



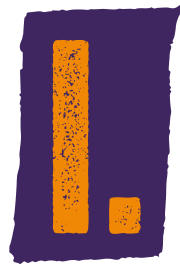
# GLOBAL REPORT

YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND



# TABLE OF CONTENT

<b>I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1. BENIN</b>	<b>8</b>
A. BARIKA	9
B. HAPPY CHILDREN	12
<b>2. BURKINA FASO</b>	<b>15</b>
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS	16
B. AJES	19
C. AMDESSO	22
D. UN-ABPAM	25
E. YACOUFA	28
<b>3. CAMEROON</b>	<b>31</b>
A. HOPE ALIVE	32
<b>4. GHANA</b>	<b>35</b>
A. GRAY NETWORK	36
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE	39
<b>5. GUINEA</b>	<b>43</b>
A. CJFLG	44
B. CJSFG	47
C. ELLES	50
D. OSHG	53
<b>6. MALI</b>	<b>56</b>
A. CCNEJ	57
B. KOROCHI BLOG	60
C. MUSODEV	63
<b>7. NIGER</b>	<b>66</b>
A. CJFM	67
B. CSDAC	70
<b>8. SENEGAL</b>	<b>73</b>
A. ASAWA	74
B. RJPA-MGF/ME	77
<b>9. SIERRA LEONE</b>	<b>80</b>
A. MIROR AFRICA	81
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN	84
<b>III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>87</b>



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
  - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
  - A. CJFLG
  - A. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG
6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
  - B. KOROCHI BLOG
  - C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
  - A. ASAWA
  - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
  - A. MIRROR AFRICA
  - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Youth Challenge Fund (YCF) is an inclusive, competitive, flexible and participatory fund targeting girls and youth led groups (15-30) in West and Central Africa. Initiated by Plan International West and Central Africa, the fund aims to strengthen girls and youth led groups' organizations, and support them in implementing innovative projects as well as community services that provide solutions to problems in their communities. The YCF therefore provides financial and non-financial support to these young people who, through the actions they implement in their communities, become true agents of change, and inspire many other young people to actively contribute to the socio-economic development of their communities.

Following a selection process that registered 1,350 applications, 23 groups led by girls and youth were selected to take part in the first round of the YCF pilot phase for which the projects implementation phase took place over the past six months. These girls and youth groups received financial and in-kind support to implement projects in 9 countries as well as opportunities for the continued development of their organizations. Led by Plan International West and Central Africa as part of the Covid-19 emergency response, the projects carried out were particularly focused on gender equality and raised awareness among the target communities about the negative effects of Covid-19. Plan International country offices were also involved in coordinating this pilot phase and they played an important role in ensuring the success of the program at country

levels.

Africa Experts Incorporated was contracted to conduct learning on the YCF program and this global report is part of the deliverables based on the specific objectives as per the technical offer. This global report provides an overview of key trends of the YCF program, and a compilation of individual narrative and financial reports received from the 23 grantees.

The overall results of the program can be summarized as follows:

	GRANTEE REPORTS	INITIAL TOTAL PLANNED
AMOUNT DISBURSED	Euro 108,059	Euro 117,500
AMOUNT SPENT	Euro 104,345	N/A

- The total grant planned was 117500 Euros. The amounts dispersed by Country Offices and spent<sup>1</sup> by grantees differed. The total Amount disbursed from grantees reports captures what is recorded in all 23 reports. It is however important to consider exchange rate for countries not using CFA and some groups who mentioned that they did not receive their last instalment. This can explain the difference between the total funds disbursed from grantees reports and the amount planned from Plan International team:
- In the summaries below, all financial information is pulled from grantees' reports.
- The remaining amount not spent<sup>1</sup> by grantees was returned to Plan International according to the Benin focal point. This was the case for other countries;
- Each country determined the number of installments based on the risk evaluation of each

<sup>1</sup>spent : Spending was reported in a variety of local currencies; this reflects conversion to Euros using exchanges rates from 17 September 2021.



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
  - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
  - A. CJFLG
  - A. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG
6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
  - B. KOROCHI BLOG
  - C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
  - A. ASAWA
  - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
  - A. MIRROR AFRICA
  - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

grantee. In Guinea for example, 3 grantees were given a single disbursement while 1 grantee had 2 instalments. It is however important to mention that there was a financial mechanism to determine the number of instalments per category of groups and country offices were onboarded for using this mechanism;

- 17 grantees reported a total of 19,719<sup>2</sup> direct and indirect participants and among these 17 grantees, only 3 grantees specified the number of direct and indirect participants of their activities and 6 grantees did not report on the number of participants reached. Indirect participants include people reached through social media platforms and radio;
- Direct and indirect participants were not disaggregated in reporting;
- 57% (13 projects) of projects implemented included people with disabilities while 9 projects implemented did not include people with disabilities;
- 70% (16 projects) of projects implemented included people from minority groups the remaining 7 projects did not include people from minority groups;
- The table below summarizes the inclusion of people with

disabilities, minority groups, women / girls, men / boys, children and youth in grantees' different projects. These statistics were collected from the MEAL questionnaire sent to grantees by Plan International.

Some important findings reported by grantees include:

- Almost all the grantees reported that they would like to continue their projects and maintain the partnership with Plan International
- Several grantees reported that there was delay in receiving funds/instalments on time which impacted implementation
- The majority of the grantees recognized that they needed support in admin and finance, especially to meet Plan International reporting requirements
- All the grantees reported on the financial support they received while only few reported on non-financial support received. Also, the non-financial support reported were mainly related to report writing, budgeting and financial management.
- Many grantees reported needing more "flexibility" in terms of how funds are used
- Many grantees want to be networked with other grantees, even after the funding cycle.

	+ 50%	≈ 50%	- 50%	100%	NOT SURE	NO ANSWER	NONE
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	1	10	2	-	1	-	9
PEOPLE FROM MINORITY GROUPS	5	2	9	-	-	-	7
NUMBER OF WOMEN / GIRLS	13	2	1	3	1	3	-
NUMBER OF MEN / BOYS		3	15		1	1	3
NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD	8	-	8	3	-	1	3
NUMBER OF YOUTH (15-24 YEARS)	9	2	6	3	1	1	1

<sup>2</sup>Sources : YCF MEAL questionnaire. Grantees' reports included more than 100 000 people reached which include social media and radio audiences.



**1350 APPLICATIONS**  
**OVER 700 ELIGIBLE**



**23 GRANTEES GROUP**  
**FUNDED – 5000 €**  
**EACH**

**9 COUNTRIES**  
**OF WEST AND**  
**CENTRAL**  
**AFRICA**



**2 GROUPS** ARE LED BY  
**YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES**



**OVER 100.000**

**PEOPLE DIRECTLY REACHED**  
**THROUGH PROJECTS ACTI-**  
**VITIES (STILL COUNTING)**  
**– DIGITAL/INDIRECT**  
**OUTREACH NOT INCLUDED**

**18 GROUPS** ARE  
**100% WOMEN**  
**AND GIRLS LED**  
**(WITH MIXED**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**TEAM)**





# **YCF GRANTEE PROFILES**

# 1. BENIN



## ACTIONS

- Community advocacy
- Income-generating activities trainings
- Mass awareness raising on COVID19 prevention

## RESULTS

- 112 people including 72 youth and 40 religious' leaders in Tourou, Badéparou, Kika and Korobororou (North Benin)
- 300 adolescents' girls and young women



**A. BARIKA**

Forced Marriage - Let's talk about it in the village

## BROWSER

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN

▶ A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



## PRESENTATION

Barika is an association created by young people in the North of Benin and its vision is to contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of the Beninese population through the promotion of Education, Gender, Hygiene and Sanitation, Reproductive Health, as well as the prevention of Malaria, HIV and noncommunicable diseases. The association is composed of 17 members and led by Ayouba Orou Gounou Guene, a 24-year-old activist.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

Barika's Early & Forced Marriage and Covid 19, Let's Talk About It in the Village project took place from September to November 2020 and it addresses communication and community advocacy on child marriage during Covid19. The project started with the acquisition of material resources (tarpaulin, flyers, T-shirts, and masks) and the online training of 12 volunteers. The next step consisted of communication activities on child marriage four different localities which are: Tourou, Badékprou, Kika and Koroborou.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Barika received a total of EURO 5,000 of which EURO 4,853 was actually utilized.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Barika reported that capacity building and orientation from Plan International team were highly appreciated. Although the group did not specify the type of capacity building or support they received, coaching and capacity building

needs were identified in topics that include: effective project management, intersectionality, peer to peer learning, networking, the use of gender indicators in the evaluation of a project.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Barika cited the following results:

- Communication and community advocacy actions on child marriage reached 112 people in 4 localities including 72 youth and 40 religious leaders and locality chiefs;
- Commitments (written and verbal) by community leaders to significantly reduce the rate of child marriage in their communities. Youth also felt more connected to leaders in their community if they have a problem concerning children's rights;
- Gained experience in terms of good management practices and project implementation practices through support of the Plan International team;
- More visibility and credibility of Barika and Plan International in the community. They are better known and are now key actors in the promotion and defense of children's rights in these communities;
- Increased visibility and positioning on social networks (Facebook & Twitter) with respectively 1,193 and 1,108 new Likes and Followers.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The main difficulties Barika identified are:



## BROWSER

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
▶ A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Monthly funding disbursements from Plan International were delayed, which impacted programming;
- Plan International put pressure to respond quickly to emails and other requests, while also giving very little flexibility when unexpected purchases came up (required stamps and binders. This did not seem to align with a “flexible” fund;
- The reality in the field which is not always aligned with Plan International’s process such as some children’s parents who do not have a valid ID Card.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The group’s recommendations are as followed:

- All processes should be explained at the beginning of project implementation
- Plan International to respect the agreed planning of activities
- Continuous coaching is needed in topics such as effective project management, intersectionality, peer-to-peer learning, networking, the use of gender indicators in project evaluation process, and youth empowerment;
- Additional grants from the YCF would help them expand their work to other communities and to improve their monitoring and evaluation practices
- Delivery of a certificate of completion for this project by Plan International is requested







## B. HAPPY CHILDREN

Struggle for a future perspective

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
▶ B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Happy Children is an association composed of 5 members working for the emancipation of marginalized children in Benin. The association is led by Leonel Moriah Ewe, a 21-year-old graphic designer and young entrepreneur.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

Happy Children's Fight for Access to Better Opportunities for Disadvantaged Children project covered topics such as empowerment of orphans and gender equality. Implemented from September 26 to November 22, 2020, the project was organized into two main phases. Activities of the first phase consisted of awareness raising on covid-19 as well as donation of sanitizers and masks and the second phase focused on training children and young people in food processing: tomato puree, tamarind juice/baobab and preparation of liquid soap.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Happy Children received a total of EURO 4,998 in a single instalment and which was totally utilized.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Happy Children only mentioned that they received guidance from Plan international Benin team without specifying the type of guidance. The group did not report any other non-financial support received from Plan International in their report and the MEAL survey they answered.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Happy Children cited the following results:

- 300 children and young people from 5 to 18 years old from six orphanages selected in the Atlantic, Coastal and Ouémé departments. They were sensitized on the causes, means of transmission, symptoms as well as health consequences of the Covid-19 and taught preventive measures.
- Increased participants awareness on the fact that they are equal and that the girl or young woman is not the weaker gender. Thus, they have resolved to be allies in the fight for gender equality.
- 300 children received training in income-generating activities that will allow them to become self-sufficient.
- Recruitment of new members for the association, mostly young women.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Reported difficulties are as follows:

- Project not totally adapted to the realities of the field. They mentioned for example that future projects should not be focused on urban and peri-urban areas but rather in rural areas
- Short project period, with the implementation of activities and production of the narrative and financial report in the same month;
- Lack of support and supervision from Plan International Benin staff in the implementation of the project.
- They also mentioned that Plan

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

## A. BARIKA

## ▶ B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

## B. AJES

## C. AMDESSO

## D. UN-ABPAM

## E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

## A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

## A. CJFLG

## A. CJSFG

## C. ELLES

## D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## A. CCNEJ

## B. KOROCHI BLOG

## C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

## B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## A. ASAWA

## B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIRROR AFRICA

## B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND

## RECOMMENDATIONS

International Benin did not respect the different steps of the YCF grant model and delayed the process;

- Lack of human resources at the organization level to properly implement activities

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The following are suggestions from Happy Children:

- Establish a detailed schedule of activities;
- Reduce different steps involved in the request for support;
- Respect the deadlines of the different stages of the YCF, i.e.: eliminating waiting times between the different stages of the process, send funds at the planned date;
- Accompany organizations in rewriting their project before implementation;

- Accompany and supervise organizations in the implementation of their projects to promote learning;

- Train grantees on different notions related to their activism, project management, community action, etc.;

- Increase the project duration (currently 3 months), to give time to associations and youth organizations for perpetuating the achievements of the project.

Finally, Happy Children would like to sustain their actions by:

- The implementation of a project that will provide food processing materials to the children and youth involved;
- The training of other children;
- The creation of a cooperative composed of children and young people trained in the various orphanages. This will allow them to produce and sell more.



