

JUNE 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENTATION OF SELECTED PROJECTS



9 950

**WOMEN
BENEFICIARIES**



12

**PROJETS RUN BY
ASSOCIATIONS**



5

COUNTRIES



184 000 €

**IN FUNDING
IN 2019**



WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SUKHALI

Exposition, Experiment and Exchange Centre

PROJECT

Senegal, and the Thiès region in particular, is experiencing a very difficult social context with an extremely high unemployment rate. Many young people, mostly young women, drop out of school early due to a lack of resources. **Sukhali** is collaborating with the Centre d'Ecoute et d'Encadrement pour un Développement Durable (CEEDD) to fight poverty and take action to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable people since its creation in 2005. The CEEDD is an association that contributes to the **empowerment of women** through free training in three clusters: urban agriculture, education and solidarity handicrafts.

The project aims to develop the agricultural cluster through the construction of an **Exposition, Experiment and Exchange Centre (C3E)** on the CEEDD site, which will include a processing unit and a storage area. The objective is twofold: to promote the integration of women by developing their agroecological skills (from production to sales), and to enable the CEEDD to sustain its actions by diversifying and improving its training offer.



LOCATION

Senegal, Thiès

BENEFICIARIES

120 women trained in agroecology

PARTENARIAT NORD SUD BOURGOGNE MALI

Women's empowerment in Mékoungo, a vector for sustainable development and food security

PROJECT

In Mali, where 79% of the working population lives from agriculture, **climate change is jeopardizing the food security of the population**. This situation is particularly critical for women who represent more than 49% of the agricultural population and 80% of market gardeners but have little or no access to resources (less than 1% of land and credits). In order to improve the living conditions of the women of the village of Mékoungo, located in the Koulikoro region, in 2017 [Partenariat Nord Sud Bourgogne Mali](#) (PNS) established a **vegetable garden** with water supplied by a solar pump, installed a **platform for the production and processing of shea and dried fruits and trained women from the central cooperative in agroecology**. Building on the success of this first phase, PNS will replicate this project in 4 other hamlets in the village of Mékoungo (Farada, Sidjandkoro, Ntenekabougou and Tourabougou) to the benefit of **250 women market gardeners** organized as cooperatives. This project will enable accompanied women to **obtain better yields on their plots** and improve their nutrition and living conditions.



LOCATION

Mali, Koulikoro

BENEFICIARIES

250 women market gardeners trained in agroecology and in the management of their production

ASSOCIATION HUMANITAIRE POUR L'AFRIQUE

Goat breeding in an integrated and sustainable farming system in Kpomassè

PROJECT

In the municipality of Kpomassè located near Lake Ahémé in Benin, **the overexploitation of the water and the intensive practice of the acadja**, - a traditional method of fishing that leads to the massive clearing of forests - threaten biodiversity and the natural resources on which people depend. Since 2014 [Association Humanitaire pour l'Afrique](#) and its local partner the Research Circle for the Identification and Promotion of Sustainable Development Alternatives (CRIPADD) implement a development project focused on the sustainable economic conversion of this area hit by poverty and rural exodus. This project involves setting up **an integrated farming system combining goat farming and agroecological market gardening for 37 women** from Hountoun groups, Houedjro and Kpago to raise awareness of agroecology among Kpomassè residents and community leaders through the production of a short film and the regular organization of visits to production sites for the population of the region. This project will enable the women of the groups to **sustain and diversify their sources of income**, but also to guarantee their financial empowerment and the recognition of their responsibilities within their community.



LOCATION

Benin, Kpomassè

BENEFICIARIES

37 women trained in agroecological market gardening and goat breeding



EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION

GRISÉLIDIS

Social and professional support for migrant women in prostitution

PROJECT

In Toulouse, the number of **migrant women who prostitute themselves** is increasing significantly. Originally from Nigeria and Eastern Europe, they live in difficult and precarious conditions and many of them wish to **be supported in denouncing the violence** (suffered in their country, during their migratory journey or in France) and the recognition of their rights. Since its creation in 2000, **Grisélidis** has been offering support tailored to the specific needs of these women.

With the obtention in 2017 of the governmental approval to support women through the **“exit from prostitution programme”** (established by the law of April 2016), the association strengthens its actions in favour of their **socio-professional integration**. Women are individually monitored by a specialized educator, supported by the Nigerian and Bulgarian cultural mediators, in their different approaches: access to the right of residence, removal of the barriers to their integration (including child care and accommodation issues), access to training or employment (definition of their professional project, writing a resume, etc.). In addition, they can benefit from courses in French as a foreign language and take part in workshops to introduce them to digital tools.

The proposed support allows women to **regain their self-confidence** and strengthen their autonomy.



LOCATION

France, Toulouse

BENEFICIARIES

50 women accompanied towards socio-professional integration per year

20 women accompanied in the “exit from prostitution programme” system within 3 years

GROUPE D’APPUI ET DE SOLIDARITÉ

Support for the establishment of a service to improve the quality of life of women affected by HIV/AIDS

PROJECT

Semi-rural area in central Benin, Savalou faces many challenges in **providing care for people living with HIV/AIDS**. From a social point of view, HIV/AIDS infection aggravates the living conditions of populations who live for the most part in precarious situations. In addition to the economic difficulties, there are new trials: rejection, discrimination and stigma, depression, etc.

