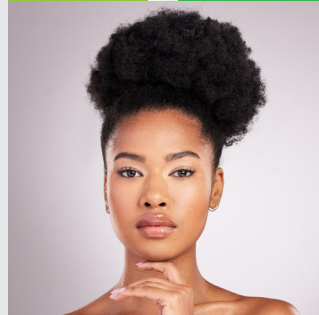
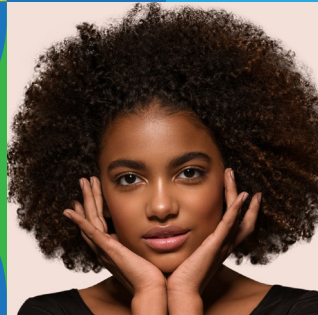
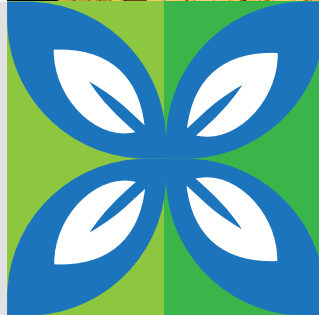
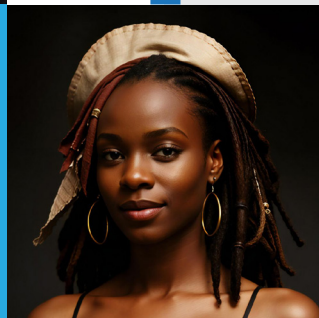
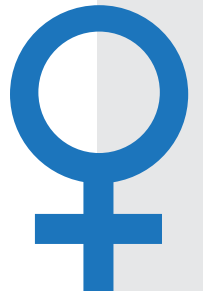




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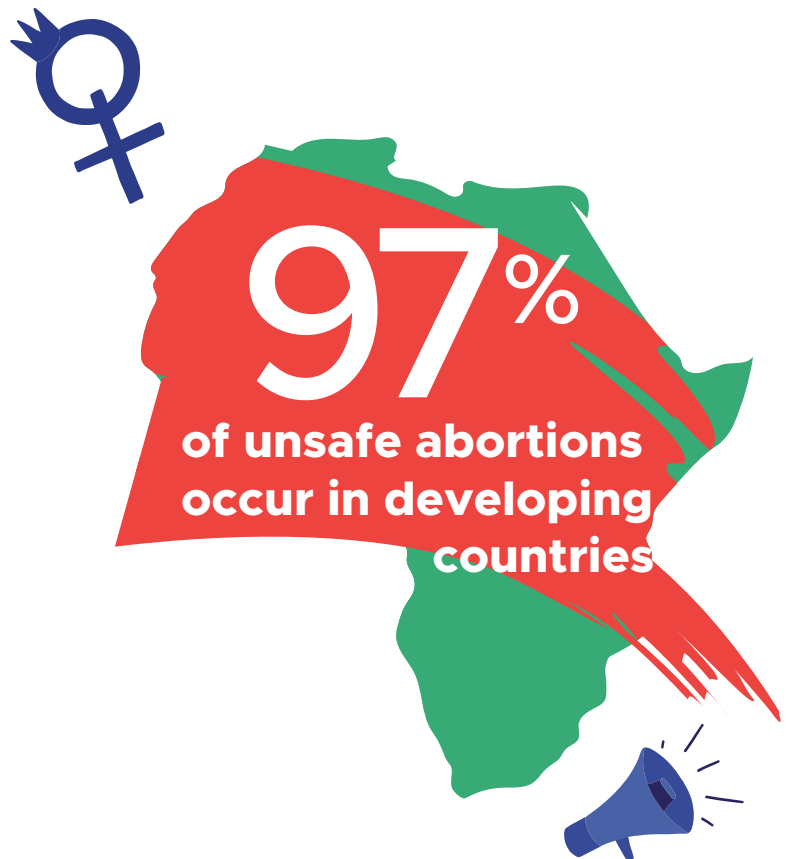
I. Introduction

Safe abortion a precarious right worldwide

In many parts of the world, access to safe abortion remains a fragile and uncertain right. Abortion is considered safe when it is performed using a method recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), appropriate to the stage of pregnancy, and carried out by a qualified professional (WHO). Around 45% of all abortions are unsafe, with 97% of these taking place in developing countries (WHO). Unsafe abortion is one of the leading, yet preventable, causes of maternal death and illness. It can lead to physical and mental health issues and create social and financial burdens for women, girls, communities, and healthcare systems. The lack of access to timely, affordable, and respectful safe abortion care is a major public health issue and a human rights concern (WHO).