## 2. BURKINA FASO



### ACTIONS

- Trainings on sexual and reproductive health and vocational skills (e.g: soap making)
- Advocacy and mass awareness in local markets and religious centers on child trafficking amidst COVID19
- Educational talks on barrier measures against covid-19 for the benefit of communities
- Animation of community radio programs on the rights of disabled and sexual violence girls and young women with disabilities
- Door to door talks with adolescents' girls, parents and local authorities and community leaders on menstrual hygiene and domestic violence's

### RESULTS

- 65970 educated and non-educated girls reached (aged between 8-17)
- 60 peers' educators certified in SRHR
- 50 religious leaders and schools' directors champions
- 110 visually impaired youth and girls
- 12 school based and 10 non-school based peer education clubs established



## **A. GRAINE DE LEADERS**

Double Emergency: Covid19 and Violence Against Women and Girls



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
▶ A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Founded in 2017 in Burkina Faso, Association Graine de Leaders (AGL) is a youth-led association composed of 67 members. Since its inception, the association is led by Nare Ahmad Yohan Khalil, a 24-year-old young leader involved in civic engagement to serve his community and studying humanitarian action. AGL's main target audience is girls to whom they regularly provide training on various topics to strengthen their capacities.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

AGL received support for its project entitled Emergency: Fight against Violence against Women and Girls. Implemented from October 2, 2020, to February 14, 2021, after being postponed (initially planned from September 1st to December 7th, 2020) the project was composed of three major activities: 1) Digital awareness campaign against violence against women, 2) Design of radio spots to raise awareness on violence against women and girls, and 3) Printing and pasting of large-format public posters and awareness-raising against violence against women and girls.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

AGL received a total of EURO 2,499 of which EURO 1,462 was spent during the project. Due to the delay in the disbursement of funds, the implementation was consequently delayed, and some activities could not be carried out, explaining the use of only ~58% of funds received.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

AGL did not specifically mention

a non-financial support in their regular report or in their responses to the MEAL data collection tool. However, they did mention improved skills in areas such as expenses justification, contracts and invoices drafting as well as reporting on activities. It is assumed that these skills were developed with the support of Plan International team.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the results reported by AGL:

- Members of the association and particularly the project lead, Mariette Boukougrou, gained more voice in the association and strong leadership skills such as public speaking. They learned how to manage a project funded by an NGO which was a new experience for the organization
- Great impact on members out of the experience of recording video capsules with members as actors, strengthening ties between them and importantly, providing them a better understanding of the scope of the problem;
- Increase of public awareness about violence against women and girls thanks to the social media content;
- Videos from well-known personalities and influencers to support the project and raise awareness on violence against women.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

AGL reported that the biggest challenge was related to the delayed disbursement of funds which they noted made it difficult to implement

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## ▶ A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

activities as planned. The heavy process for funds disbursement was another challenge they noted. AGL mentioned an incomprehension of justifications to provide and did not quite understand the theme “flexibility.” The group also recognized their lack of capacity in Accounting and Reporting at the beginning of the project.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

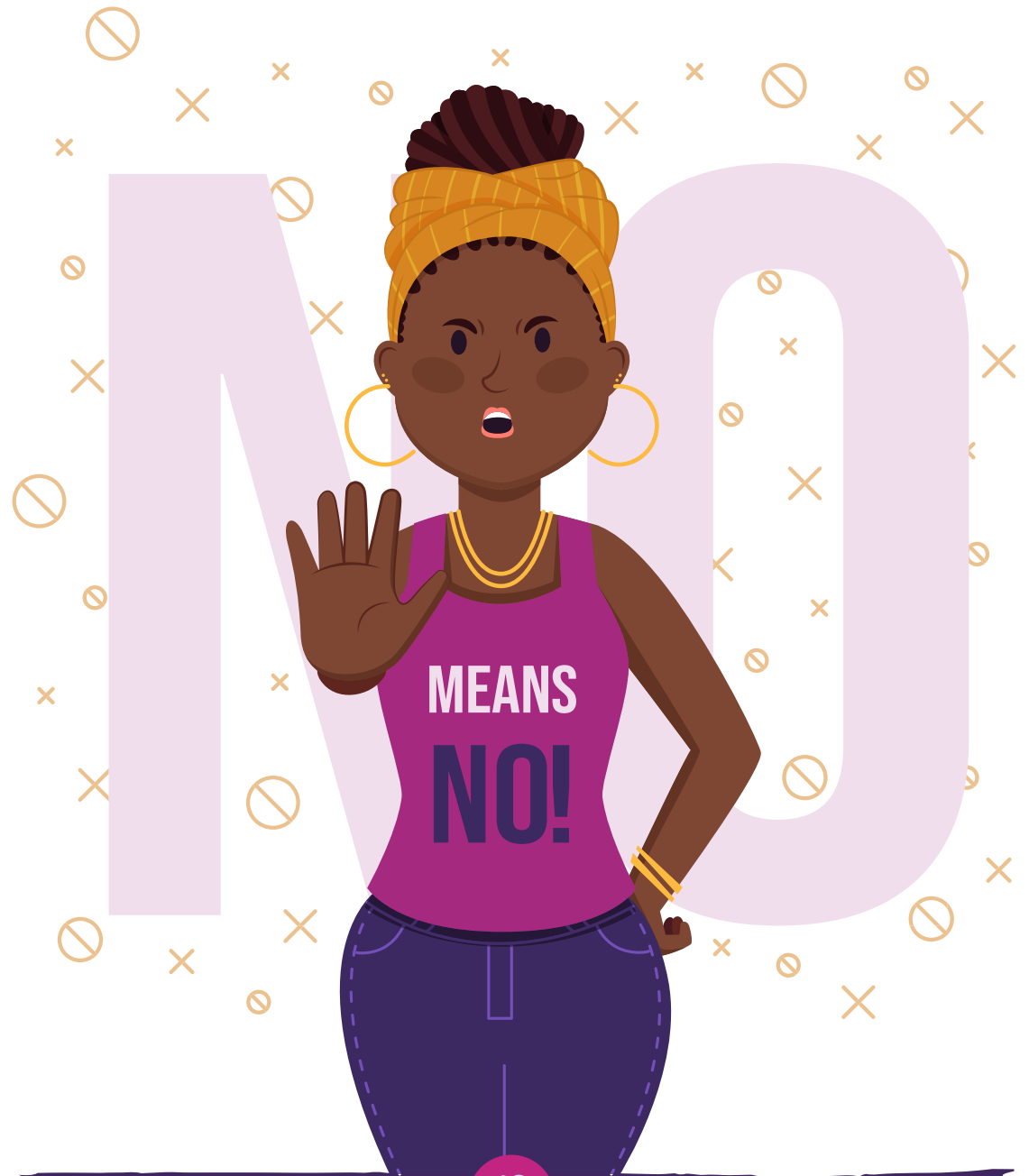
AGL reported some recommendations to Plan International as follows:

- Simplify procedures and specifically in terms of funds

disbursement. They would recommend that funds are disbursed before the project starts;

- Strengthen the financial management skills of grantees;
- Create a platform for exchange and synergy between all the grantees.

Finally, AGL has planned to continue the project. First, they stated that they would need funds to complete the project activities. Second, they would plan an ambitious project after the evaluation of this project.







**B. AJES**

Fight against the sexual exploitation of girls aged  
8-17 in the commune of Boromo and Siby

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Association Jeunes Espoir et Solidarité (AJES) is an association active in Burkina Faso with activities that focus on girls' education and specific themes covered include creative solutions on access to Education; Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR); youth economic empowerment (entrepreneurship, emergency response innovation). The association is led by Anicet Kabore, 29, who completed a professional training in Public Health, and has been involved in community life since 2016.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

AJES implemented the Stop Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Girls aged 8 to 17 in the communes of Boromo and Siby project from September 1 to November 30, 2020. The association conducted the following activities:

- Establishment of 10 non-school based clubs in Siby (3 clubs) and Boromo (7 clubs) composed of a total of 250 out-of-school girls;
- Identification and training of 10 mentors who animated the clubs with a participation rate of 97% of the target girls. This high participation level was recognized as a huge satisfaction during assessment of the mentors' activities' meeting in October 26, 2020;
- Established of 12 school clubs in 8 schools in both Boromo and Siby. A total of 720 girls have been recorded. Each club was composed of 60 girls;
- 60 peer educators have been trained in animation techniques

and in the project themes in 3 different localities;

- Presentation through radio programs activities report of peer educators.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

AJES received a total of EURO 5,000 of which EURO 4,952 was actually spent.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

AJES stated that YCF enabled their team to strengthen the skills and knowledge of girls and women in the fight against trafficking and sexual exploitation. In addition, the YCF has made AJES an advocate for children's rights, particularly those of girls. It has also enabled AJES to provide working capital to 12 school clubs and 10 non-school clubs for the continuity of relevant project activities.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the reporting points of the results form AJES:

- 970 girls (aged between 8-17), 720 in school and 250 out of school whose knowledge and skills on children's rights, sexual and reproductive health as well as life and pre-vocational skills to resist sexual abuse and exploitation improved;
- 60 girls among participants trained in peer education making them leaders in their clubs and institutions;
- Indirect participants of the project: the girls' parents, local authorities, community leaders, and school directors who involved in the project

## BROWSER

### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

#### 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

#### 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

#### ▶ B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

#### 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

#### 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

#### 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

#### 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

#### 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

#### 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

#### 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

### III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

implementation and welcomed the initiative. 10 girls' parents got trained as mentors to sensitize non-school girls. Increased parents' awareness of the phenomenon;

- Organization of educational discussions on unwanted pregnancies in high schools;
- Receipt of funding of 12 school clubs and 10 non-school clubs to continue relevant actions.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

AJES reported these following challenges:

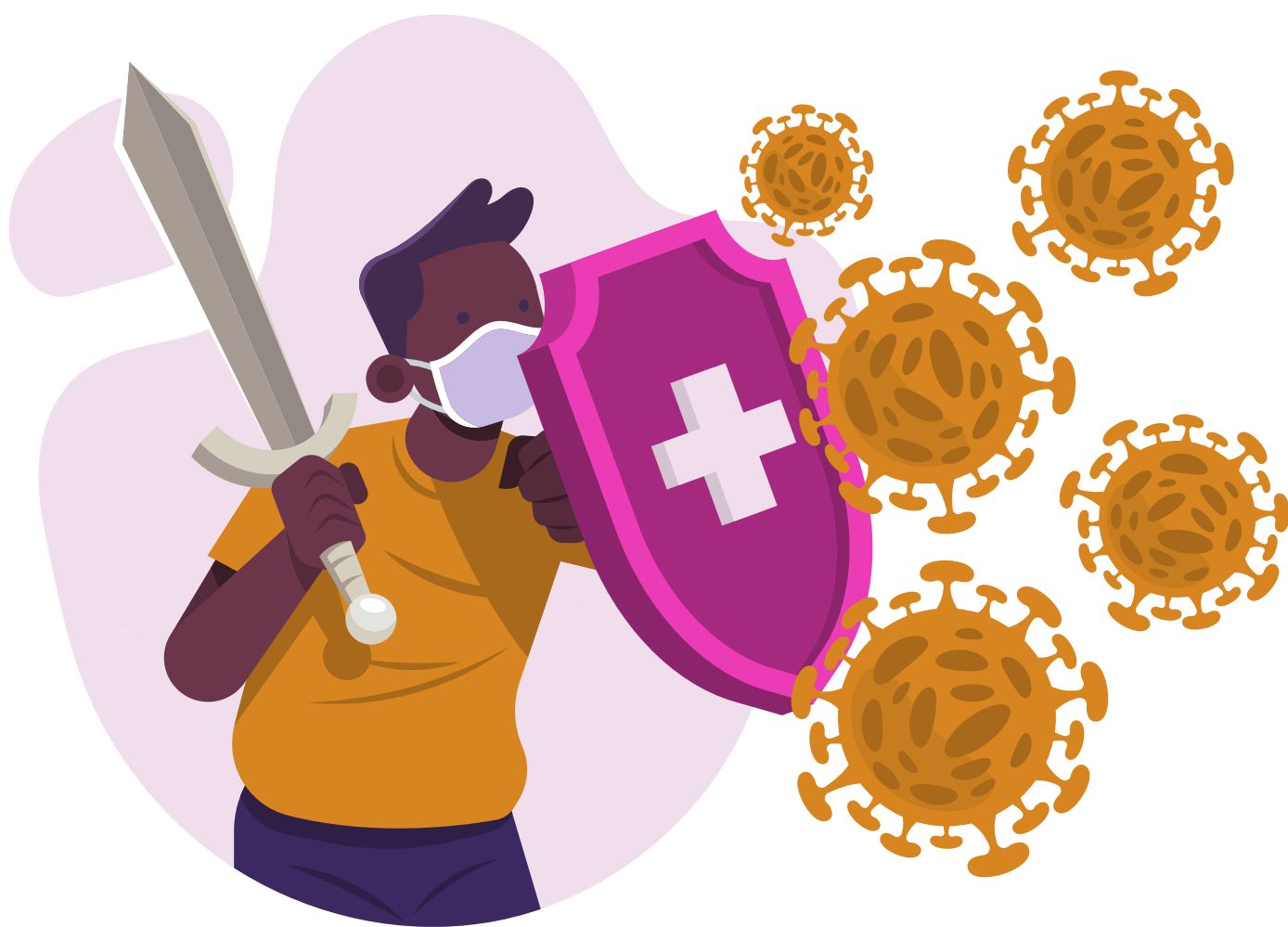
- Telephone communication problems in three zones (SECACO, Nanou and Ballao) that made planning difficult;
- Time allotted for the start-up of all the activities relatively short;
- Delay in the implementation of activities in schools due to covid-19.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

Below are the recommendations made by AJES association to Plan International:

- Increase the project budget to allow the group to expand intervention zones;
- Support with professional training;
- Financing of consultation frameworks with children;
- Additionally, AJES stated the following strategies for the continuity of activities:
- Awareness raising by peers and advocacy;
- Agreement with the radio for the continuation of radio broadcasts during the year;
- The establishment of a system of periodic monitoring of activities in the framework of trafficking and exploitation of children (DPFSNFAH, RPE, AJES).





**C. AMDESSO**

Health (wellbeing, mental health, creative health protection and prevention, E-health, infection case transmission)

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
▶ C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Association Mixte pour le Développement Economique et Social du Sud-Ouest (AMDESSO) is an association of 22 members to which the anti-covid 19 youth clubs are attached. It is led by Lazi Mande, 30, an agricultural Engineer and graduate in rural development. Lazi is the coordinator of the YCF program within AMDESSO.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

AMDESSO implemented the Club de Santé Anti-Covid-19 project from September 1 to November 30, 2020. The project consisted of combating covid-19 by youth and for youth through strengthening and empowerment of youth clubs for better sustainability of their actions. The conducted activities are as follows:

- Capacity building of 22 youth club members on the barrier measures and gel production; training of 7 club members on masks production; training of 7 youth club members on the assembly of handwashing devices;
- Acquisition of equipment (laptops, office supplies, 2 sewing machines and accessories, sewing thread, sewing table and chair, 2 charcoal iron machine, 80 bottle of 20l, 20 taps and some other hydro-alcoholic solution production materials);
- Community sensitization on covid-19 barrier measures;
- Production of 70 bottles of hydro-alcoholic solution in 80 ml bottles;
- Handwashing toolkits;

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

AMDESSO received EURO 4,955 as a single instalment and spent EURO 4,697.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association mentioned training received on zoom without specifying the themes.

AMDESSO reported that at the beginning of the activities, the youth in the clubs had all been reluctant to engage in activities. The ideas the Plan International team brought inspired some girls to end up joining the movement.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Results are reported as follows:

- Knowledge acquired on covid-19 and barrier measures;
- AMDESSO team's skills strengthened (making masks, assembling hand-washing equipment and producing, and production of bactericidal solutions); equip themselves with working materials (sewing machine, material for the production of the hydro-alcoholic solution and material for the production of hand washing devices, hand washing toolkits);
- 320 educational talks on barrier measures against covid-19 for the benefit of communities;
- Become autonomous through the expected income from the sales of the products.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Below difficulties have been reported by AMDESSO team:



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

## ▶ C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The short implementation period of the project and the limited funds;
- The production of products. For example, an initial budget of 10 million was received from the CHR/Gaoua for the production hydro-alcoholic solution, but the group was finally able to have support from a pharmacist to produce 70 bottles with their available budget
- The production of masks was not properly done and at the time of the evaluation they had not fully sold all their productions.
- Internet connection was another issue for the group who mentioned that they could not follow a single training session on zoom from beginning to end

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

AMDESSO recommendations are as follows:

- Continuation of the project with the rest of the clubs;
- Improvement of the quality of internet connection;
- Sufficient funds for an effective empowerment of clubs
- Provision for of a coordinator position for a member of the association.
- Provide capacity building support to coordination team on project management and knowledge management;

- Provide computer training for club members;
- Travel support in terms of means of transportation for monitoring and evaluation.
- Support for the drafting of the association's child and girl protection policy;
- Support for the implementation of a project on the production of infant flour, based on local products (peanuts, millet, moringa and sweet potato with orange flesh) for children and nursing mothers;
- Support for the operationalization of the association's training center for young girls
- Support for the creation of an incubator center for women leaders.

Finally, AMDESSO mentioned that they would continue the project. They are planning to:

- Improve the production and marketing of their products (masks, hydro-alcoholic solution and hand washing devices);
- Conduct educational talks on sexual and reproductive health, menstrual hygiene management and GBV;
- Conduct educational talks on the production of fortified pre-cooked flour for children under 5 years old, breastfeeding women and pregnant women.



