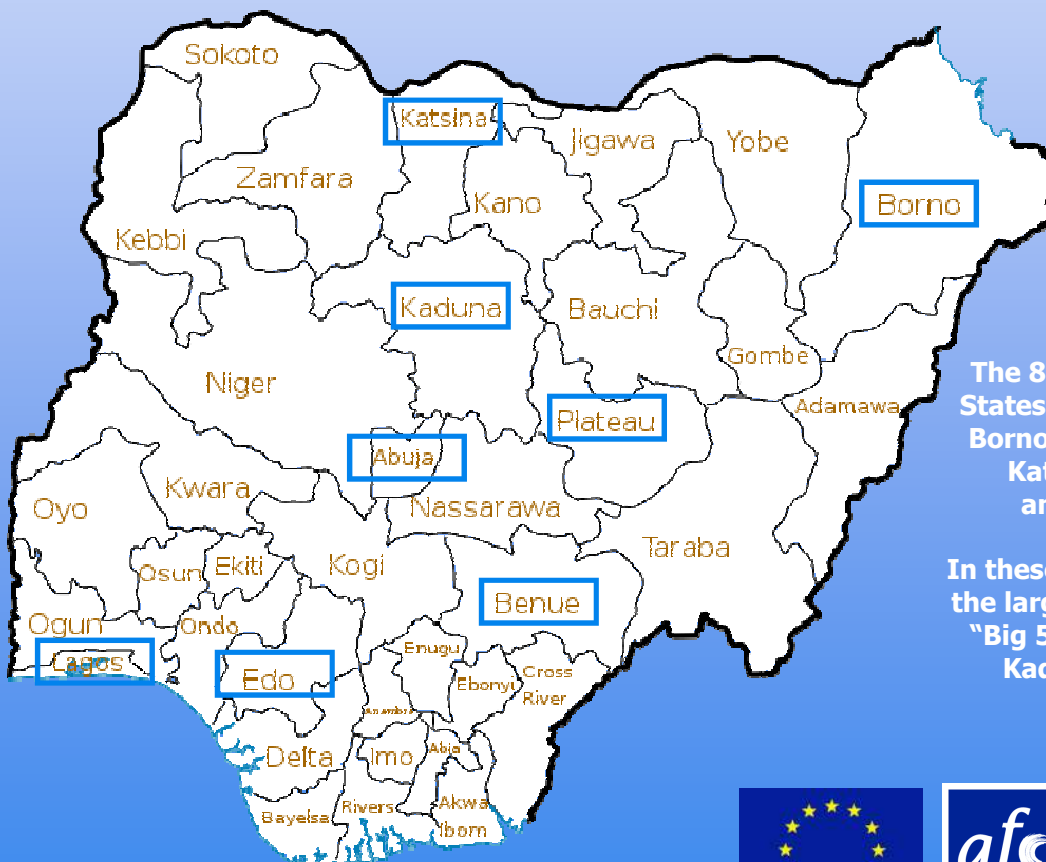
STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF LAWYERS TO FIGHT AGAINST DEATH PENALTY (Saving Lives : SALI)

Nigeria is one of the largest countries in Africa where the death penalty is still used and legal. However, a moratorium was imposed in 2004 following the recommendation of a working group on the death penalty set up by former President Obasanjo. This moratorium should have been the first step towards abolition of the death penalty. However, three executions took place in 2007 in the State of Kaduna and the number of prisoners on death row has continued to rise. On the whole, the society is very poorly informed on the death penalty, and consequently this sentence continues to be handed down and prisoners are put on death row without any legal guarantee.



Action performed in partnership with:
National Human Rights Commission, Nigerian Bar
Association and Access to Justice

To reduce the number of people incurring the death penalty, sentenced to death during trial or definitively sentenced to death, through the involvement of the civil society, judicial and political actors and especially lawyers, with the aim of improving the defence of prisoners and their conditions in which they are held.



The 8 project target States: Abuja, Benue, Borno, Edo, Kaduna, Katsina, Lagos and Plateau.

In these States are 3 of the largest of Nigeria's "Big 5" prisons: Jos, Kaduna, Lagos.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► Initial training for support lawyers and resource persons

This training session included lawyers from the Nigerian Bar Association, one of the project partners, support lawyers for the project in the States and ASF France staff from the Abuja office. The subjects tackled were project methodology and development of the argument against the death penalty.