In this context, it is critical to take action at the social, community, legal, and health care levels to ensure that everyone who needs safe abortion services has access to them. The three key elements of an enabling environment for the provision of quality, comprehensive abortion care are:

- Respect for human rights, including a supportive legal and policy framework;
- Availability and accessibility of information;
- A health care system that provides the necessary support, is accessible to all, and is affordable and effective (WHO).





Le Centre ODAS: A technical assistance to the safe abortion movement in Francophone Africa



Le Centre ODAS was established in response to a collective need among public health experts, human rights activists, and civil society members, all committed to promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights. Its mission is to support the Safe Abortion Movement to expand the right to and access quality safe abortion services.

The objectives of Le Centre ODAS reflect its commitment to addressing the various challenges in sexual and reproductive health:

- Facilitate interactions, sharing, and learning among members of the Movement;
- Coordinate the ODAS Movement and bring together the different stakeholders working on the safe abortion ecosystem in Francophone Africa;
- Provide technical and organizational support to partners in the Safe Abortion Movement in Francophone Africa.

These objectives are guided by the values of equity, integrity, solidarity, and innovation, ensuring that every initiative and partnership aligns with the Center and the Movement's commitment to promoting dignity and rights for everyone.





The Common Agenda for safe abortion serves as the guiding principle for Le Centre ODAS.

Le Centre ODAS works to facilitate access to safe Abortion in Francophone Africa and to advocate for the protection of sexual and reproductive health rights. To achieve these objectives, Le Centre relies on eight core principles. These principles encompass awareness and advocacy campaigns, the safety of medical supplies, and community engagement. Each principle is designed to mobilize communities, ensure the availability of essential supplies and equipment, and actively involve local leaders to educate and raise awareness about the importance of safe abortion.

Furthermore, Le Centre ODAS focuses on advocating for favorable legal and policy frameworks, securing sustainable funding for programs, and mobilizing around a research agenda to inform policy decisions and practices.

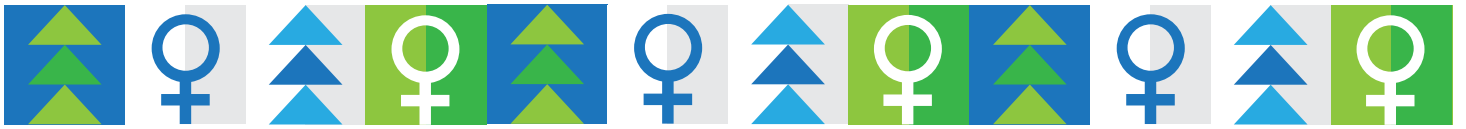
These efforts are focused on reforming restrictive legislation, securing appropriate funding, and supporting studies that identify optimal practices and challenges in reproductive health. It is also vital to reinforce health systems, including training providers and enhancing infrastructure to integrate abortion services into existing systems.



***Common agenda for safe abortion:
the 8 essentials***

Finally, Le Centre ODAS recognizes the importance of self-managed abortion and supports women's right to benefit from it to ensure their reproductive autonomy. By providing the necessary information and resources, Le Centre ODAS is committed to creating a safe and equitable environment for all.