## **D. UN-ABPAM**

Safe Sex and Reproductive Life for Young People  
Living with Visual Impairment in Burkina Faso



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

## ▶ D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE 80

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Union Nationale des Association Burkinabè pour la Promotion des Aveugles et Malvoyants AM (UN-ABPAM) is an association composed of 103 members and led by Nouroudine Yabre who is the Youth Representative of the National Union of Burkinabe Associations for the Promotion of the Blind and Visually Impaired, headquartered in Burkina Faso.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

UN-ABPAM implemented the Safe Sexual and Reproductive Life of Young People Living with Visual Impairment in Burkina Faso project from September 1 to November 30, 2020. The project started with the establishment of a youth group to conduct the project activities. Main activities realized as part of the project included training of young peer trainers and visually impaired youth, production of radio programs and awareness raising in communities.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

UN-ABPAM received a total of EURO 5,000 and the full amount was spent.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

UN-ABPAM did not specifically mention non-financial support in their report. However, they did mention during the learning discussion groups held by Plan International, the good communication between the group and Plan International team as well as the availability of Plan International staff to support members of the group individually.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

UN-ABPAM has outlined these following results:

- Training of 10 young peer trainers (5 girls, 5 boys, all living with a visual disability) on technical animation and on themes related to the sexual and reproductive rights of disabled youth;
- Training of 100 visually impaired youth (50 in Ouagadougou and 50 in Bobo-Dioulasso) on the sexual and reproductive rights of disabled youth, including personal development and gender-based violence;
- Production of a radio program on the rights of young people with disabilities in Dioula followed by broadcasts in Bobo-Dioulasso;
- Production of a radio program on the rights of disabled youth in Mooré followed by broadcasts in Ouagadougou;
- Involvement of the teaching staff of the schools for young blind people in Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso as well as the Executive Board of UN-ABPAM: a source of motivation for these young people throughout the project. These young people recognize that the elders' support is necessary for their empowerment;
- Building of youth skills with disabilities on their rights and duties as well as personal development increased their effective participation in family, school and social life. These young people who are now aware of the concepts of sexuality will avoid risky behaviors that can lead to sexually transmitted infections;

## BROWSER

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
▶ D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
A. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIRROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Community sensitized (parents, educational supervisors, disabled people's organizations, and society as a whole) will allow these young people with disabilities to benefit from an increasingly tolerant environment.

### DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

UN-ABPAM recognized that they have not encountered any major difficulties. However, the lack of computer skills among most of their members was an additional handicap for them in that they had a lot of difficulty accessing the online exchange platforms and participating in these experience sharing meetings organized by Plan International. This difficulty was felt during the writing of the reports where they always had to call upon

backup resource persons.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

These are UN-ABPAM recommendations to the YCF:

- Strengthen actions through a still consistent budget;
- For young people with disabilities, strengthen computer skills to boost their participation in digital exchange and training platforms;

Finally, the association mentioned that there was room for continuing the training of peer trainers on technical animations as well as on the notions of rights and duties of disabled youth, personal development, and gender-based violence.





**E. YACOUFA**

Stop unwanted pregnancies and illegal abortions

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

## A. BARIKA

## B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

## B. AJES

## C. AMDESSO

## D. UN-ABPAM

## ▶ E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

## A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

## A. CJFLG

## A. CJSFG

## C. ELLES

## D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## A. CCNEJ

## B. KORCHI BLOG

## C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

## B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## A. ASAWA

## B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIROR AFRICA

## B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

YA-COUFA is an association composed of 15 members and led by Bamory Cheick Ouattara, a 19-year-old high school student who was also the Manager of the association's project funded by YCF in Burkina Faso.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

YA-COUFA conducted the Stop Unwanted Pregnancies and Clandestine Abortions project from September 20, 2020, to January 12, 2021. The project was organized into two phases and consisted of the reinforcement of knowledge and capacities of adolescents based on gender, children's rights and COVID 19 in the village of Siniéna and its surroundings.

YA-COUFA reported the following activities:

- Advocacy activities to customary, administrative, and religious authorities (chief of the village and canton and the Imam of Siniéna) who showed their willingness to listen and accompany the project with advice on the ongoing activities;
- Acquisition of hygiene and anti-covid 19 materials;
- Training of 20 restaurant workers on covid 19, hygiene and children's rights in the Siniéna canton;
- Training of the members of the association on IEC/COVID 19/ STI-HIV/AIDS/reproductive health/Gender Based Violence;
- A Banner was printed for the training of the Restorers of the village canton.

The following activities were carried out for phase 2:

- Creation and animation of a WhatsApp group plus 2 sessions of interactive chats;
- 15 door-to-door talks on COVID 19 and the rights of the child;
- Forum theatre on the rights of the child, followed by 3 sessions of discussion groups on STI/ HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Arterial Tension, Cancer of The Column of The Uterus or Breast, with women and teenagers at the gold site of Nairebana;
- 2 conferences in the high schools of Siniéna and Diarrabakoko on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) and an outing to supervise the activities;
- Door-to-door sensitization on the gold site.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

YA-COUFA received a total of EURO 5,000 and EURO 3,750 was spent. The budget was divided into three instalments. YA-COUFA reported that they were awaiting the 3rd instalment to complete the rest of the activities.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

YA-COUFA has not specified any non-financial resources received. However, they mentioned having learnt financial management procedures during the project

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The association has reported the following results:

## BROWSER

- I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
  - 1. BENIN
    - A. BARIKA
    - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
  - 2. BURKINA FASO
    - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
    - B. AJES
    - C. AMDESSO
    - D. UN-ABPAM
  - ▶ E. YACOUFA
    - 3. CAMEROON
      - A. HOPE ALIVE
      - 4. GHANA
        - A. GRAY NETWORK
        - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
      - 5. GUINEA
        - A. CJFLG
        - A. CJSFG
        - C. ELLES
        - D. OSHG
      - 6. MALI
        - A. CCNEJ
        - B. KOROKHI BLOG
        - C. MUSODEV
      - 7. NIGER
        - A. CJFM
        - B. CSDAC
      - 8. SENEGAL
        - A. ASAWA
        - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
      - 9. SIERRA LEONE
        - A. MIROR AFRICA
        - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
    - III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The project directly reached adolescents girls and indirectly, girls' parents and the local authorities and community leaders (the parents for monitoring and the authorities to facilitate implementation) were involved
- Members of the association, the implementing actors, have seen their skills strengthened and their leadership in social protection developed.
- The topics developed during the trainings are relevant to the real needs of the people, given the interest of women participating, and the number of questions asked.
- The commitment of the members of the association testifies their desire for progress and the results of Ya-coufa's actions.

YA-COUFA reported that people welcomed the project because it touched the real problems of the area, and everyone wanted to be trained adding that it will be necessary to multiply as much as possible the number of sensitization sessions to reach all the remaining villages of the Siniéna canton.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

YA-COUFA has not specified any difficulties in their report but mentioned the delay in funds disbursement and in the launch of their activities as well as poor internet connection in the MEAL survey.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The association made recommendations as follows:

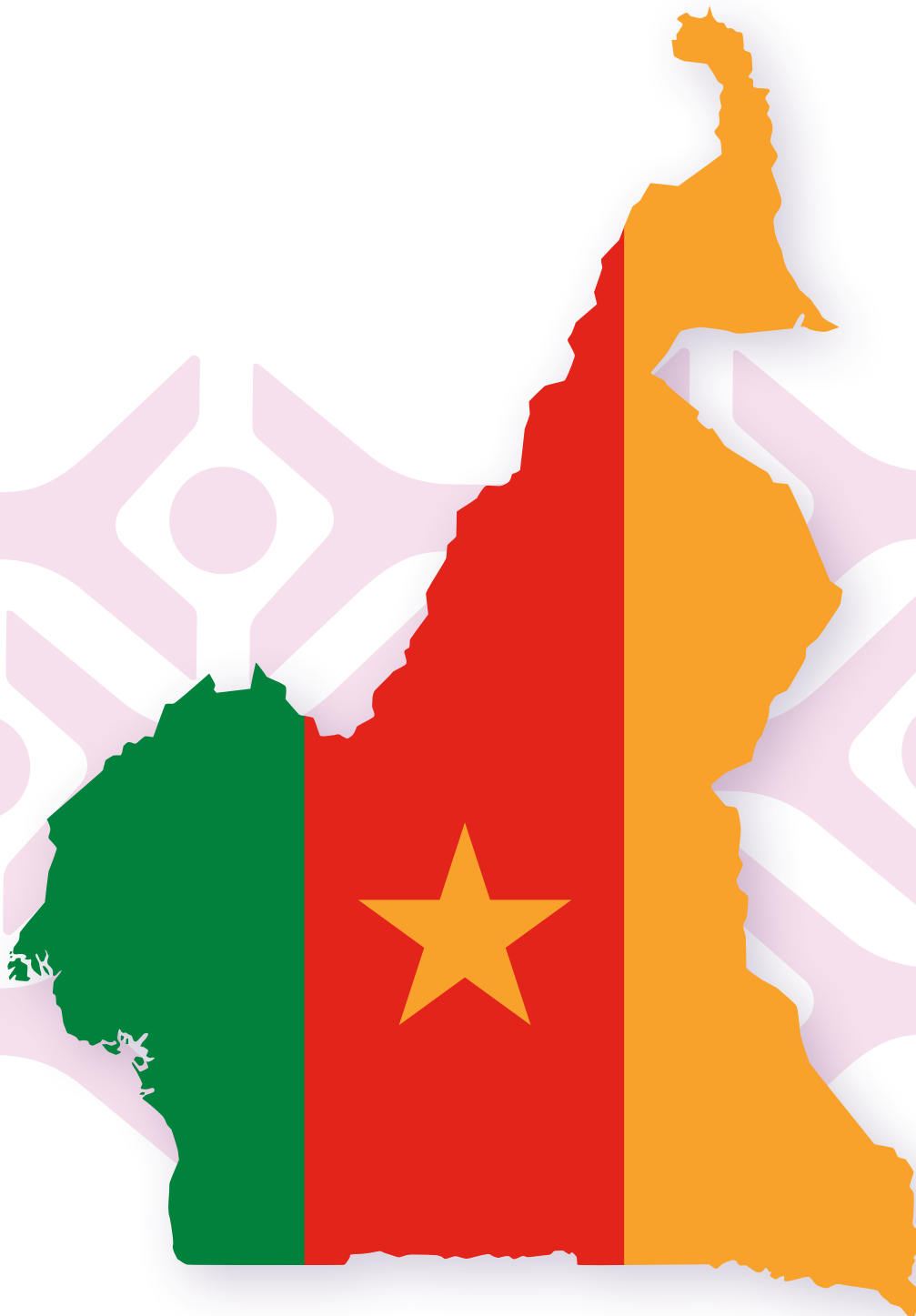
- Encourage interventions in youth environments
- Strengthen the capacities of peer educators/facilitators;
- Facilitate the disbursement process and increase the funds
- Support the school enrolment of vulnerable children
- Creation of a youth center or an equipped exchange framework

Finally, YA-COUFA stated that the association would like to continue the sensitization of trained young animators to reach other zones, the animation of the cultural day of the students in theatre, and the talks and door to door debates by members of the association.





# 3. CAMEROON



## ACTIONS

- 02 trainings including practical workshop on various forms of GBV and how and where to report
- Sanitary pads donation to girls in the communities of Mbefi, Mbessi, Nibung, Bujong, Ntefinki and Atiela

## RESULTS

- 500 young boys and girls, teens trained on comprehensive sexual education and menstrual hygiene management
- 1000 reusable sanitary pads distributed



**A. HOPE ALIVE**

Pads for All





## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

## A. BARIKA

## B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

## B. AJES

## C. AMDESSO

## D. UN-ABPAM

## E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

## ▶ A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

## A. CJFLG

## A. CJSFG

## C. ELLES

## D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## A. CCNEJ

## B. KORCHI BLOG

## C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

## B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## A. ASAWA

## B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIRROR AFRICA

## B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

HOPE ALIVE is a woman-led association of 10 members in Cameroon. Liaison Sylvie, 29, is the manager of the team. Ms. Sylvie holds a Bachelor of Technology in Business Administration and is currently undertaking her master's degree in HR and Project Management. She started her humanitarian work at the age of 10.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

HOPE ALIVE was supported on its project entitled: A Community Focused Project to Build the Capacity of Teens in some Hard-To-Reach Areas in the Bamenda III Subdivision. Building Capacities of Teens Towards Achieving Resilient communities was the theme undertaken with focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health Right and Gender Based Violence. The objectives of the project, implemented from September 2020, were as follows:

- To educate 300 young girls and boys (teens) in the Ntefinki and Mbefi communities on Menstrual Hygiene Management and Gender Based Violence;
- To make available and accessible reusable sanitary pads to the women and girls in the communities through creating emergency pad banks;
- To support these teens in breaking the silence on the taboos and myths surrounding menstrual hygiene;
- To provide comprehensive sexuality education (SCE) and on GBV to teens.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

For this project, Hope Alive reported that they spent EURO 4,955.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Hope Alive did not specify any non-financial resources received.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Hope Alive highlighted results as follows:

- 300 notebooks, 300 t-shirts for participants, 300 reusable pads and 200 pads reusable pads for pad bank creation, and office supplies have been purchased.
- 300 participants targeted and over 500 (young boys and girls, teens) were present in the two workshop sessions. Sound knowledge on comprehensive sexuality education and menstrual hygiene management were given to them;
- Over 500 young girls and boys trained on GBV and the various forms or types of gender-based violence and how and where to report these acts of GBV in the community;
- Discussions with the teens on the challenges they faced and possible solutions;
- Provided 600 reusable sanitary pads for a community pad bank, and donated 400 reusable sanitary pads to girls coming from the communities of Mbefi, Mbessi, Nibung, Bujong, Ntefinki and Atiela;
- Some women leaders and other community leaders educated on the harmful practices meted on women and girls in the community.

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

## A. BARIKA

## B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

## B. AJES

## C. AMDESSO

## D. UN-ABPAM

## E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

## ▶ A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

## A. CJFLG

## A. CJSFG

## C. ELLES

## D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## A. CCNEJ

## B. KOROCHI BLOG

## C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

## B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## A. ASAWA

## B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIRROR AFRICA

## B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Creation of girls' friendly space in both communities where teenage girls will meet regularly to learn new skills and share experiences on issues concerning their health and their well-being.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The following are the difficulties reported by Hope Alive:

- Late receipt of funds; the pad bank was not established on schedule;

- Community leaders were often opposed to the need to educate these teens on the two thematic areas;

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

Hope Alive would like to continue their project to provide follow up as there were more registered cases of GBV in these communities. They stated also that there was a need for more accessibility and availability of sanitary pads to serve these communities.



## 4. GHANA



### ACTIONS

- Set up a library space with books, computers and internet access (for users aged between 6 – 18 years old)
- Community workshops and radio live programs on women empowerment

### RESULTS

- 900 students trained on leadership and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- 500 Pads and 450 masks distributed to peers
- 50 rural women in the Upper West Region of Ghana, trained in liquid soap production

## Comprehensive Sexuality Education



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## ▶ A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Girls Stand of GRAY Network is a Gender and Reproductive Health advocacy youth network of 50 members led by the 32-year-old Gender activist Godsway Mensah, in Volta region in Ghana.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

Girls Stand of GRAY Network implemented a project entitled: Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Education; A Key to Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy, Unsafe Abortion, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Early Child Marriage and Gender-Based Violence. The focus was on leadership skills, gender equality, adolescent sexual and reproductive health rights, girls' empowerment and livelihood, and girls' rights and access to justice.