► Free legal aid

Support lawyers started a second term by identifying key local actors for the project. They then started to identify people sentenced to death or incurring the death penalty in target State prisons.

In 2012, the project's planned actions will be stepped up, notably: the kick-off meeting, awareness-raising conferences in the target States, practical Workshops for judicial actors, judicial assistance to people sentenced to death penalty or incurring the death penalty and the development of a website dedicated to the project.



Abudja, September 2011: The ASF France team and support lawyers

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Ivan Paneff

The team: Jean-Sébastien Mariez (case follow-up advisor), Cécile Ostier (training session advisor), Pierre-Frédéric Degon (awareness advisor), Stéphane Babonneau, Zolika Bouabdallah, Julien Brun, Mechtilde Carlier, Julie Cateau, Ophélie Claude, Elodie Favre, Mesmer Gueyou, Catherine Mabile, Valia Morgenbesser, Bogdan Murarasu, Lionel Njeukam, Michèle Stern.

Local office in Abuja: Nadia Nata (head of mission until September 2011), Céline Lemmel (current head of mission), Kolawole Ogunbiyi (coordinator lawyer), Angela Uwandu (project officer), Obiora Diru (logistics officer), Sifon Essien (communication officer)

Support Lawyers in the 8 States: Masud Alabeleye (Kaduna), Eniola Lydia Laka (Plateau), Haruna Mshelia (Borno), Abiodun Odusote (Lagos), Matthew Idoko (Benue), Cyril Abulu (Edo), Noah Ajare (Abuja FCT)

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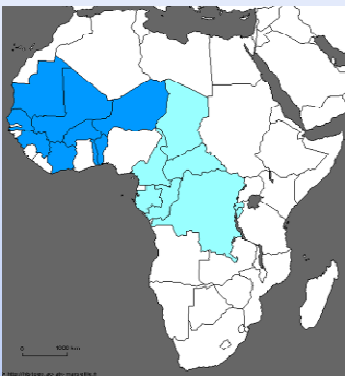
French-speaking
Africa

INTERREGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING COURSE FOR TRAINERS



Action performed in partnership with:
ASF Mali and ASF Cameroun

In response to training needs raised by justice system professionals in French-speaking countries in Africa, ASF France has developed and set up an interregional project in West Africa and Central Africa to provide trainers with human rights training.



▲ March 2011, Pointe-Noire, Congo-Brazzaville:
The Central Africa group during tandem training

◀ **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo.

Central Africa: Burundi, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Chad.

Create a network of trainers-defenders for human rights

Using a 4-states complete curriculum:

1. training trainers in teaching methods
2. training trainers in legal techniques:
international legal instruments and the International Criminal Court
3. strengthening teaching methods
4. tandem training and assessment

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Marie-José Cantier-Herrmann
(trainer in educational engineering)

Trainers: Françoise Mathe (Toulouse Bar Association), Hugo Moudiki Jombwe (jurist and executive manager of ASF France), Claude-Joel Paka (President of the Bar, Pointe-Noire) Honoré Yana (Cameroon Bar Association and general secretary of ASF Cameroon)

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► The Central Africa group completed the 4th stage of the curriculum.

An initial tandem training session was carried out in Pointe-Noire (Congo-Brazzaville) on the topic "Preventing violence, helping victims: which legal tools should human rights defenders use?" for around 20 representatives of the Congolese civil society.

In September, members of civil society associations in Douala, Cameroon took part in a training session prepared by the Central African group on the theme "Discriminating against women and children: which legal tools can be used to address this issue?".

► In figures:

**16 trainers were trained
in West Africa**

**21 trainers were trained
in Central Africa**

**They in turn trained 40 actors in the civil
society during tandem training sessions**



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This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of the: Agence Française de Développement, International Organisation of The Francophonie (l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie), United Nations Democracy Fund and the Regional Council of Midi-Pyrénées.

DIGNITY IN DETENTION: PROMOTING THE RESPECT OF THE MINIMAL RULES GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN DETENTION



Action performed in partnership with:
Barreau du Cameroun and ASF Cameroon

Within a legal system already in difficulty due to a lack of assets and human resources and an insufficient respect for rights, and even because corruption has become a fact of life, the prison domain in Cameroon is cause for concern. According to figures provided by the State of Cameroon to the United Nations Committee against Torture in March 2010, a total 23,196 inmates were in Cameroonian prisons, 14,265 of whom were accused awaiting trial for 8,931 convicted.