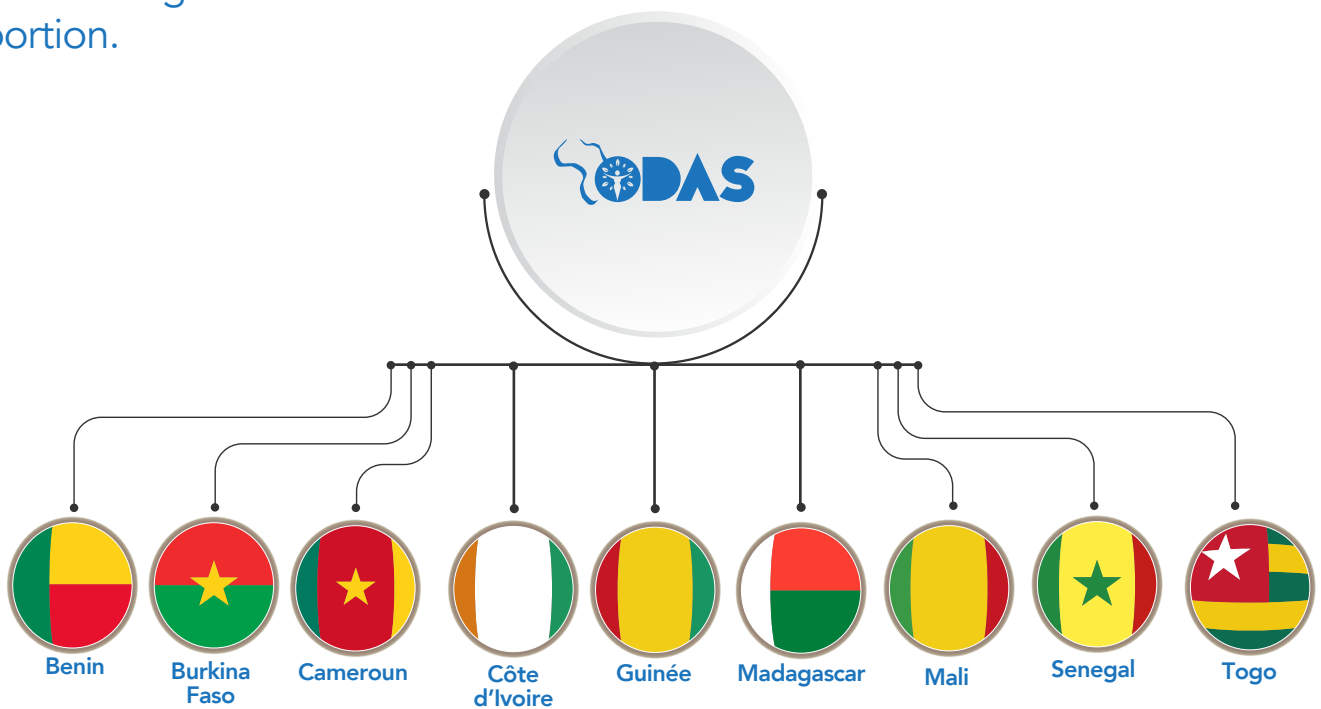


Areas of Interventions

In 2023, Le Centre ODAS facilitated collaboration and provided technical assistance to the ODAS Movement partners across multiple countries in the region including **Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal, and Togo.**

Le Centre ODAS concentrated its efforts on advocacy, capacity building, and strategic mobilization in support of the right to safe abortion and access to it. As a result, Le Centre and the Movement's partners have facilitated the creation of an environment conducive to dialogue, collaboration, and the alignment of actions among partners in the Francophone Africa region.