Girls Stand of GRAY Network reported that the project was implemented in two main phases: the training phase field work phase which included radio/traditional announcement, marches, girls' conference, theatre, and community engagement activities.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Based on their financial report, the budget of EURO 4,787 was totally utilized.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

They did not specifically cite any non-financial resources received.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the main results reported by Girls Stand of GRAY Network :

- 500 sanitary pads, 50 t-shirts, 450 masks, were purchased and some other general expenses;
- 900 students were trained on life, leadership, and communication skills, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, and rights of the girl child
- Focus group discussions, community-based activities and one-on-one conversations engaged parents and opinion leaders;
- 82% of participants were satisfied with the course; an additional 18% stated that their expectations were exceeded; 68% stated they participated to a satisfactory degree; 32% mentioned that they felt quite engaged and interested, participating to a large degree; 37% expressed the need for more time being allocated in discussions and experiential exercises;
- Participants developed an action plan regarding the counselling and advocacy activities they would carry out as peer educators and SRHR promoters in the communities and schools;
- Participants who were teenage mothers have formed Teenage Mother Advocates Club. They are championing the crusade to reduce the teenage pregnancy in their communities and also to ensure their empowerment.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Below are the difficulties cited by Girls Stand of GRAY Network team:

- Inability to distribute reusable sanitary pads to the adolescent

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## ▶ A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

as per initial plan because of a supply chain disruption;

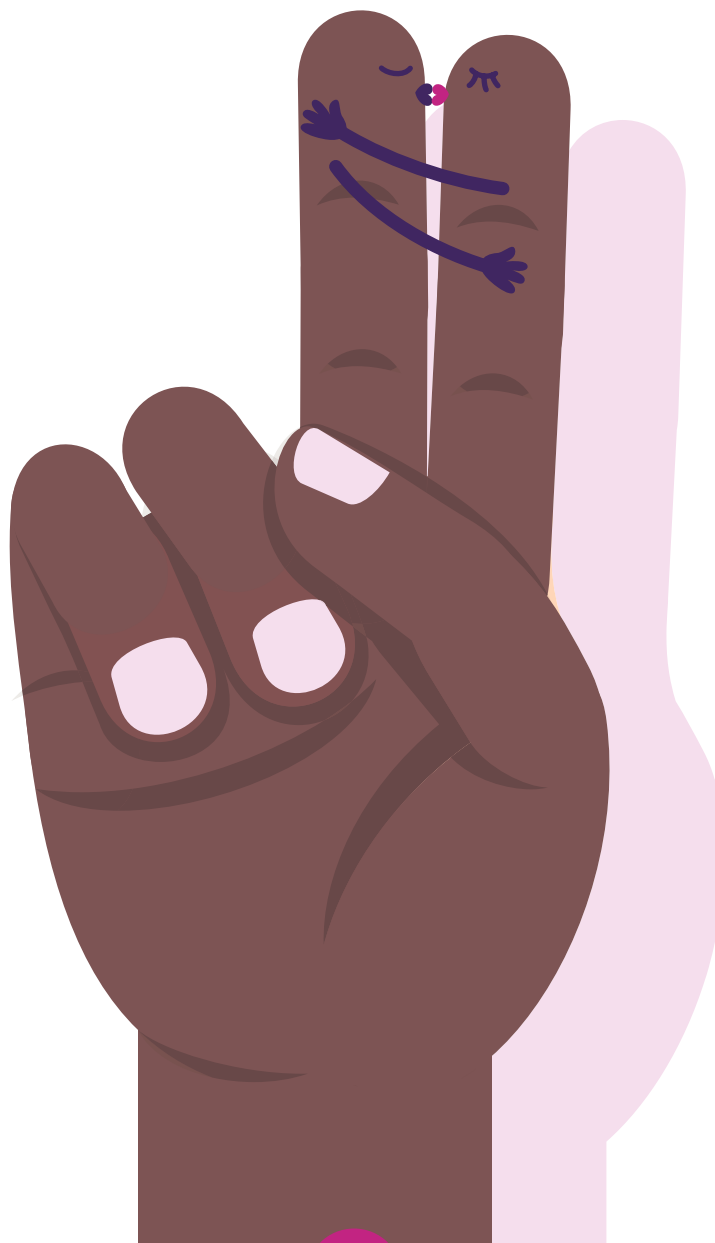
- Lack of personal computers and smartphone at home hindered the girls (participants) to practice what they have been taught such as trending with a hashtag, etc.
- High cost of media such as photographs which were not included in the initial budget
- Absence of fathers as participants (the target group) because most of them were farmers who preferred to be on their farm than in the program

- Perception of the entire community that the project should provide them with food, water, and snacks anytime the group is in the community for activities.

- Delay in funding disbursements, which impacted the preparation and the execution of the project.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

Girls Stand of GRAY Network would like to continue their partnership with Plan International and would like to benefit from regular funding and technical support which would help the team to better sustain their projects.







## **B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE**

Education and youth skills development

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
3. CAMEROON
  - A. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
4. GHANA
  - A. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

- A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA
  - A. CJFLG
  - A. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG
6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
  - B. KORCHI BLOG
  - C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
  8. SENEGAL
    - A. ASAWA
    - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
  - A. MIROR AFRICA
  - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Necessary Aid Alliance is a youth-led non-profit organization with 15 members managed by Mulumba Ngmenlabagna Songsore, a 24-year-old spirited community development fanatic with a degree in Development Studies. The organization aims to contribute to Rural Development in the Upper West Region of Ghana.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

Necessary Aid Alliance implemented Education and Youth Skill Development project which encompassed bridging the educational inequality gap in rural communities, girl and child empowerment, entrepreneurial skills training for women, and disability and mental outreach. The project started up in November 2020. Four activities have been reported by the association:

1. Smart Community Library/ Computer Lab Project from November 4 to 20
2. Girl Child Empowerment Group from November 9 to 11
3. Training of Trainees Education Program from December 2
4. Entrepreneurial Skills Training for Women (Liquid Soap & Beads Making)

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Based on their financial report, the association received EURO 2,534 and spent EURO 2,503. But in the internal Plan International YCF final selection Pilot Tracking, its indicated that the group received a total of EURO 5,000, we assume that a second instalment was sent

to the group but was not included in the financial report.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Necessary Aid Alliance has built on the financial support received from Plan International. They stated that even though they had challenges, YCF did impact their leadership's ability to understand how programmatic and administrative decisions impacted the organization's financial health. They added that the partnership with Plan International had tremendously given improved the reputation and visibility of the organization.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The association reported the results as follows:

- Bridging educational inequality gap in the Nadowli-Kaleo district by setting up a library space furnished with free books (appropriate for age group 6 to 18 years old), computers and internet access as a conduit to stimulate reading habits; 5 neighboring communities with school going students of three thousand; over 35 users on a daily basis;
- Functioning girl group with 30 girls under the patronage of a women's community leader in the Loho-Goor community;
- Workshop on Advancing From Women's Empowerment to Achieving Gender Equality with the participation of the Upper West Queen Mothers Association Leadership, the members of 5 youth groups in the region, the media and volunteers of the association, and the presence of resource

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

persons from Plan Ghana – U.W.R, Gender Desk Officer from the Ministry of Gender and Social Protection and the Regional Youth Authority led by the Acting Director. Program streamed live on Facebook and the radio reaching 1,000 listenership within the Upper West Region;

- 45 participants to the training program, 5 youth leaders from 6 youth groups in the Upper West Region, 4 leaders of the Queen Mothers Association were impacted;
- 500 rural women, and some health workers in the Mangu CHPS, in 35 communities in the Upper West Region of Ghana, trained in liquid soap production as an alternative source of income and to advance proper hand washing and hygienic conditions in their homes;
- Donated over three hundred litres of liquid soap to Tanina JHS & Primary School, Mangu JHS & Primary, Bullu JHS & Primary, Nyemati JHS & Primary Poole JHS & Primary, Nako JHS & Primary and Mangu CHPS compound in the Upper West Region to aid students in regular hand washing;
- Donated some 50 litres of soap and chemicals to the health facility. It should be noted that all the donation was the production from each training programs.
- Mentorship, advocacy and donation of educational souvenirs to students with special needs (disabilities) in mainstream schools and Don Bosco special school for mentally challenged children;

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The following difficulties were reported by Necessary Aid Alliance:

- Delay in the disbursement of funds impacting the planning;
- High cost of chemical raw material impacting the profits in the end;
- Overly high expectations from the community;
- It was difficult for the team to commute from community to community. They were using a tricycle to move goods and that was difficult considering the training chemicals they carried.
- Women targeted did not have start up money;
- Lack of shelves stocked with relevant books in the library, and lack of resource to buy enough books.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

Necessary aid Alliance made recommendations as outlined below:

- Provide some quarterly funding so as to ensure the better sustainability of their projects;
- Equip their team with expertise, skills and resources to continuously develop multi sector approaches to build engaged communities;
- Support Youth Challenge Champions with digital devices to help in capturing events;
- Not just ensure that written reports were sent but also oral

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

A. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

project presentation should be incorporated for Champions to make submissions on works done so far. This could tell several stories in detail that could not be captured well in written reports.

- The association believed that it could be in the interest of Plan International to create sustainability mechanisms to make YCF champions as lifelong partners to aid in the project's expansion.
- We will need Plan International to use their network to create more

opportunities for partnerships for YCF maiden grantees.

Finally, Necessary aid Alliance testified that the Plan International YCF was the best thing so far that had happened to their organization. They stated that it had tremendously enhanced their operations and made them achieve goals within that short period. The association as well as the President of the Upper West Queen Mothers expressed satisfaction and called for similar projects.



# 5. GUINEA



## ACTIONS

- Production of audio spots in four different dialects (Soussou, Malinké, Guerzé and Poular) and video spots in French on right to menstrual protection with regional radios and national TV
- Community dialogues on COVID19, SRHR and domestic violence in 12 regions (Conakry, Fria, Dabola, Kankan, Nzérékoré, Labé, Mamou, Kindia, Macenta, Dinguiraye, Dubreka, Forécariah)
- Focus groups, social media storytelling and community awareness on children abuse
- Manifesto on the living conditions of young girls/boys with disabilities to engage decision makers

## RESULTS

- 400 adolescents' girls received reusable hygiene kits in the 12 regions
- 1,500 men and women reached directly through menstrual hygiene education
- 7000 people reached through media awareness and visual arts
- 66 local leaders trained on child rights protection and advocacy against gender-based violence
- 805 young women and men mobilized and trained across the country as campaign champions against cyber violence
- 52 young people with disabilities trained and involved as advocates



**A. CJFLG**

Sexuality, let's talk about it COVID-19 period



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KORCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée (CJFLG) is a girl-led association with more than 500 members throughout the country fighting against violence against girls. The association works also on the eradication of child marriages, rape, female circumcision, physical assaults, discrimination through denunciations, educational talks, mass sensitization, digital campaigns, and community discussions. They aim to impact more the community at the grassroots level alongside the state, institutions, and other young activists both at the national and international levels. Kadiatou Konate is the 19-year-old leader, co-founder, and secretary general of CJFLG. She is a young activist, defender of girls' rights. She received the Best Female Activist of the Year Award in Guinea in 2019, and the All Africa Women's Leadership Award.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

CJFLG has managed the project entitled: Sexuality, Let's Talk from October to December 2020. CJFLG reported the activities carried out as follows:

- Production of audio spots in four different dialects (Soussou, Malinké, Guéré and Poular) and in the official language of the country in which the video spot was also produced;
- Broadcast of audio spots in 12 radio stations in the project implementation areas (Conakry, Fria, Dabola, Kankan, Nzérékoré, Labé, Mamou, Kindia, Macenta, Dinguiraye, Dubreka, Forécariah) and the video spot was broadcast on two

television stations (Espace TV and RTG) for eight days before being shared on social networks through the official page of the CJFLG which reached more than 7,000 people and registered several interactions;

- Production and distribution of more than 400 washable sanitary pads, 100 T-shirts, 150 personalized bags that were used in some areas as distribution tools;
- Production of 50 posters distributed in each area;
- In addition to these products, the association also distributed soaps and masks in this period of Covid-19 to also convey the message on this crisis;
- Production of a video to raise awareness in the field and to advocate for easier access to sanitary pads for girls, which was also broadcast on social networks.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CJFLG received a total of EURO 4,880 of which EURO 4,815 was utilized. The association reported that they were awaiting the last instalment of an amount EURO 64.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CJFLG testified that the project had allowed them to engage more young girls and the media in improving sexual education issues, particularly menstrual hygiene, and the club, it has allowed them to conduct direct projects with their targets on the ground.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

## BROWSER

### I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
  - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

### 5. GUINEA

- A. CJFLG
- B. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG
6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
  - B. KOROCI BLOG
  - C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
  - A. ASAWA
  - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
  - A. MIROR AFRICA
  - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
- ### III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The association reported that girls, women, men, administrative authorities in the different prefectures and the media were at the center of that project. The campaign for sensitization and distribution of sanitary pads allowed them to see the level of ignorance of menstrual hygiene by girls and the low involvement of men in sexual education issues in general. Therefore, those men have committed to share the message and become more involved. Furthermore, more than 400 people have benefited from hygiene kits in the 12 intervention zones and more than 1,500 men and women have been directly educated through the media (radio and television).

### DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

CJFLG cited that they had huge problems with the socio-political situation and political instability in the country especially the state of emergency measure that was established by the President of

the Republic of Guinea, which prohibited all travel within the country as well as all gatherings in the country to stop COVID-19. They also mentioned a delay in implementation planning

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

CJFLG desires that more funds should be made available to youth organizations so that they can expand the number of people to be reached and the activities to be implemented. The noted in the MEAL survey that the demand was higher than what they could offer.

Finally, they planned to continue the implementation of their actions through digital platforms to maintain the course of communication beyond the physical community that has been established through the field activities. They have also planned to continue with the distribution of several other washable sanitary pads given the invaluable need among girls and women.