This project aims at strengthening the knowledge of and compliance with minimum standards and rules due to a person deprived of liberty.



▲ Target localities: Bamenda, Douala, Ngaoundéré and Yaoundé

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Charlotte Levi (Montauban Bar Association)

The team: Ferdinand Djamen Nzepa, Nicole Dumas, Gérard Dupuy, Isabelle Durand, Françoise Fraignaux, Anne Vidal, Marie-Dominique Flouzat-Auba, Annie Delahaie

Local office: Samuel Biyong Nolla (coordinator in 2011), Désiré Olomo (current coordinator), Louise Ndoumbe (secretary)

Advisors in Cameroon: Barnabé Nekuie (President of ASF Cameroon), Honoré Yana (general secretary for ASF Cameroon), Claude Assira, Boniface Mbounou, Mireille Mbiga Etia, Tomas Nzeugang, Victorine Pimbo, Désirée Zogo.



▲ 14 March 2011, Douala: Opening of the kick-off meeting

ACHIEVEMENT IN 2011

► Launch conference in March

The conference gathered around one hundred participants from the legal world and the civil society in Douala to inform them of the project launch and its objectives. They were honoured by the presence of a representative of the President of the Court of Appeal, a representative of the Assistant Public Prosecutor for the Littoral Court of Appeal, a provincial delegate for the National Commission of Human Rights, a representative of the Commander of the Littoral gendarmerie and a representative from the prison services.

► Visit to Douala prison

During this visit in November, 207 cases were considered and 15 people were identified as being particularly vulnerable. The latter benefitted from free legal assistance and inmates were made aware of their rights through the distribution of posters and flyers.

Planned for 2012: Organisation of training sessions for actors in the prison domain (prison officers, judicial police officers, magistrates, lawyers and clerks), projects to inform prisoners and increase awareness regarding their rights and guarantees, a quarterly visit to the four target locations and the provision of legal services for the most vulnerable cases.

This project is made possible thanks to financial aid from the European Union



AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES NETWORK

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Avocats Sans Frontières was created as part of the International Conference of Bar Associations with a Shared Legal Tradition (Conférence Internationale des Barreaux de Tradition juridique commune), and particularly from a resolution taken during the conference held in Yaoundé (Cameroon) in December 1991, through the impetus of Chairman of the Bar Mario Stasi (Paris Bar Association) and Chairman of the Bar Titinga Pacéré (Burkina Faso Bar Association). The first association was set up in Belgium in 1992.

The first large-scale operation carried out by Avocats Sans Frontières was "Justice for all in Rwanda". This involved arranging for foreign lawyers to defend the accused and genocide victims in the Rwandan courts. This founding experience for the ASF movement was also a major first in the history of justice, and was unanimously heralded as a success.

Avocats Sans Frontières started to grow from 1998 onwards, with the establishment of national associations in Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Mali, Mauritania, Sweden, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland. Later, other national associations were set up in Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Guinea-Conakry, Peru, Togo and Congo-Brazzaville.



Today, the Network has a charter of ethics and is delighted to have 16 members: Brazil, Cameroon, Congo, France, Guinea, Italy, Mali, Mauritania, the Netherlands, Peru, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland and Togo.

In 2008 ASF France took the initiative to set up a Network for existing ASF members to enable them to share and exchange ideas and increase solidarity, in order to improve the effectiveness of their work to help vulnerable persons.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

► Strengthening the Network:

- ◆ 2 training sessions specifically for the benefit of members of the Network (a training session for trainers and a training session on the association's management tools and projects)
- ◆ Support for ASF initiatives (7 micro-projects supported)

► Emergency assignments

Thanks to its diversity, the ASF Network ensures the defence of several files for defenders of human rights:

- ◆ Assistance for the Chebeya and Bazana families in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- ◆ Defending Togo's Tribune d'Afrique newspaper, with RSF
- ◆ Defending anti-slavery militants in Mauritania
- ◆ Providing support for lawyers Etienne Abesolo and Lydienne Eyoun in Cameroon

The ASF Network has also provided help to the victims of massacres during the former Kadafi regime in Libya, at the request of lawyers and of the victims' families.

► International representation

Since its creation, the ASF Network has attended different forums on the law profession, access to justice and human rights (World Social Forum in Dakar, the International Conference of Bar Associations, World Justice Forum, the German Bar Association Congress (Deutscher Anwaltverein) and the Frontline Defenders platform in Dublin, etc.)