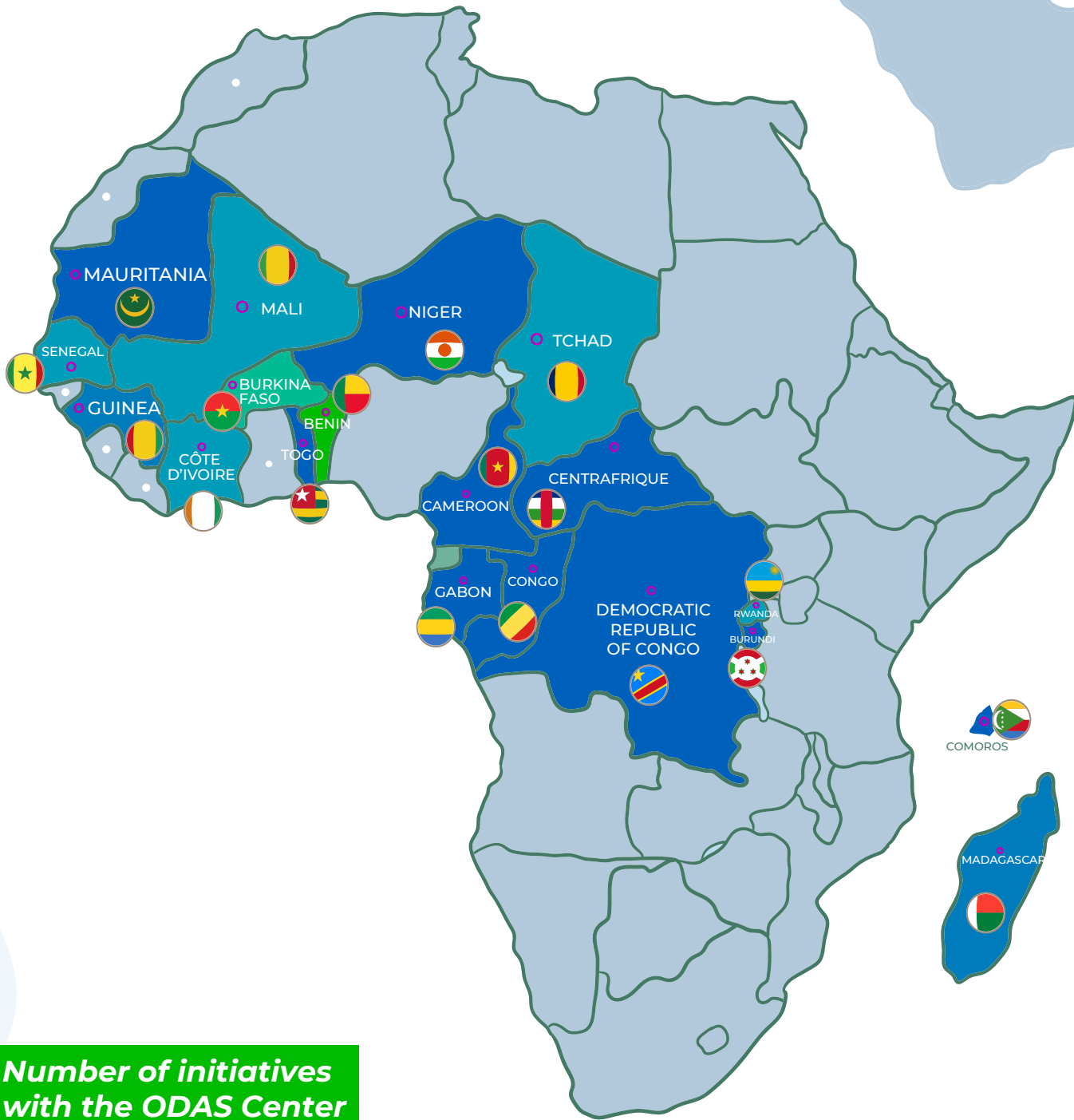
Le Centre ODAS played a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among partners and offering technical assistance to the Movement, particularly in addressing concerns and challenges related to safe abortion.



Le Centre ODAS covers **22 countries** in Francophone Africa. The countries listed above are those covered by Le Centre ODAS in 2023.



MAPUTO Protocol



Number of initiatives with the ODAS Center

- 10 or more initiatives
- Between 7 and 9 initiatives
- Between 3 and 4 initiatives
- 2 initiatives
- 1 initiative

- Ratification of the MAPUTO protocol
- No Ratification of the MAPUTO protocol



Report objectives

Le Centre ODAS' annual report is an essential document for the safe abortion movement, including our technical and financial partners, strategic allies, civil society organizations, policymakers, and the communities we serve. This report is critical for transparently communicating our

the challenges we faced, and the lessons we learned over the past year. It serves as a bridge between our past efforts and our future plans, providing a strong foundation for continuing and expanding our work.

01



Impact

It documents our progress toward achieving our mission and vision, highlighting the successes and tangible impact of our projects on individuals and communities

02



Evaluation

It allows the evaluation of the strategies adopted, provides an overview of the obstacles encountered, and draws crucial lessons for improving future interventions.

03



Action

It aims to inspire our partners and the general public by sharing stories of change and success, and to encourage further engagement in support of sexual and reproductive health rights, particularly the right to and access to safe abortion.





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This annual report takes stock of our achievements as a Center, and also highlights the achievements of the Movement partners in an area as crucial as safe abortion. It is a call to action that encourages all stakeholders to join us in our mission for a future where all women and girls can easily exercise their right to reproductive autonomy.