Education (e-learning, grading, school communication, social media education, tutoring), with a focus on girls' education and creative solutions on access to education

**B. CJSFG**

Rural E-education

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
▶ B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Club des Jeunes Scientifiques Francophones de Guinée (CJSFG) is association led by a Mamadou Diouldé Sidibe, a 23-year-old graduated in International Law from the University General Lansana Conte of Sonfonia-Conakry. Mr. Sidibe is the Administrative and Legal Officer of the association which is composed of 13 members.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

CJSFG Rural Education project covered three themes and was implemented from September 26 to November 23, 2020. These themes are as follows:

1. Communication and sensitization of parents, administrative authorities, and religious leaders on the dangers of child abuse and the fight against COVID19
2. Capacity building of youth in the rational use of computers
3. Training and sensitization of women mothers, serfs, matrons, and young girls on FGM and early marriages

Activities of the project started with the setup of a steering committee followed by training of trainers and design of digital materials for communication to end with training workshops, focus groups and awareness sessions. A radio spot on child and girl abuse was also posted.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CJSFG received a total budget of EURO 4,881 which was totally utilized.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association reported that YCF had been a great support for them for many reasons, but they did not specifically cite some non-financial resources received.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Based on the Association's report, women and girls, children, religious leaders, administrative and judicial authorities, women's groups and serfs, women matrons, and some other associations were all involved in the project activities. The association reported that:

- 66 leaders identified and trained to maintain the momentum of child protection and the fight against gender-based violence;
- Participants made aware of children abuse, the blatant violation of the rights of the girl child, and how to prevent the spread of coronavirus;
- Women trained on child abuse committed themselves by saying: «we will treat our children like kings from now on»;
- Sensitization through focus groups is one of the best practices the association team has nurtured and also the door-to-door session;
- Women testimonies, sometimes followed by tears, indicators of success.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Reported difficulties are as follows:

- Reluctance of some religious leaders regarding FGM;

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

## ► B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORACHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reluctance of some parents regarding early marriage and FGM;
- Criticism from some women matrons;
- Insufficient training materials on FGM;
- Insufficient funds to extend the activity to other sub-prefectures;
- Insufficient funds to increase the number of young people in the framework of capacity building in computer skills and the rational use of the internet.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

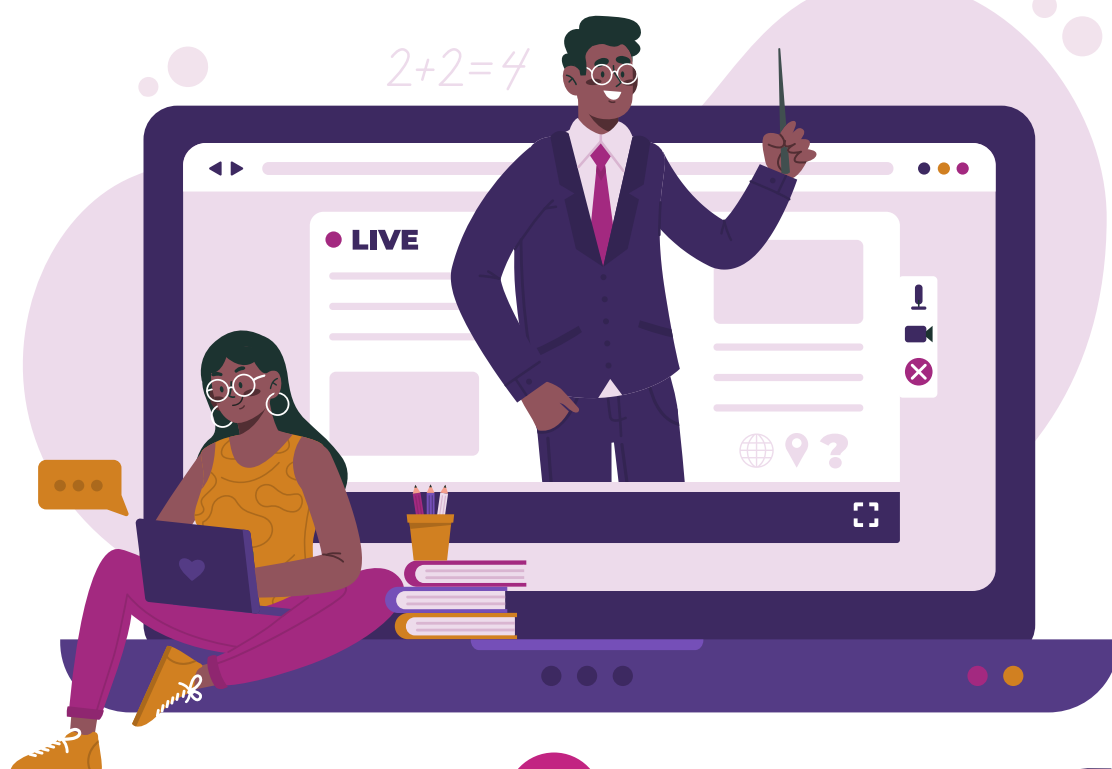
CJSFG's recommendations are the following:

- Extend the YCF to reach the maximum number of people in the two other districts of the urban commune and some sub-prefectures of the Koundara prefecture;
- Make the disbursement of funds on time and increase the budget;

- Transportation support for some members of the organization who are volunteers.

The association planned to continue the project given its direct impact on the population of Koundara. Therefore, these are some planned activities:

- Installation of a committee of vigilance on FGM;
- Expansion of focus groups in the sub-prefectures of Saréboidho, Sambaillo and the urban commune of Koundara;
- Multiplication of the number of spots on the local radio of Koundara;
- Multiplication of online communication given its impact on the population of Koundara;
- Door to door communication.







**C. ELLES**

girl in danger





I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
▶ C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KOROCI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

ELLES is a girl-led club composed of 18 members and that highly values the concept of sisterhood. The club also promote personal, social, and economic development of members and dream of a better world where gender equality is king. Fatima Mankona Koivogui, 15, is the current president of the association. She is a student in the 11th grade of Social Science at Sainte Marie High School. With a strong character, Ms. Koivogui got her first internship at an HR consulting firm.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

ELLES implemented its project entitled Girls in Danger under the theme: Abuse of girls in Guinea and during the period September - December 2020. The first phase of the project was media-oriented and characterized by three steps: launching of the campaign, the design and validation of visual and video content, and content dissemination media. the second phase, known as the field phase, included activities such as meeting street vendor girls who are heads of families and buy all their products after discussion sessions and photos if they accepted it. The 16 days of activism was the phase 3 during which the club decided to accentuate its Girl in Danger campaign by focusing on cyber-violence against girls.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

ELLES has been allocated a budget of EURO 4,913 and did utilize it all.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

ELLES acknowledged the support received from Plan International

team in Guinea before funds disbursement adding that their presence was of great help. They mentioned that they had been oriented on funds management and the elaboration of their Action Plan, respectively by the National Accountant and the Girls Get Equal team of Plan International Guinea.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Based on ELLES' report, members of the ELLES club, the media and state authorities were involved in the project activities. ELLES also reported the results as follows:

- Improvement of their organization in project management and members in public speaking;
- Expansion of their partnership framework with state authorities and the media;
- Development of good practices such as checking the club's email box daily in the morning and evening, and reading a lot about what the law says about gender-based violence;
- Launching of NO GENDER-BASED CYBERVIOLENCE digital campaign for which Visuals, video clips and spots were designed and broadcast on all digital platforms «ELLES» and «FILLES EN DANGER» and on national television. A zoom webinar was organized to end the campaign;
- Publications were widely distributed/shared by Internet users (see the site: [http://http://#Girl\\_in\\_danger](http://http://#Girl_in_danger); [http://http://#Don't\\_look\\_away](http://http://#Don't_look_away); [http://http://#Young\\_challenge\\_funds](http://http://#Young_challenge_funds); <http://http://#ELLES>).

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
▶ C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KORCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

These are the difficulties reported by ELLES:

- The urgent requests by Plan International, as some issues require consultation;
- The lack of sufficient information during meetings was challenging because they were new, so it was hard to adapt;
- The payment of fees to media partners who, as soon as they know that Plan International is supporting the project, abuse on the amount quoted (each time it took their mentor's intervention to get their way);
- The pandemic situation and especially the political situation in the country have considerably slowed down their field activities;
- The reluctance of some children during the field phase.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The following are the recommendations made by ELLES:

- Provide an opportunity to continue the campaign early next year with a complementary strategy for greater impact;
- Allow a reasonable response time (48-72 hours) for emails;
- Be less demanding with organizations at their first experience with Plan International;
- Allow one or two members to learn Plan methods through internship (even unpaid).

ELLES would like to continue the project and the following are the plan for next steps:

- Strengthen digital communication on girls at risk;
- Share the institutional mini film «girls at risk»;
- Organize conferences and debates in local high schools on the theme: Cyberviolence / advocacy for the safety of young girls online (Conakry-Kamsar);
- Educate girls who are heads of household in the field.





**D. OSHG**

Improving the lives of girls/boys living with disabilities

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
  - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

- A. CJFLG
- B. CJSFG
- C. ELLES

## ▶ D. OSHG

6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
  - B. KOROCHI BLOG
  - C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
  - A. ASAWA
  - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
  - A. MIROR AFRICA
  - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Organisation de Secours aux Handicapées de Guinée (OSH-Guinée) is a woman-led association with 22 members managed by Oumou Hawa Diallo, a 26-year-old. Ms. Diallo is a graduate in history of international relations at the University General Lansana Conté of Sonfonia. She has benefited from a scholarship from the American program Young African Leaders (YALI) in Dakar in its 13th session; she has also been promoted Miss Dauphine of the first edition of "Miss and Master Handicap Guinea".

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

OSH was supported on its project Improving the Lives of Girls/Boys Living with Disabilities aimed to promote the rights and contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of young girls/boys living with disabilities. The project was implemented from October to December 2020 and three strategic axes were considered:

1. Strengthening the organizational capacities of two youth organizations, with a total of 15 young people (6 boys and 9 girls between 19 and 30 years old) with disabilities (official launch and capacity building activity with barrier measures).
2. Organization of 3 educational talks and 3 programs to popularize the rights of young girls/boys with disabilities (TV shows with a participation of 15 people, talks with 45 people with disabilities sensitized; advocacy campaign reached 26,238).
3. Organization of an advocacy workshop and a digital campaign on the rights and accessibility of

young girls/boys with disabilities to essential social services (advocacy speech read by the representative of disabled girls/boys designated for this purpose in front of NGOs, International institutions, State and Government authorities; advocacy document developed by a consultant with main lines of orientation for the protection and access of girls/boys with disabilities to essential social services).

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

OSHG received a grant of EURO 4,879 and utilized the total amount.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

OSHG testified that YCF had allowed them to expand their partnership framework with two other NGOs. They also stated that The YCF initiative had improved their leadership not only by strengthening their project management skills but also building their ability to conduct advocacy with decision makers.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the results reported by OSHG:

- Official launch with the presence of stakeholders;
- Production of a report on the living conditions of young girls/boys with disabilities, to better reach the sensibility of decision makers;
- 15 posters were finally produced, instead of 30 as previously planned. The budget allocated to the remaining 15 was utilized to 3 short videos of advocacy and awareness.



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID

ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

## ▶ D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Overall, 52 people with disabilities was touched and 39,208 people were reached online.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

OSHG reported following difficulties:

- Lack of infrastructures (rooms and media places with access ramps, elevators, etc.) adapted to people with disabilities. The hotel rooms that meet the requirements are very expensive to rent, often exceeding the budget allocated;
- Reluctance of some people with disabilities to be interviewed and sensitized as some disabled people were concerned that their image would be used to raise funds without their approval;
- At the time of implementation of the actions in the field, two (2) factors hindered the mobilization of partners. First, the unhealthy socio-political situation before and after the presidential elections of October 18, 2020. Secondly, the health situation with the existence of health measures decreed by the State regarding COVID-19.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

OSHG recommended Plan International to:

- Strengthen the leadership of youth organizations by organizing training sessions on administrative and financial management issues and those related to the specific themes of each organization (gender, disability, FGM etc.);

- Increase funding for youth organizations to enable them to intensify their action and reach more people;

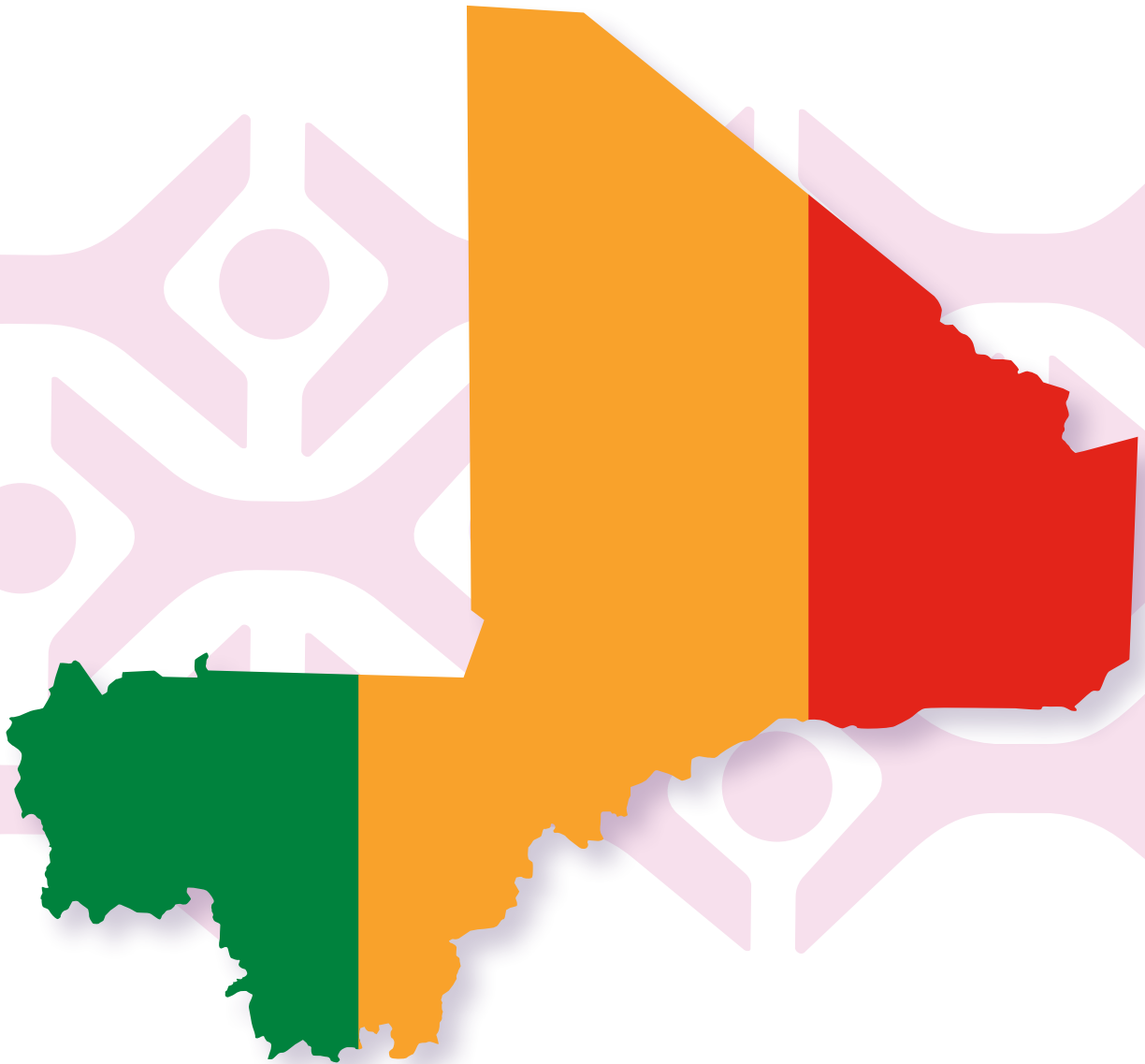
- Create consortiums between the structures they support in order to implement larger-scale actions.

- Promote the organization of capitalization and experience sharing workshops at both national and regional levels.

Based on the results, OSHG reported they intended to continue the project through the following actions:

- The organization of an awareness campaign and popularization of the law on the promotion and protection of people with disabilities in the cities of the interior of the country;
- The strengthening of the leadership of youth-led organizations of/for people with disabilities;
- The follow-up of the advocacy document through committee, then organizing other advocacy workshops at the regional level to draw the attention of decision-makers to the living conditions of young girls/boys with disabilities in order to encourage them to make commitments;
- The intensification of digital communication actions in order to reach more people and sustain the project's actions.