In 2012, ASF Network intends to continue the different activities already mentioned, as well as organise its future around federative projects, notably the reinforcement and defence of defenders for human rights.

This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of the Clifford Chance

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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY FOR LAWYERS



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FOR LAWYERS

Set up in 2008 at the initiative of ASF France, the International Observatory for Lawyers was run until November 2011 by Conseil National des Barreaux, Ordre des avocats de Paris, Consejo General de la Abogacía española and Consiglio Nazionale Forense.

Objective:

- Create a global register of instances where lawyers are the victim of threats, pressure, torture, disappearance or other breaches of their physical or moral integrity.
- Provide these lawyers with legal, moral and/or material assistance.

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2008

- ▶ 42 cases where lawyers have been threatened across the world.
- ▶ 16 emergency defence assignments for the protection and assistance of threatened lawyers
- ▶ Financial and material help worth 45,000 Euros

Lawyer Mariana Ivelashvili freed in Georgia
The UN calls for the immediate release of lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh in Iran
Lawyer Drifa Ould Lahoucine acquitted
The UN accuses the State of Vietnam of the violation of human rights in the case of lawyer Huynh Van Dong

Members of the project team:

Project manager: Nathalie Muller (Hauts de Seine Bar Association)

Mission officers in 2011: Philippe Moriceau (ASF France, Bayonne Bar Association), Laure Desforges (ASF France, Epinal Bar Association), Francisco Segovia (CGAE), José Maria Prat Sabat (CGAE), Mikel Cordoba (CGAE), Natacha Fauveau Ivanovic (ASF France, Paris Bar Association), Anne Souleliac (Paris Bar Association), and Richard Sedillot (CNB).

Algerian lawyer Drifa Ould Lahoucine who was accused of human trafficking was acquitted in November 2011 further to the assignment carried out in Algeria in 2010, and the support provided to her.

She would like to thank the Observatory for its help.



"It is because the International Observatory for Lawyers' fight for a fair trial was successful that I would like to pass on this account, in order to encourage lawyers who, worldwide, continue to be subjected to pressure – and that is to say threatened – in the context of their profession, to break their silence and bravely confront these issues, with the help of this association's unfailing support.

My acquittal was only possible thanks to the efforts undertaken after the first alert concerning my case was published on the internet on 24 August 2010 and sent to the various foreign embassies present in Algeria and the Algerian authorities.

I thank every member of the International Observatory for Lawyers for all the moral and material help they were able to provide for me throughout this difficult challenge. [...]

I would like to express here my deep gratitude to those who contributed to putting right the great injustice done to someone who was known for her competence and integrity. The hearing, which lasted an entire day, was finally sanctioned through a verdict which returned my freedom to me and my belief in the justice of my country, but above all strengthened my conviction that solidarity always has the last word.

Today I remain optimistic, and convinced that appealing to the International Observatory for Lawyers is the best option that lawyers should bear in mind should they need their rights enforced and, above all, not to be wronged by those who encourage mediocrity, corruption and injustice."

Drifa Ould Lahoucine, lawyer



VOCATIONAL AND FURTHER TRAINING

There are two types of training sessions:
1/ training sessions which form an integral part of the programmes developed by ASF France in various countries. These are aimed at local law and justice system practitioners.

2/ training sessions aimed at practitioners involved in ASF France missions. All ASF France participants prepare for their intervention by following a training curriculum which provides a common foundation in the ASF France intervention methodology and strengthens the effectiveness of the initiatives.

It is this line of action which will be developed here.

In addition to its status as an international solidarity organisation, ASF France is registered as a training association with the Regional Directorate of Labour, Employment and Vocational training (Direction Régionale du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la formation Professionnelle) (activity declaration No. 73 31 05506 31).

These training courses are managed by Marie-José CANTIER-HERRMANN, an expert in training and educational engineering. She designs and teaches training courses for trainers and oversees the association's entire training arm.

Strengthening the abilities of employees: The association also develops training courses for its staff. Employees are invited to attend the training sessions given by the association, as well as to attend vocational training sessions provided by other institutes, adapted to their own requirements.

ASF France training courses can count as training credits as part of the Droit Individuel à la Formation (DIF), are officially recognised by the French National Bar Association (Conseil National des Barreaux) and can be taken in charge by the Inter-professional Funds for Training for Independent Professionals (Fonds Interprofessionnel de Formation des Professionnels Libéraux (FIFPL)) for lawyers working in France.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011

72 people trained

196 training hours given

Students from:

Algerai, Belgium, Cameroon, DRC,
Congo-Brazzaville, Ivory Coast, Gabon,
Guinea, Mali, Senegal and France.