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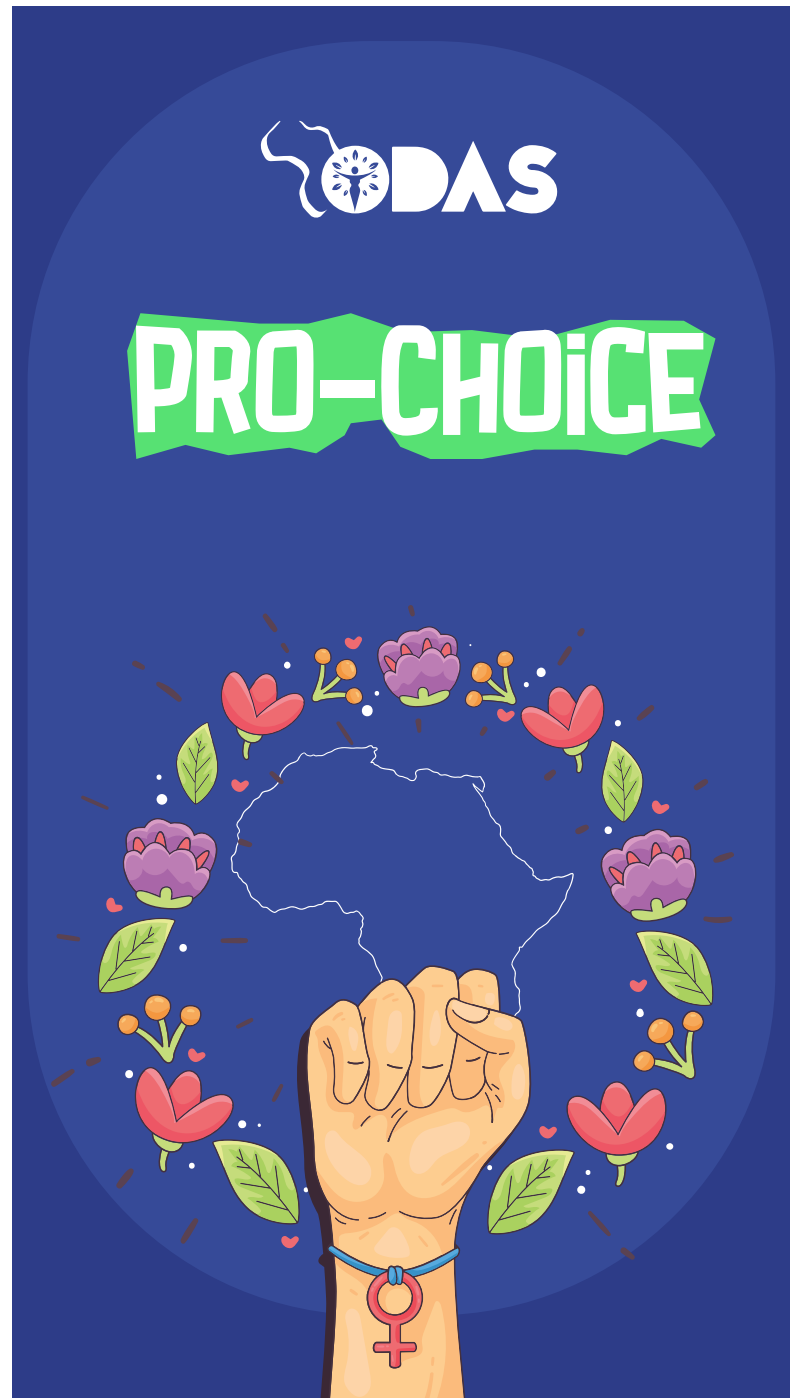


II. Enhancing the Safe Abortion Movement in Francophone Africa

The creation of Le Centre ODAS as a driving force for the safe abortion movement in Francophone Africa has been a dynamic and evolving process. It has adapted to the changing needs of the movement and worked to address the specific challenges of the region. This consolidation has been achieved through the establishment of a robust operational and administrative structure, the identification and support of regional partners, and the development of a technical assistance strategy to enhance the safe abortion Movement.

Le Centre ODAS has developed an action plan to meet the evolving needs of the safe abortion access Movement and to strengthen its role as technical coordinator for partners working on sexual and reproductive health rights, particularly safe abortion, in Francophone Africa. This strategic support role is reflected in a strong relationship with the ecosystem of national and regional partners, providing added value in connecting stakeholders, promoting best practices, and supporting allied

organizations to amplify Francophone voices in regional and international advocacy spaces.