# 6. MALI



## ACTIONS

- awareness caravan and poetry context on covid-19 in Timbuktu
- Digital Anonymous and safe spaces discussions for victims / survivors to open up and report GB violence's
- Psychological assistance to victims through specialists and educative sessions available in local languages (e.g: Bambara)
- Mapping of services available, places to report and zones of high risks for girls and women to experience violence's

## RESULTS

- 706 young women and men reached through community education spaces on COVID19
- 100 young women and women reached through the Zero VBG App





**A. CCNEJ**

The world of my dreams

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## ▶ A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



## PRESENTATION

Conseil Consultatif National des Enfants et Jeunes (CCNEJ) is the umbrella structure of children and youth organizations working in the field of protection and promotion of children's rights. Present in twelve (12) countries in West and Central Africa, it is active in advocacy with the competent authorities and in raising awareness among the population for the improvement of the living conditions of children and youth. The association is composed of 25 members coordinated by Nènè Goita, a 21-year-old active girl in Human Rights, Feminism, Advocacy, Awareness and Lobbying for the improvement of the living conditions of children in general and girls in particular.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

CCNEJ-Mali's The World I Dream Of project addresses gender-based violence, which is particularly exacerbated during this period of covid-19. The project was implemented in Bamako from October 2020 to March 2021. The objective of the project three-fold: 1) to have a tool for sensitization and advocacy against gender-based violence and for girls' education, and 2) parents' involvement in the promotion and protection of girls' rights and 3) to sensitize the communities on the dangers and risks related to the coronavirus through adapted messages.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CCNEJ utilized the total grant of EURO 5,000 received.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association mentioned in the

discussion group they had been technically assisted by the focal point when they were facing challenges in the implementation of the project. They received support in project management, fund management, fund justification procedures and monitoring and evaluation through experience sharing.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The association reported these following results:

- Acquisition of a tool for sensitization and advocacy against gender-based violence, and for girls' education, parental involvement in the promotion and protection of girls' rights;
- Communities sensitized on the dangers and risks related to the coronavirus, the importance of education to fight against child marriage through adapted messages on TV, radio and social networks;
- Capacity on writing scripts of CCNEJ members developed ;
- Through the digital campaign from March 8 to March 14, 15,254 people touched on Facebook and 2567 on Twitter.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The following are the difficulties as per reported by CCNEJ:

- Delay in the execution of its action plan. This delay was due to the time it took to complete the cartoon.
- Delay due to changes on the initial planning for the implementation and the budget.

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

## A. BARIKA

## B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

## A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

## B. AJES

## C. AMDESSO

## D. UN-ABPAM

## E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

## A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

## A. GRAY NETWORK

## B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

## A. CJFLG

## B. CJSFG

## C. ELLES

## D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

## ▶ A. CCNEJ

## B. KOROCHI BLOG

## C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

## B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## A. ASAWA

## B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIROR AFRICA

## B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Limited availability of service providers that were the main actors for implementation of the project.
- Lack of risk assessment that impacted the implementation of the project which ended up taking more time than expected.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The association reported the following recommendations:

- Expand their communication strategy by having access to more funds from the YFC for field activities (talks, debates,

consultations, etc.);

- Facilitate the formalization of children and youth organizations and the acquisition of YFC funds;
- The CCNEJ team wanted to contribute as an umbrella organization by being part of the YFC's decision-making body.

Finally, the CCNEJ team stated that they were hoping for the partnership with Plan International to continue and that Plan International would be able to extend its field of action more and more towards girls/youth for a better support and safety.





**B. KOROCHI BLOG**

All against Covid 19

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
► B. KORACHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIRROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Korochiblog is an organization composed of 14 members led by Ibakaye Bollo Cissé, a 23-year-old activist and actor in the fight for human rights with a degree in literature. Through blogging, he sensitizes young people.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

Given Covid-19 and its impact, Korochiblog, like other youth organizations, has decided to inform and sensitize the populations through its project All against Covid19. The focus of the project was put on Coronavirus prevention and awareness. It was implemented in Timbuktu from September to December 2020. Three main phases of activities were: 1) training, awareness, and education; 2) Raising awareness and sensitization; 3) Organization of the poetry competition.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association received from Plan International a budget of EURO 4,993 in 3 instalments. They reported they had reworked the budget based on the realities of the field. They ended up spending a global budget of EURO 5,008.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Korochiblog declared that YCF allowed their organization to have a broader understanding of associative life. They benefited from training on fund management, financial reporting and several other training sessions organized by the Plan International Mali and the WACA office. They also stated that YCF gave more dimensions to the leadership in their organization

especially girls empowerment.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the results reported by Korochiblog:

- Training of 30 young people (15 girls and 15 boys) on the ins and outs of the Coronavirus.
- Building awareness through radio broadcasts and a series of articles written on their platform Korochiblog (2,000 girls and 1,000 boys touched); awareness caravan in Timbuktu's neighborhoods (90 girls and 110 boys reached for the videos) and videos of Timbuktu and awareness-raising videos on barrier measures in local languages (135 girls and 541 boys reached);
- Organized the poetry competition on covid-19 on December 26, 2020 among the high schools of Timbuktu (25 girls and 25 boys reached).

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Korochiblog raised the following difficulties:

- People still doubting about the existence/reality of Covid;
- Field actors for the awareness campaigns suffered throughout verbal aggressions coming from some people who continue to deny the existence of this pandemic. They were calling the actors names and believed the coronavirus was just a western policy adopted by the Malian government;
- Logistics challenges;



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
  - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
  - A. CJFLG
  - B. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG

6. MALI

- A. CCNEJ
- B. KORACHI BLOG

- C. MUSODEV
  7. NIGER
    - A. CJFM
    - B. CSDAC
  8. SENEGAL
    - A. ASAWA
    - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
  9. SIERRA LEONE
    - A. MIROR AFRICA
    - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
- III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lack of quality digital equipment (computers & telephones) as well as the sponsorship of the association's website and Facebook for a more effective digital campaign.

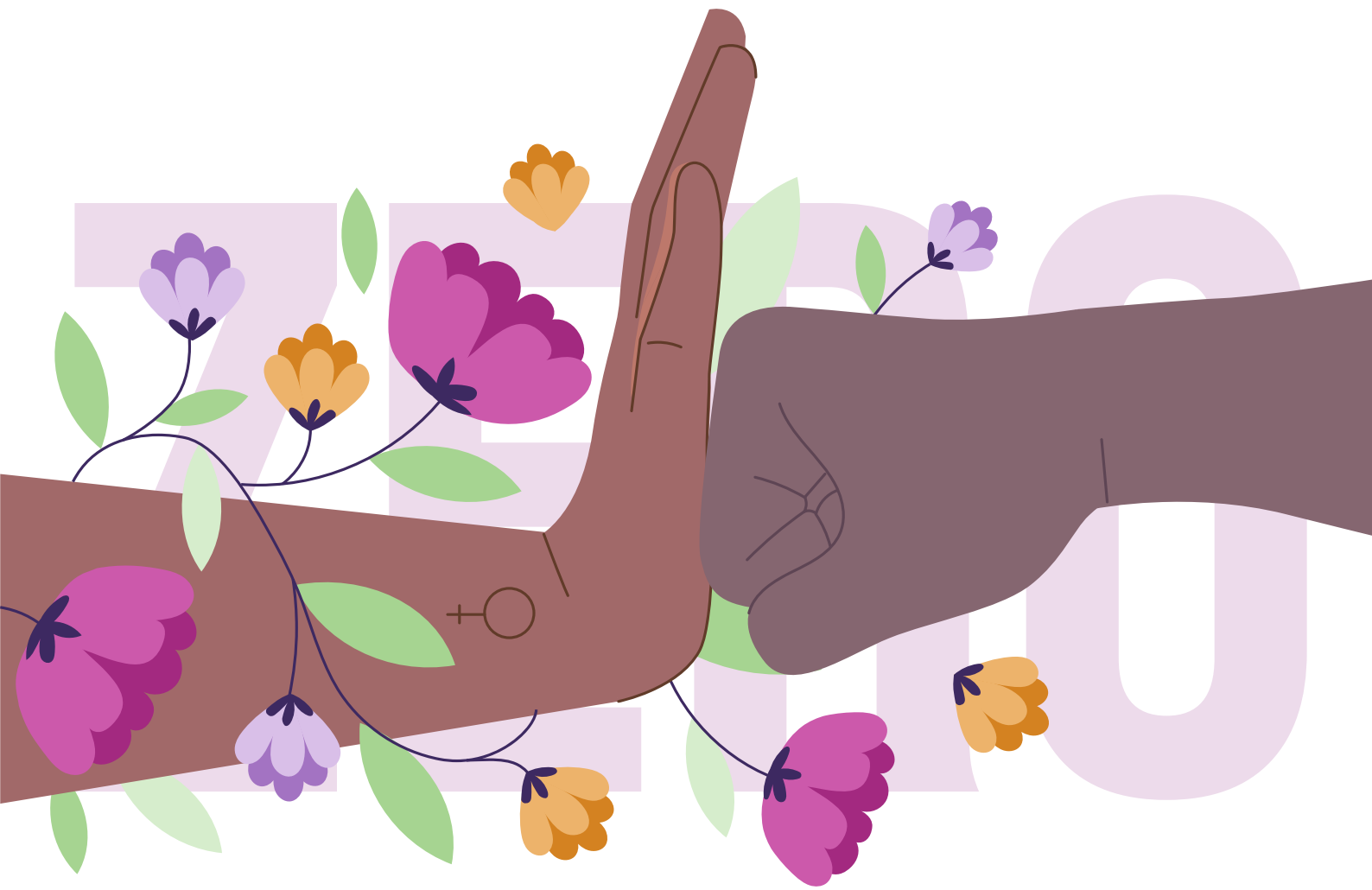
### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

Overall, Korochiblog solicited the help of Plan International for

future applications to strengthen their platform with materials and to increase the budget so they could provide quality work for their subscribers.







**C. MUSODEV**

Zero Gender Based Violence



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KORCHI BLOG
► C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Association for the promotion of women through ICT (MuSoDev) is a woman-led non-profit association managed by Marguerite Sogoba, a 28-year-old passionate about technology who reflects, creates, and proposes digital solutions that can improve the living conditions of women living in Mali. Musodev, with a team of 10 members, aims to put in place technological solutions allowing the prevention as well as the sensitization on the current problems of which the women and the young people are victims; provide development opportunities for women and girls through ICT; design, develop and promote the participation of women in ICT-related professions; and promote vocational training and support for women and girls through ICT.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

MuSoDev implemented Fight against Gender Based Violence through New Technologies. The project was implemented from September 2020 to February 2021. There were three project phases: 1) the prototype of the application «Zero GBV», a web platform; 2) and a mobile application for information and awareness on gender-based violence and 3) a field campaign in Bamako accompanied by a digital campaign.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The total project budget was of EURO 4,497 into three instalments and MuSoDev spent XOF EURO 4,436. They did note a gap of EURO 564 since the initial total and planned budget was of EURO 5,000. Based on their report, the gap is explained by the fact that it was planned a payment of 15% of the amount of

each service provider to the taxes which could not be done, because they could not gather documents in time. There were also other budget lines not totally utilized.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

MuSoDev team did not specifically report that any non-financial resources were received even if they highlighted the fact that, because of YCF program support, they were able to be well structured administratively, but also organizationally.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Below are the reported results:

- An illustrator consultant, a social media consultant as well as a graphic designer recruited;
- A prototype, a web platform and an app developed. The app covered: Inform about the different types of existing violence; Facilitate the recognition of this violence; Inform on where to go in case of violence; Provide a space for anonymous discussion between victims in order to express themselves and denounce such violence; Provide psychological assistance to victims by making psychologists available to them; Serve as a communication and information channel for the different structures evolving in the field; Map the different areas of violence; Serve as a data collection tool;
- An upgraded version of the app developed with graphic illustrations of each section of the application; Voice guides in Bambara language for each section (for illiterate people);

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KORACHI BLOG
► C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COVID19 alert to inform and raise awareness about the coronavirus, an app available on Play Store;

- Field campaign in the district of Bamako to demonstrate the app to the local population, with a particular focus on raising awareness about GBV and COVID-19; participation to the 10th annual cultural event Bama Art on November 6, 7 and 10, 2020 with 100+ people reached);
- Digital campaign to popularize the application online before and during the 16 days of activism against GBV (45 days ended up being used for a better impact; 27 visuals created; 5 themes treated by experts/influencers; 2 debates between fans; approximately 30,000 people reached on Facebook).

### DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

MuSoDev noted that their main

difficulties were related to the following points:

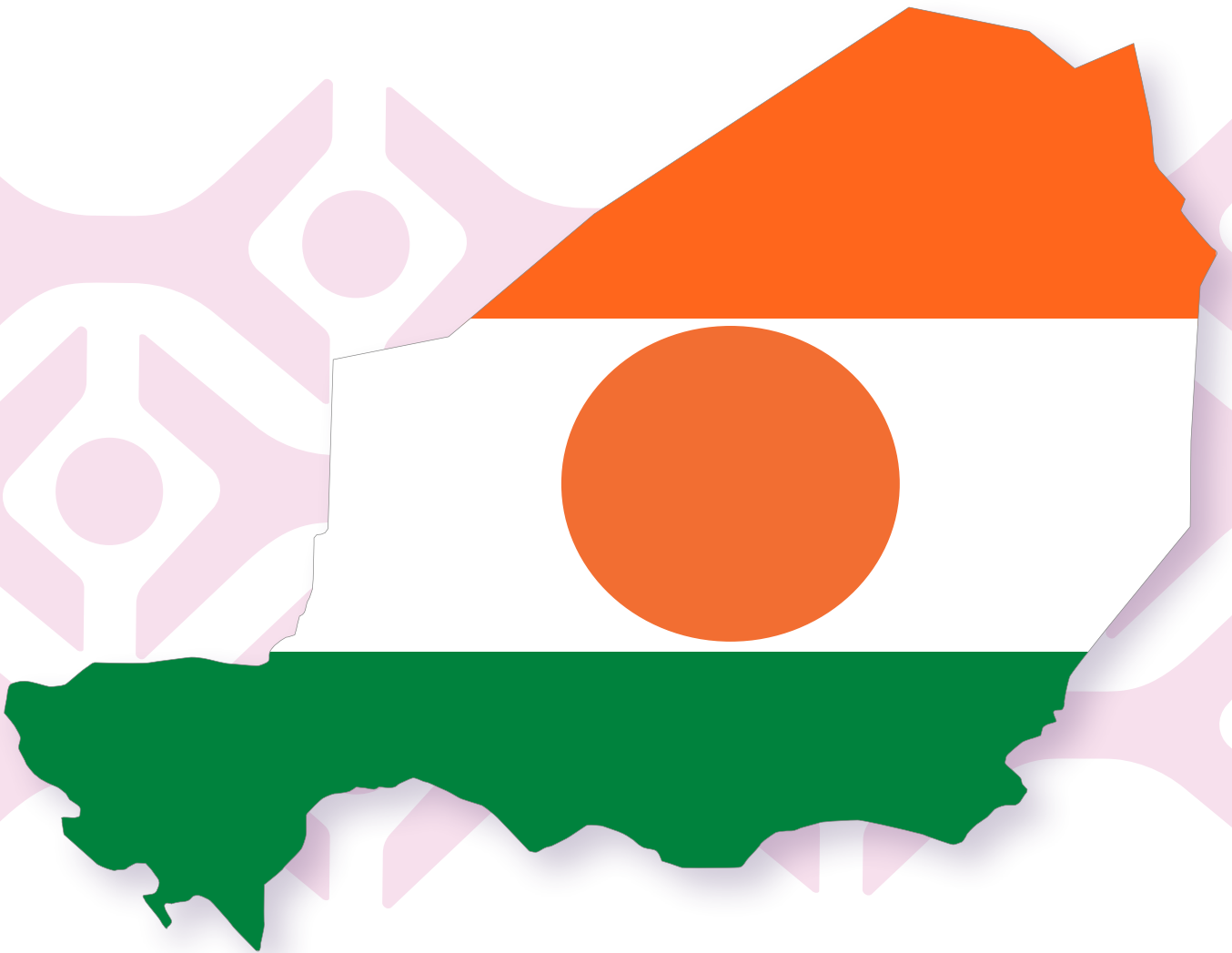
- Challenge for the team to adapt, readjust and execute the project well at the beginning since YCF was their first grant as youth organization;
- The delay to receive funds on time, resulting in delays in the implementation of project activities, including the recording of voice guides, and the digital campaign;
- The administrative burden and lack of flexibility in the processing of supporting documents.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

To improve the YCF, MuSoDev suggested Plan International to lighten the financial justification process for the youth organizations. And finally, they would like YCF to delegate a staff of the finance department to expedite the processing of financial files.