Photos: training courses in France, 2011



FIVE TRAINING MODULES IN 2012:

► Training for trainers

Les ASF France participants are encouraged to attend training sessions, very often outside of their country.

Training trainers allows us to provide them with the methodological means and very good understanding of teaching specifically for adults. It also allows us to prepare them for interventions in diverse contexts through an initiation in "intercultural negotiation". In the association's intervention framework, a core group of local actors are usually trained to become trainers in order to fulfil the objective of empowering local practitioners.

► Emergency interventions

The aim of this training session is to prepare lawyers for emergency interventions in the context of assignments abroad to defend threatened lawyers and defenders of human rights:

- Typology of emergency missions / differentiation of types of assignments
- Analysis of contexts / preparation of assignments
- Assignment rules of conduct
- Case management / post-assignment follow up

► International criminal defence

ASF France has acquired useful knowledge and know-how in the domain of international criminal jurisdictions. The regular intervention of lawyers

has allowed us to develop expertise in the procedures in force before these jurisdictions.

This training session gives the student a grasp of the history of International Criminal Law, to understand the specifics and workings of the International Criminal Courts, to know how to identify and distinguish between the elements of crimes and to understand the procedure before International Criminal Jurisdictions.

► Regional systems for the protection of human rights

The aim of this training session is to make the connection between the regional systems: to identify and use the regional mechanisms for the protection of human rights and link regional mechanisms with their universal counterpart. This training session currently focuses on African and European systems. The inter-American system will soon be integrated.

► Violation of human rights: witch international legal tools can a lawyer use?

International texts for the protection of human rights have the particularity of not simply creating reciprocal obligations between States like classical international treaties, but instead imposing real obligations for the State towards individuals, who can take advantage of them before both international and national authorities.

This training session prepares law and justice practitioners to identify these texts and to understand their content and relevant usage before all appropriate international and national authorities.



AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES
France

Training calendar 2012

• Training of Trainers

⇒ **Level 2: Strengthening**
1-2-3 march in Toulouse

⇒ **Level 1: Fundamentals**
session 1: 15-16-17-18 may in Muret
session 2: 26-27-28-29 sept. in Paris

• Emergency intervention
22-23 June in Paris

• The international criminal defense
3-4-5-6 October in Paris

• The regional systems of protection of human rights
8-9-10 November in Paris

• Violation of human rights: What international legal tools are there for lawyers?
15-16-17 November in Paris

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2 NEW PROJECTS IN 2012

Mali

IN MALI:

RESPECT OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTIES

This action is a continuation of a first project of the same nature in the cities of Segou, Sikasso, and Koulikoro.

It seeks to increase knowledge and respect for rules and minimum guarantees for the detained person in the Malian prison world.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- ▶ The prison inmates in Bamako, Kati, and Kayes receive free legal advice.
- ▶ Around 500 legal actors involved in prisons are trained to the minimum standards guaranteeing the rights of detainees.
- ▶ A dialogue is developed between the leaders of the judiciary and resolutions are taken to improve prison conditions and the norms of due process while throughout the criminal proceedings.



▲ Cities targeted by the project lead by ASF France in Mali: Bamako, Kati and Kayes

Promotion of the rights of inmates - in the cities of Bamako, Kati and Kayes.
This project is led by ASF France for 3 years, in partnership with ASF Mali.



Actions performed in partnership with:
Avocats Sans Frontières Mali

Tunisia



IN TUNISIA: STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF THE SUPERIOR INSTITUTE OF LAWYERS (ISPA)

This action is situated in the context of improving the judiciary system, strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights, aiming to propose a new organization of the ISPA in response to the current context of democratic transition and transition to a state of law, and to consolidate its training.

THE MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS ARE:

- **Propose an administrative and financial organization of the ISPA** (better management, and independent learning)
- **Establish a mechanism for selecting trainers and for the training of trainers** (new teaching tools and materials, actions of training)
- **Conduct a comprehensive review of the initial training** (in orienting more towards training practice)
- **Develop an action plan for the development of continuing education for lawyers** (needs analysis, formulation of proposals, an action plan)
- **Promote the axes of international cooperation of the ISPA with other lawyer training institutes** (exchange of best practices, internships abroad)



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