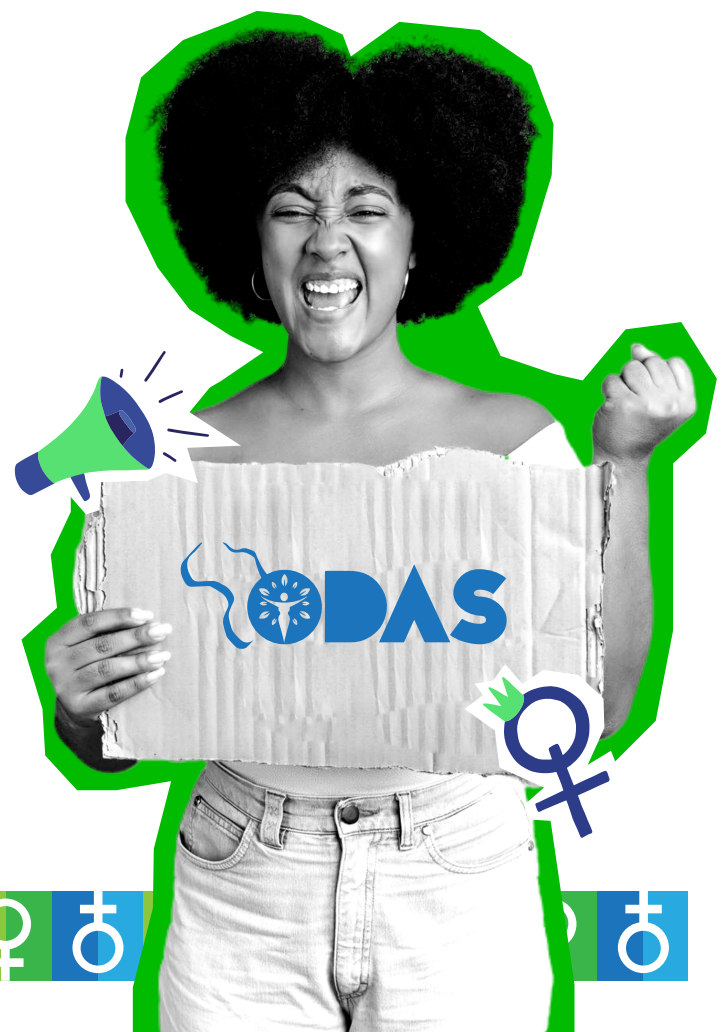




The technical support offered by Le Centre ODAS goes beyond operational assistance and extends to reinforcing the dynamics of the movement at the country level through the recruitment of young and/or feminist focal points. These focal points play a crucial role in the strategy of Le Centre ODAS, particularly in ensuring a deep understanding of local and national contexts and maintaining effective proximity to national ecosystem stakeholders. Indeed, these focal points amplify the impact and strengthen the relationships of Le Centre ODAS with various stakeholders. Beyond their contribution to the coordination of national initiatives, young and/or feminist focal points represent a dynamic and representative voice within the movement for access to safe abortion.

Their involvement strengthens collaboration between facilities and promotes a better understanding of local issues. By bringing together an initial cohort of focal points in twelve countries, Le Centre ODAS demonstrates its commitment to supporting local capacity development and promoting an inclusive approach to safe abortion.

The development of Le Centre ODAS reinforces its crucial role as a provider of technical and strategic support to the safe abortion Movement in Franco-phone Africa. By adapting its operational and administrative structure, expanding its team to better meet the needs of the movement, and engaging in strategic partnerships to build the capacity of its partners, Le Centre ODAS continues to strengthen the Movement for safe abortion access and advocate for safe abortion rights in the region.





FORMALIZING MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOVEMENT

In order to better organize the movement, Le Centre ODAS has drawn up a charter that outlines **the identity of the movement, its values and the membership clauses** to which each member must agree. This charter aims to clearly commit members and document the alliances of the Movement.

The ODAS Movement Charter is the basic tool for formal membership in the Movement. Membership includes signing the Charter, which includes the following values:

+175
Applications

Our Common Values:





1

Reproductive justice

- We work to achieve reproductive justice
- We advocate for policies and best practices.

Collaboration and partnership

- We believe that collaboration and partnership are essential.
- We promote an environment of mutual respect, trust, and transparency.

2



3

Evidence-based approaches

- We prioritize evidence-based approaches in our work
- We support research initiatives

Gender equality and feminist principles

- We advocate feminist principles and gender equality
- We work to dismantle gender discrimination and promote equity

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Advocacy and policy change

- We are committed to advocacy that promotes just policies and laws.
- We seek to challenge harmful narratives.