# 7. NIGER



## ACTIONS

- Leadership and entrepreneurship trainings in school and a local learning center;
- Solar energy program including modules on entrepreneurship, business model and business plan design, and pitch session
- Field trip with program fellows to meet practitioners and discover career opportunities and skills

## RESULTS

- 25 young girls and adolescents reached through training and empowerment talks
- 30 young people trained on photovoltaic panels making for solar energy



**A. CJFM**

Leadership of the young girl and adolescent

## BROWSER

- I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
  - 1. BENIN
    - A. BARIKA
    - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
  - 2. BURKINA FASO
    - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
    - B. AJES
    - C. AMDESSO
    - D. UN-ABPAM
    - E. YACOUFA
  - 3. CAMEROON
    - A. HOPE ALIVE
    - 4. GHANA
      - A. GRAY NETWORK
      - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
    - 5. GUINEA
      - A. CJFLG
      - B. CJSFG
      - C. ELLES
      - D. OSHG
    - 6. MALI
      - A. CCNEJ
      - B. KOROCHI BLOG
      - C. MUSODEV
    - 7. NIGER
      - ▶ A. CJFM
      - B. CSDAC
      - 8. SENEGAL
        - A. ASAWA
        - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
      - 9. SIERRA LEONE
        - A. MIROR AFRICA
        - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
    - III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



## PRESENTATION

Club des Jeunes Filles Modèles (CJFM) is a Nigerien association, with more than 500 members, that was created to strengthen the capacity of young girls and adolescents in life skills education by training them in three areas: female leadership, entrepreneurship and youth and adolescent health. Juliana Mustapha, 29, leads the club.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

On December 28, 29, 30 and 31, the club implemented the project entitled: Leadership and Empowerment of the Girl Child in the Covid-19 Period. The focus of the project was put on Leadership and capacity building and three main actions were conducted: 1) Capacity strengthening on advocacy and peer mobilization, 2) COVID19 prevention kit distribution, and 3) Online peer advocacy for e-learning opportunities.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CJFM utilized EURO 4,183 into three instalments of a total budget of EURO 5,000. It's not clear if the remaining EURO 817 was spent, as they changed the budget line as they wanted to purchase laptop which the girls would use to apply for a Tony Elemulu Foundation grant.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The club recognized that The Youth Fund Challenge had improved the leadership of their team. As a result, the club members interact more and have implemented more activities collectively, especially the organization of workshops,

recruiting of new members, and meeting with young women leaders as facilitators, etc.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The club reported the following achievements:

- Produced 40 t-shirts, 40 training kits, 3 banners, 1 poster, 50 masks and purchased 1 video projector and 1 printer;
- Conducted a three-day workshop on the topic: "leadership and empowerment of the girl child in the Covid-19 period." 25 young girls and adolescents participated around themes such as female leadership, female entrepreneurship and youth and adolescent health/sexual health. The majority of these girls testified that it was the first time they heard about leadership and entrepreneurship because these were not taught in school or in learning centers;

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The club highlighted the fact that the realization of the workshop had been frustrating because of the restrictive conditions of Covid, and it had been difficult to collaborate with local government and partners. There was also a delay in receiving funds and a lack of closer attention and monitoring of the youth activities from Plan International.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

- The club requested support in leadership or entrepreneurship.
- The club would like support from Plan International in identifying female role models who would be their mentors or references.



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

## A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- They also added that given the demand for this kind of program was significant, it would be interesting to have funding for a broader target and bigger impact.

Finally, CJFM would like to continue their project as per the following:

- Coaching the role models to take advantage of and seize their chance to apply for scholarships, grants or jobs so that their dream becomes a reality;

- Awareness campaigns on 1) education of young girls, 2) consequences of early marriage, 3) income generating activities, 4) opportunities for youth and adolescent girls, 5) gender-based violence, 6) girl's capacity and power, 7) empowerment of the girl child, 8) sexual and reproductive health of youth and adolescents, and 9) sexual education and reproductive health care





**B. CSDAC**

Entrepreneurship and Empowerment of Nigerian Youth

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
A. BARIKA
B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
B. AJES
C. AMDESSO
D. UN-ABPAM
E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
A. GRAY NETWORK
B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
A. CJFLG
B. CJSFG
C. ELLES
D. OSHG
6. MALI
A. CCNEJ
B. KORCHI BLOG
C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
A. CJFM
▶ B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
A. ASAWA
B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE
A. MIROR AFRICA
B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN
III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Climate and Sustainable Development Action Club (CSDAC) is a Nigerien association, with 45 active members, led by Segbedji Geraldo Favi, a 26-year-old award winning Sustainable Rural Transformation Engineer. As a young leader and dedicated to his environment, he is the main founder of the Climate and Sustainable Development Action Club in Niger.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

CSDAC implemented the project entitled: Entrepreneurship and Empowerment of Nigerien Youth to Face Unemployment in the Context of Covid-19, implemented from August 17 to December 15, 2020. The association outlined 3 major work packages conducted:

- 1. Identification and selection of participants:** preparation of the call for applications
- 2. Preparation of the training course,** which included preparation of the training materials. The training content covered essential questions: What is Solar Energy? What is it used for and how is it used? How to benefit from this energy? What are existing solar technologies? How are they used in the world in Niger?
- 3. Operationalization:** launch of the project

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

CSDAC reported they had utilized all the funds (EURO 4,998).

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Through the YCF, CSDAC reported that they learned to better manage relationships with professional partners, especially Expert Trainers coming from a different professional world. They also outlined they gained ability to mobilize and motivate their team and collaborators to create an environment conducive to the exchange of ideas.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

CSDAC reported the following results out of the project:

- The Rectorate of the Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey through its Regional Research Centers (WASCAL, WAC-SRT), The partners (Centre Incubateur de l'Université Abdou Moumouni, Agence Nationale de l'Energie Solaire au Niger, NIRRITECH Expertise) supported the team in the preparation of the training modules, their involvement as trainer-practitioner with the laureates and the provision of their field of experimentation for the exercises in practical environment during the field trip with the laureates;
- Training of the 30 selected laureates. All 30 laureates had the opportunity to present their entrepreneurial project in front of a jury of the Incubator Center of the Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey (CIUAM), which finally selected the 3 best projects with a great potential.
- Two trophies initiated by the CSDAC Club to congratulate the two best laureates, followed by social media posts over 10 days;

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID  
ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

## ► B. CSDAC

8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

III. CONCLUSIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Delivery of certificates and technical kits.

For many of the laureates, it was their first time to touching and working directly with photovoltaic solar panels. Laureates also expressed that both men and women can work with solar energy. They also appreciated the inclusion of entrepreneurship, particularly those related to the business model and business plan, enabling them to structure their project ideas.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The difficulties outlined by the association were mainly the Covid context and its impact, and also the delay in receiving the funds. They reported that several activities in the timeline had been started using their own funds to avoid delays, as commitments had already been made to partners.

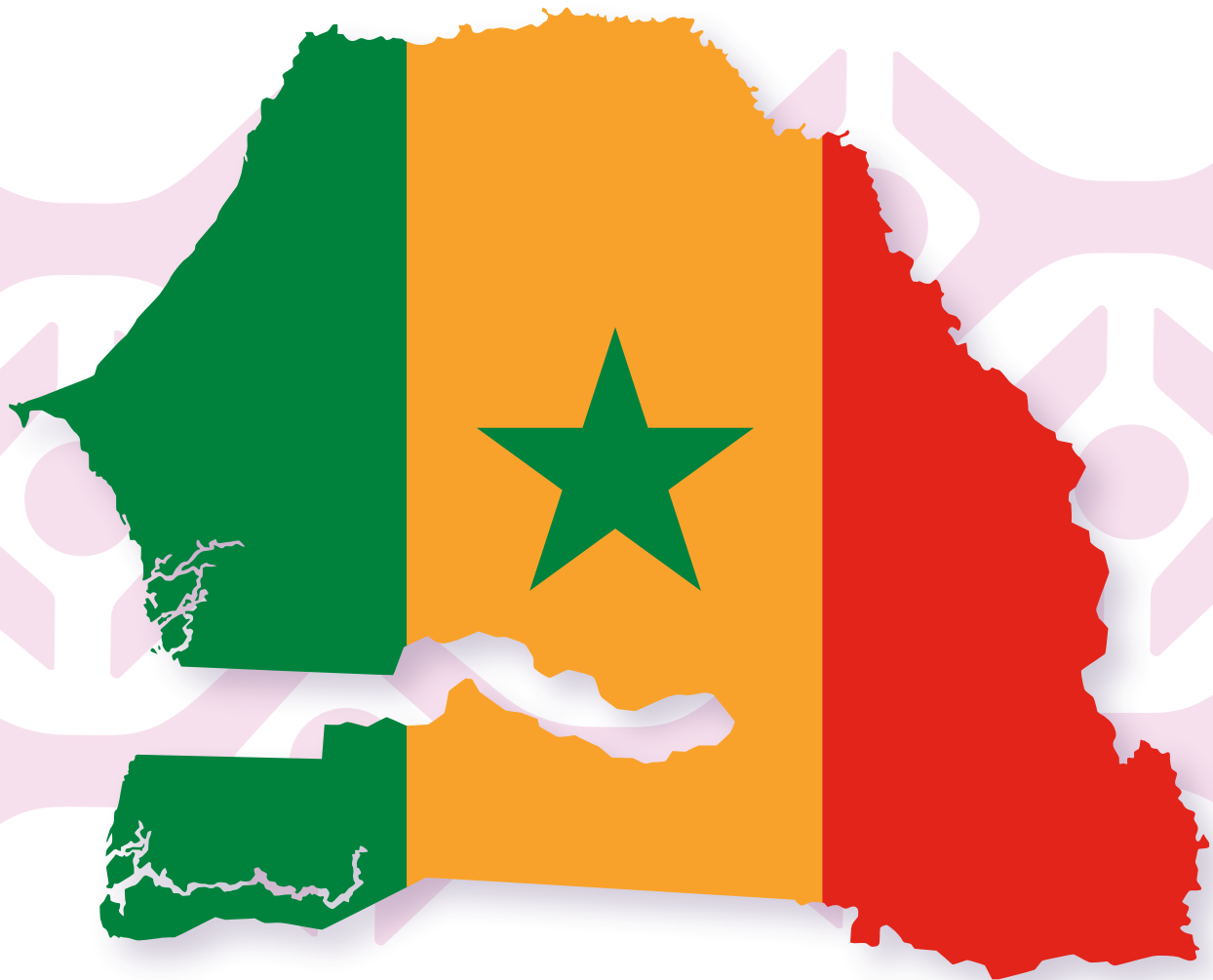
They also added that it had been a challenge to share responsibilities among the team and ensure the commitment of all team members.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

- CSDAC reported that they had a WhatsApp group which had allowed them to follow the participants activities and achievements moving forward. One month after the training, 5 of the 30 laureates had returned home and work working with the small solar kits. They'd like support in applying for other grants to continue their project.
- Although CIUAM offered an incubation grant of six (06) months, they mentioned they would have liked to support all the young entrepreneurs with funding.



# 8. SENEGAL



## ACTIONS

- Community COVID19 prevention dialogues in schools and Mask distribution
- Digital campaign on national and TV channels, on the social media

## RESULTS

- 20 adolescents' girls and young women trained on masks confection
- 2000 wax masks produced and distributed in Tambacounda, Dakar, and Diourbel
- 500 COVID19 prevention kits and 1000 Prevention cards distributed to 1500 people Yoff Tonghor, Yarakh and Taïba



**A. ASAWA**

Wax masks



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## ▶ A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Association des Sans Abris West Africa (ASAWA) is a non-profit Senegalese organization with 28 members at the national office and an overall 392 across Senegal. ASAWA's main objective is to promote education and training of young people in West Africa and surrounding areas, and the reintegration of street children and people in difficult situations. The association's activities have a direct impact on the most disadvantaged populations, especially children. ASAWA also seeks to promote development projects for all the underprivileged segments of the country and the sub-region.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

ASAWA has initiated Masks in Wax, a training project in initiation, making and production of masks for 20 young girls aged 10 to 20 years old. Participants were schools and public places, street children and destitute people, etc., in Dakar and in its suburb.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

For this project, ASAWA reported that they had spent EURO 4,993 divided into two instalments.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association did not specifically capture any non-financial resources received.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The ASAWA association reported the results as follows:

- One-month training of twenty young girls in the making and

production of masks, given by two facilitators; 750 masks have been produced following their initial and practical training;

- The girls sensitized on the issues that come up the most in their questions such as the menstrual cycle, puberty and its manifestations in general;
- 750 masks distributed and sensitization in the three public schools of the Point E commune; participants, students, parents and teachers were particularly sensitive to the gestures and messages and committed to convey the message; young people and teenagers promised to promote the wearing of masks at school, within their families and in public spaces;
- With the support of the Director of the Sociocultural Center of Point E, ASAWA donated 500 masks to the KariMagik organization and their partners for a regional distribution related to their awareness campaign against the coronavirus in the regions of Diourbel, Dakar and Tambacounda;
- 250 masks were also given to the school directors of the middle schools Bamba 1, 2 and 3 of Point E. The schools appreciated the donation. Commitments were made on both sides for a better involvement of young people and populations in the response against the coronavirus;
- Digital campaign on national and TV channels, on the social media, etc.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

ASAWA highlighted the fact that the

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID

ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

## ► A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

III. CONCLUSIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

short duration of the project limited results. They identified the following difficulties:

- One-month delay in the availability of the funds, thus slowing down an on-time start of activities;
- Insufficient budget to cover the costs of volunteers and coordination for three months;
- Lack of communication materials (T-shirts, caps, banners, etc.).

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

ASAWA reported out the recommendations as follows:

- Provide training for a better understanding of Plan management tools and instruments;
- Additional training needed for more young people on covid-19;
- Formalize and set up small mask production units so that youth can share their experiences with other young girls in their localities;
- Strengthen access to funding for grassroots community organizations in the implementation of their programs and advocacy actions for the benefit of grassroots populations.