With this project **Groupe d’appui et de solidarité** aims to help 65 households, 55 of which are run by HIV-positive and family leaders widowed. To this end, the association proposes:

- The **stabilization of their health, social and psychosocial situation** with the creation of health savings, the organization of training and psychological and social follow-up at home.
- **Economic reinforcement** through in-kind microcredits: the association awards a batch of products as well as the necessary equipment to launch the chosen economic activity (raw materials). Refunds are in the form of a gift to another household.



LOCATION

Benin, Savalou

BENEFICIARIES

95 women affected by HIV/AIDS

SAMUSOCIAL DE PARIS

A place of hygiene and care dedicated to homeless women

PROJECT

In France, **22% of homeless people are women, and 4300 single women** called the 115 (emergency number) in Paris in 2018 (+66% in 10 years). Often hidden and mobile to survive and escape aggression, these women also suffer from **the lack of care and hygiene structures adapted to their specific needs**. While there are about forty free bath houses in Paris, only 10% of women visit them, out of fear and because of the promiscuity, and the majority of reception facilities are mixed or even designed for a male audience. Thus, the Parisian territory has only 3 day-care facilities reserved for women: la Halte Femmes (Paris 12th) - which until the end of 2018 was the only day reception structure reserved for women and whose attendance increased by 43% in 2 years (between 80 and 135 women welcomed per day for 2 showers only) -, the Cité des Dames (Paris 13th) and the Espace Femmes de l'Hôtel de Ville managed by the Samusocial de Paris (SSP). In order to complement the existing Parisian offer and to meet the needs of homeless women in a comprehensive manner, in March 2019 the **Samusocial de Paris** opened a place of hygiene and care within the **bath house of Charenton street** (Paris 12th), exclusively reserved for women every afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday. The aim of this project is to offer homeless women a place of hygiene where they will feel safe, a whole range of **medical and paramedical care**, a base of **social services** and a **friendly space** where they can recreate social relations.



LOCATION

France, Paris

BENEFICIARIES

At least 20 homeless women from the Paris region are welcomed per day, or about 5,000 women a year

PREMIÈRE URGENGE INTERNATIONALE

Health mediation and psychosocial support on sexual and reproductive health of Romanian women living in slums

PROJECT

Particularly stigmatized and isolated, **the Romanian population is over-represented in the slums of Ile-de-France**. Unhealthy habitats indorse **physical diseases** (epidemic and chronic diseases) and **psychological suffering** (self-confidence, depression, anxiety, etc.). Women, faced with a double standard of discrimination, as women and as Roma, rarely have access to services tailored to their needs, particularly health and medical services. To meet these needs, **Première Urgence Internationale** (PUI) has been undertaking **health mediation activities** in squats, slums and hospitals in the departments of Seine-Saint-Denis (93) and Val-de-Marne (94) since 2012. PUI will develop its actions by supplementing them with a **psychosocial component**, little proposed by the associative and public actors involved in the slums but which responds to the needs identified by the Romanian mediators of PUI. The project aims to improve women's knowledge of **sexual and reproductive health issues**, particularly on the following 4 issues: sexual and infectious risks (protection and screening modalities), body knowledge and appropriation, family planning and pregnancy monitoring. To this end, **collective awareness sessions** and workshops will be held in a neutral location outside the slum.

Thanks to this psychosocial support, women become autonomous in their access to care and their living conditions improve.



LOCATION

France, Île-de-France

BENEFICIARIES

50 women participate in workshops per semester

PASSERELLES BUISSONNIÈRES

TREMLIN

PROJECT

The Rhône-Alpes region is the second region where refugees and asylum seekers settle in France, accounting for 8% of the reception in France, especially in the Lyon metropolis. Half of this displaced population are women, most of whom have experienced violence in their country of origin and/or migration. Once settled, these women experience **difficulties in finding a job** (25% of them are unemployed) and are very often confined to occupations related to maintenance or personal service, and to part-time work, without their experiences and qualifications being taken into account.

PasserElles Buissonnière, specializing in supporting women in isolation from exile or illness, wishes to support 30 refugee women in Lyon in identifying the various obstacles they face (legal, health and social isolation) then in upgrading their skills to **direct them to a chosen job**. The project includes **individual support provided by a doctor and a lawyer**, group workshops on health, self-assertion and vocational training, professional meetings and cultural outings. This project will **restore confidence** in women who are supported and who will gain autonomy, and will be able to value their skills and know-how.