**B. RJPA-MGF/ME**

MboloDaan Corona (Awareness and assistance  
campaign for the fight against COVID-19)

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

## ► B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Réseau des Jeunes pour la promotion de l'abandon des mutilations génitales féminines et des mariages d'enfants (RJPA-MGF/ME) is a Senegalese association with a network of 30 associations. Rouguiatou Diallo, a 28-year-old member of the association coordinated the project. She holds a degree in Community Development and Training.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

The association conducted an awareness campaign called «MBOLOO DAAN CORONA» which means Together, Let's Fight Corona. The aim of this campaign was to fight against COVID-19 and its harmful consequences linked to GBV (female genital mutilation, domestic violence, sexual harassment, paedophilia and rape) of which women and girls are victims in homes and in some localities, by sensitizing the population and decision-makers to work for the development and protection of women and girls. The project was implemented from October 12 to November 30. It was reported that the campaign was done in two phases: 1) a digital phase through posts on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and 2) Home Visits (HV) in the neighborhoods of Yoff Tonghor, Yarakh and Taïba. Through the home visits, the association sensitized vulnerable young girls and boys on the pandemic and provided them with all the useful and necessary information to fight against this disease.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Based on the financial report of the association, they spent EURO

5,013 of the total budget of EURO 5,014.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The association did not specifically report on any non-financial resources received.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The association identified the following results out of the campaign:

- 100 t-shirts, 100 caps and 1,000 flyers were produced for communication activities
- 500 masks, 300 bottles of gel, 300 bottles of bleach, 300 soap and 300 liquid soap have been purchased;
- 10 photographs, 10 videos, 12 posts of field activities (home visits and distribution of hygiene kits) and 2 Facebook Live were made. They had to make 34 publications on the different platforms and generated:
  - Facebook: 78 947 impressions, 4 349 interactions and 241 clicks on the link.
  - Twitter: 34,450 impressions, an engagement rate of 10.4%, 5 clicks on the link, 214 Retweets and 682 likes.
  - Instagram: 1,231 impressions and 247 likes
- Field activities with sensitization, home visit and distribution of 150 hygiene kits to each of the three neighbourhoods of Yoff Tonghor, Yarakh and Taïba.

RJPA-MGF/ME highlighted they succeeded in creating more messages and videos than what was planned.



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

## ► B. RJPA-MGF/ME

9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

These are the difficulties reported by the association:

- Reluctance of some households to deal with young people; Refusal to accept home visits by some households;
- Lack of interest shown by some of the people we met;
- Inadequacy of the kits made available to us;
- Insufficient logistical means;
- Persistence of socio-cultural constraints and stereotypes;

The association has also reported that 3 Facebook live had been planned but in the end just 2 had been done. This was due to the lack of influencers and the difficult situation working during the containment due to Covid.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

RJPMGF outlined two sorts of recommendation.

## 1. From the population in the visited areas

- Food aid for vulnerable populations who are very affected by the pandemic
- Donation of hygiene products to the population
- Subsidy for rent;
- Establishment of a mechanism for the equitable distribution of food kits;
- More effective health care;

- Re-adaptation of the policy to reach more targets;
- Reduce water and electricity bills;
- Reduce the price of basic foodstuffs (rice, oil, sugar, etc.)

## 2. From the RJPMGF team

- Strengthen the institutional collaboration framework between the services involved in the management of GBV; between the government, development partners and civil society organizations;
- Strengthen the limited means of intervention of stakeholders in the fight against GBV;
- Increase mass and local awareness campaigns in both urban and rural areas
- Strengthen women's and girls' economic capacities through their access to different funds;
- Increase the fight against impunity;
- Conduct a more in-depth study on the situation of GBV and access to information on laws and facilities for GBV victims;
- Set up local frameworks for exchanges with the population at the grassroots level;
- Conduct a national campaign to disseminate laws that punish and criminalize GBV
- Set up a national system to collect data on GBV.

No specific recommendations on the functionality of YCF were made.

# 9. SIERRA LEONE



## ACTIONS

- Awareness raising and capacity building of peer organizations, government and community leaders on preventive and responsive against women and girls
- Online Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Summit
- Commitments session with members of parliament and local authorities to support the fight to end domestic and sexual violence by putting into action existing laws

## RESULTS

- 1000 people reached through awareness on violence against women and girls
- 50 young women trained on advocacy against domestic and sexual violence





**A. MIRROR AFRICA**

Combating sexual and domestic violence



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORCHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## ▶ A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

MirrorAfrica is a woman-led association of 20 members in Sierra Leone. Simeonette Uwanie Pontis, an articulate, energetic young lady, is the head of the group. She is also the Vice president of the Young African Leaders Initiative Alumni RLC –Sierra Leone Chapter.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

MirrorAfrica was accompanied on its project entitled: Effectively Mitigating Violence against Women and Girls during Covid-19 Period. For this project combating sexual and domestic violence, the focus was put on Women's Empowerment. It was implemented from October 2020 to February 2021. There were 2 main activities: educational video series and podcasts. Activities have been divided into the following actions:

- Awareness raising on the causes and consequences of violence against women and girls;
- Capacity building of partner organizations, stakeholders, government institutions, influential community leaders on preventive and responsive methods to combating violence against women and girls;
- Improved knowledge on women's rights, gender equality and the need to change social norms and cultural orientation that limits the personal and economic growth of women and girls;
- Online Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Summit.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

MirrorAfrica received from Plan International a total budget of SSL EURO 4,642, which was all used.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

MirrorAfrica reported that YCF improved the opportunity for girls to make decision in the implementation of the project. They also noted an upgraded communication skill on the team and ability to engage the public.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The following are the results as reported by the MirrorAfrica association.

- Friendly video series (also distributed on tv) where shot that featured stories about VAWG, GBV and recommendations on working together to end GBV were produced; six-minute drama that was very educative and insightful;
- Four episodes of three-minute podcast featuring gender sensitive information and recommendations on working together to end violence against women where written, recorded and produced. The podcast, in their local language Krio, had been distributed in over twenty WhatsApp groups and was aired on Culture Radio;
- At least 1000 people knowledge on VAMG and SGBV was enhanced.

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

Difficulties were reported as follows:

- Delay in transfer of funds impeded implementation and they hope that this can be

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KORACHI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

## ▶ A. MIRROR AFRICA

B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

improved for the next round.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The following are the recommendations from MirrorAfrica to Plan International:

- There should be a kickoff training for grantees would help ensure

that everyone has the same information from the beginning

- MirrorAfrica would like to continue their project and involve more men in the campaign to end GBV in Sierra Leone.





## **B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN**

domestic violence support services, hotline, online portal



## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

1. BENIN
  - A. BARIKA
  - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
2. BURKINA FASO
  - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
  - B. AJES
  - C. AMDESSO
  - D. UN-ABPAM
  - E. YACOUFA
3. CAMEROON
  - A. HOPE ALIVE
4. GHANA
  - A. GRAY NETWORK
- B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
5. GUINEA
  - A. CJFLG
  - B. CJSFG
  - C. ELLES
  - D. OSHG
6. MALI
  - A. CCNEJ
- B. KOROCHI BLOG
- C. MUSODEV
7. NIGER
  - A. CJFM
  - B. CSDAC
8. SENEGAL
  - A. ASAWA
- B. RJPA-MGF/ME
9. SIERRA LEONE

## A. MIROR AFRICA

## ► B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## PRESENTATION

Women for Women is a woman-led foundation composed of 13 members. Kadiatu Koroma is the founder and the CEO. The organization comprised of 95% young women and girls led organization registered in Sierra Leone, advocating, and mentoring to promoting the rights and safety of women and girls in Sierra Leone in alignment with the 5th SDG.

## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT FUNDED BY YCF

The Foundation was supported by Plan International as part of the YCF program in West and Central Africa, on its project entitled: Support to Promote the Safety of Young Women and Girls against Domestic Violence in Sierra Leone. The project, focused on Domestic Violence, was implemented from October 2020 to February 2021 and they reported the following activities:

- Consultative meeting with stakeholders to inform them and solicit their full support in implementation of the project;
- Development of monitoring tool for monitoring domestic violence cases;
- Coalition and analysis of finding through a policy brief;
- Development of domestic violence focused education and awareness raising information outreach using media platforms. According to the team, those messages focused on the preventive and response of domestic violence with support from the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affair hotline

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

The Foundation reported they had spent the total granted amount of EURO 4,642.

## NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES RECEIVED

Women for Women team recognized that the YCF had improved the opportunity for girls to make decisions in the implementation of the project. Increased communication skills and ability to engage the public were also gained throughout the project based on their report.

## RESULTS OF YCF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Below are the results as reported by the Foundation team:

- 100 stickers, 60 t-shirts have been purchased;
- Breaching the gap between government and the young women;
- Young women took the option of educating their community on the negative consequences of GBV and the practice of harmful traditions;
- Stakeholders including an honorable member of parliament, ward councilor and other key authorities made a commitment to support the fight to end domestic and sexual violence by putting into action and practice all laws against domestic violence;
- Participants were able to understand their roles and responsibilities as young women in the protection of women and girls;

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES

## 1. BENIN

A. BARIKA

B. HAPPY CHILDREN

## 2. BURKINA FASO

A. GRAINE DE LEADERS

B. AJES

C. AMDESSO

D. UN-ABPAM

E. YACOUFA

## 3. CAMEROON

A. HOPE ALIVE

## 4. GHANA

A. GRAY NETWORK

B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE

## 5. GUINEA

A. CJFLG

B. CJSFG

C. ELLES

D. OSHG

## 6. MALI

A. CCNEJ

B. KOROCI BLOG

C. MUSODEV

## 7. NIGER

A. CJFM

B. CSDAC

## 8. SENEGAL

A. ASAWA

B. RJPA-MGF/ME

## 9. SIERRA LEONE

A. MIROR AFRICA

## ▶ B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

## III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Life Skills training session for young women and adolescent girls on the effect, policies, preventive, and response measures of domestic violence in the Murray Town Community
- 50 young women's knowledge was enhanced in domestic and sexual violence preventive methods

## DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The Foundation reported the following difficulties:

- Delay in transfer of funds for first two instalments
- Financial reporting was one of their main challenges; the team had not had the skillset in that area;
- There was a change in prices of services budgeted for and that caused serious budgetary implications.
- There was a language barrier that limited the level of interaction with Plan International
- Young girls that had given birth to children having increased desire to go back to school, but some parents refused in the communities;
- The issue of compromise with respect to domestic and sexual violations were still happening, although in isolated cases, due to the late response of the Sierra Leone Police.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRANTEE

The following are the 3 main points highlighted by the Foundation as recommendations:

- Kick off training for grantees that would enlighten the young people how Plan International wanted their reporting process to be done.
- Through the YCF, Plan International invested in the agencies of Girls. So, Plan International should support them to sustain their engagement;
- More programs to advocate for pregnant girls and dropouts to go back to schools are needed

The Foundation felt that they really need to improve on their financial reporting skills and find more innovative way of reaching out to more vulnerable young women and children.

According to them, Plan International should be more flexible with youth led organization because they were just trying to build their organization and also disburse funds on time. The specific support they would like from Plan International was to continue to support Women For Women Foundation with capacity building in financial reporting, and more funds so that they could be able to reach out to more people.





# **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- II. YCF GRANTEE PROFILES
1. BENIN
    - A. BARIKA
    - B. HAPPY CHILDREN
  2. BURKINA FASO
    - A. GRAINE DE LEADERS
    - B. AJES
    - C. AMDESSO
    - D. UN-ABPAM
    - E. YACOUFA
  3. CAMEROON
    - A. HOPE ALIVE
  4. GHANA
    - A. GRAY NETWORK
    - B. NECESSARY AID ALLIANCE
  5. GUINEA
    - A. CJFLG
    - B. CJSFG
    - C. ELLES
    - D. OSHG
  6. MALI
    - A. CCNEJ
    - B. KOROCHI BLOG
    - C. MUSODEV
  7. NIGER
    - A. CJFM
    - B. CSDAC
  8. SENEGAL
    - A. ASAWA
    - B. RJPA-MGF/ME
  9. SIERRA LEONE
    - A. MIROR AFRICA
    - B. WOMEN FOR WOMEN

### III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#	FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	Almost all the grantees reported that they would like to continue their projects and maintain the partnership with Plan International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider longer implementation periods or larger tranches of funding</li> </ul>
2	Several grantees reported that there was delay in receiving funds/instalments on time which impacted implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Plan International internal procedures to ensure disbursements are made on time</li> </ul>
3	The majority of the grantees recognized that they needed support in admin and finance, especially to meeting Plan International reporting requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize training sessions on administrative and financial management and get them familiarized with Plan International processes at the start of the project</li> <li>Organize a kick-off meeting to ensure all grantees have the same information</li> </ul>
4	Almost all the grantees did not report on non-financial support. Mostly, they only reported on the financial support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline a proper and specific section/list of items to capture the non-financial resource in the report</li> <li>Provide more structured non-financial support</li> <li>Develop a clear non-financial support/capacity building strategy</li> </ul>
5	Many grantees reported needing more “flexibility” in terms of how funds are used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine with grantees what flexibility would look like</li> </ul>
6	Many grantees want to be networked with other grantees, even after the funding cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a YCF network</li> <li>Create an online resource center so that even grantees who are no longer receiving funding can continue to benefit from resources</li> </ul>
7	All grantees received funding in different instalments and focal points mentioned that the number of instalments was determined after a risk evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set the same number of instalments for each group and disbursement can be tailored to the completion of a certain number of validated activities</li> </ul>
8	Most grantees complained of the short duration of the project which did not allow them to properly run their activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the project implementation duration to more than 6 months</li> </ul>

This global report shows that all the grantees appreciated the YCF approach. Despite challenges, all the grantees reported they successfully managed their activities and achieved relevant results through support and help from the YCF program. All the expenditures were tracked and reported with transparency despite some challenges. Given the achievements, it is imperative that Plan International continues these

kinds of activities with grantees because the demand and the need exist. These projects not only help develop capacities of grantees, but they have also impacted the larger population through direct and digital contact.

## About Plan International

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls. We strive for a just world for children and young people, working with them and our supporters and partners to tackle the root causes of discrimination against girls, exclusion and vulnerability.

We support children's rights from when they are born to when they reach adulthood. Using our reach, experience and knowledge, we drive changes in practice and policy at local, national and global levels and enable children and young people to prepare for and respond to crises and adversity. We have been building powerful partnerships for children for over 80 years, and are active in more than 75 countries.

We are independent of governments, religions and political parties.



### Plan International

Global Hub Dukes Court,  
Duke Street, Woking, Surrey GU21 5BH,

### United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0) 1483 755155 Fax: +44 (0) 1483 756505

E-mail: [info@plan-international.org](mailto:info@plan-international.org) [plan-international.org](http://plan-international.org)

**Published in 2020. Text © Plan International.**

[facebook.com/planinternational](https://facebook.com/planinternational)

[twitter.com/planglobal](https://twitter.com/planglobal)

[instagram.com/planinternational](https://instagram.com/planinternational)

[linkedin.com/company/plan-international](https://linkedin.com/company/plan-international)

[youtube.com/user/planinternationaltv](https://youtube.com/user/planinternationaltv)