LOCATION

France, Lyon

BENEFICIARIES

30 refugee women supported

MOUVEMENT DU NID - ANTENNE DE MARTINIQUE

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PROJECT

The district of Les Terres Sainville (2000 inhabitants), located in the heart of the town of Fort-de-France in Martinique, has a **very low-income migrant population, mainly from the neighboring islands** (Dominican Republic, Haiti, Dominica and St Lucia), and suffers from an aging and unhealthy habitat, a lack of services and shops, and situations of violence and trafficking (drugs and prostitution). Many women who have fled poverty from the neighboring Caribbean islands prostitute themselves there to survive. Often single, over-indebted and isolated mothers, these women have a low level of French and lack knowledge of their rights and the support they could claim.

To compensate for the lack of support devices adapted to this vulnerable public, **the Martinique branch of the Mouvement du Nid**, an association specialized in supporting people in prostitution, wishes to develop its actions and **facilitate access to social rights for 20 women prostitutes** in the district of Terres Sainville. The project provides for the implementation of 3 complementary actions: courses of French for the 20 women accompanied, the establishment of practical workshops on access to social rights, and the creation of practical guides for female migrant prostitutes (rights, social assistance, exit programme). **Awareness-raising and advocacy activities** with elected officials and social workers will also be implemented.

This project will enable supported women to have **better knowledge and understanding of existing social assistance systems**, and they will be in a better position to consider an exit programme.



LOCATION

Martinique, Fort-de-France

BENEFICIARIES

20 women accompanied and 100 women informed on access to social rights

AFGHANISTAN LIBRE

Support for the socio-economic integration of women

PROJECT

In Afghanistan, women, faced with **gender discrimination**, have a low level of education and live on the margins of society. Since 2003, **Afghanistan Libre** (AL) has managed **4 Health Education Centres** (ESCs) located in 4 schools in the Panjshir region and in the Paghman district of Kabul, areas without educational and medical facilities. These ESCs are places for information on all health issues and places where women can freely exchange with each other. Building on the success of ESCs (in 2017-2018, nearly 200 women welcomed and more than 700 hygiene kits distributed), the association plans to transform ESCs into "**Women's Houses**" in order to offer more services. In addition to existing **health education sessions**, **psycho-social support** (group and individual sessions led by psychosocial counsellors and social workers) will be offered. AL will also provide **one-year sewing training** and support in the creation of an income-generating activity. Finally, **awareness-raising sessions** will be organised for the community and in particular for men.

This project will strengthen not only women's health capacities but also their psycho-social and economic capacities, thereby contributing to a **better integration of women in Afghan society**.



LOCATION

Afghanistan, Kaboul and Panjshir

BENEFICIARIES

80 women attend health education sessions
700 women receive psycho-social support
160 women are trained in sewing and develop an income-generating activity

FUTUR AU PRÉSENT

House of Education

PROJECT

In the Ziguinchor region of South-West Senegal, where the poverty rate is close to 70%, children are very often forced to drop out of school and work to provide additional income for families. Nearly one-third of children aged 5 to 15 are in early employment, and this situation is even more concerning for girls who are employed as "little maids" in well-to-do households, or who work as street vendors. **Deprived of education and away from home, they are exposed to all forms of sexual and gender-based violence and exploitation.**

Given this situation, the association **Futur Au Présent** (FAP), established in the area since 2012, created the **House of Education** (HE) in 2014 in the Kandé district (25,000 inhabitants), where are located 4 schools. Complementary to the public school, the HE welcomes and accompanies each year a new promotion of **90 girls from the poorest families** in order to get them out of early work and to enable their empowerment. The project provides for the schooling and psychosocial follow-up of girls, school support modules, pedagogical follow-up and **awareness-raising actions** on gender equality, as well as mediation actions with their parents.



LOCATION

Sénégal, Ziguinchor

BENEFICIARIES

90 girls aged 6 to 14

GYNÉCOLOGIE SANS FRONTIÈRES

CamiFrance

PROJECT

Since November 2015, *Gynécologie Sans Frontières* (GSF) has been working in France as part of an emergency humanitarian mission towards **exiled women living in the camps**, with the Caminor (Northern France) and Camparis (Paris-Ivry) missions. These missions consist of **taking charge of the overall health** of these women, victims of numerous violence (excision, rape, forced marriage, prostitution) that affect their health (pregnancy at risk, abortion, psycho-sexual disorders, HIV).

Volunteers from the GSF network throughout France are warning about the presence of exiled women living close to home (place called «spot»). The association has therefore decided to extend its action throughout the territory with the CamiFrance project and **the creation of the Platform Femmes-exilées-France**. This national platform (or coordination centre) centralizes the tools and methodology of GSF to enable volunteers wishing to get involved near their home, with exiled women, to benefit from the know-how of GSF (planning management tools, tutorials, certificates and prescriptions, sexual health education tools, etc.). **Care and psycho-social support actions** are adapted to the needs of each spot (provision of primary care, assistance in administrative procedures, facilitation of access to gynecology-obstetrics care, transfer of patients to hospitals and surrounding maternity wards for necessary procedures...).

The care offered in the GSF spots makes it possible to improve the health and living conditions of exiled women and their children. The project also benefits **health professionals who will strengthen their skills** for better care of these women.



LOCATION

France

BENEFICIARIES

145,000 exiled women in France