Ethics and confidentiality

- We acknowledge and address complex intersections.
- We strive for inclusivity and ensure that our efforts are accessible.

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Reproductive autonomy

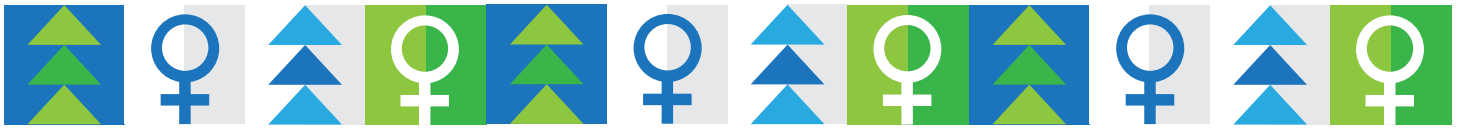
- We recognize and respect the inherent right of individuals to reproductive autonomy.
- We support comprehensive health education and counseling.

Intersectionality and inclusiveness

- We adhere to high ethical standards and guarantee confidentiality and privacy.
- We respect the autonomy and dignity of every individual

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III. Enhancing national footing

Le Centre ODAS, in partnership with Ipas Francophone Africa, conducted an assessment of the sustainability of the safe abortion ecosystem in Burkina Faso, Togo, Senegal, and Cameroon. This initiative led to successful national dialogues that fostered strong ownership by governments and key stakeholders. National roadmaps were developed to ensure the sustainability of these efforts. It is important to note that these country dialogues are primarily government-led in order to facilitate ownership and implementation of the national roadmaps developed as a result of these dialogues and to ensure the sustainability of the efforts undertaken.

As part of its mandate, Le Centre ODAS monitors these roadmaps in collaboration with national actors to maintain their commitments, support potential needs and ensure the effective implementation of actions.

Benin
22
activities



Madagascar
The action plan is based mainly on initiatives by the Ministry of Health.



Mali
25
activities



Côte d'Ivoire
Continues to monitor, coordinate and support partners



Togo
Continues to monitor, coordinate and provide support to partners



Burkina Faso
Continues to monitor, coordinate and provide support to partners





Technical Working Groups

To further enhance coordination and the sharing of best practices, Le Centre ODAS has supported the establishment of national exchange frameworks in several countries, including **Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Madagascar, and Togo**. Through these frameworks, which bring together various ODAS Movement partners working on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), including safe abortion, partners have been able to explore priorities, challenges, and advocacy opportunities while developing intersectional and inclusive collaboration strategies.

In addition, ODAS identifies unmet capacity-building needs and builds linkages at the national and regional levels. In this sense, Le Centre ODAS has supported several national initiatives led by country committees.

Local partners, whether formal or informal, actively use Le Centre ODAS as a liaison platform. This platform allows them to share their needs with regional donors in order to inform them about funding priorities and challenges for sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), particularly those related to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.



Le Centre ODAS assists national actors and committees by encouraging and facilitating their active participation in national and international advocacy spaces. It also strengthens links between them and other regional partners working in the field of sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR).





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Let's take local action for global impact. By working together in synergy through daily action, we can enable every African woman and girl to fully exercise her right to access safe abortion services.

Nancyliè GBAGUIDI

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IV. Enhancing regional footing

Communities of Practice

In 2023, Le Centre ODAS established four (4) Communities of Practice (CoPs) in collaboration with forty-eight (48) partners of the ODAS movement.

These CoPs have had a significant impact on knowledge sharing and capacity building within the ODAS Movement. They have enabled members to discuss challenges, share resources and leverage mutual learning to support advocacy activities at national and regional levels. These spaces also provide crucial technical support to actors who need specific assistance in their interventions.

One of the notable successes of these CoPs is the promotion of commitment and shared leadership among the Movement's partners. This collaborative approach ensures the implementation of roadmaps, pooling efforts and resources around common regional priorities.

In addition, Le Centre ODAS is committed to expanding these Communities of Practice, in particular by facilitating the creation of new CoPs on emerging issues such as self-managed abortion.



In order to align their actions with the regional priorities of the Common Agenda for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa, the ODAS Movement partners agreed at the conclusion of the 2022 Francophone Africa Regional Dialogue on Safe Abortion (DASAF) to adopt a regional Community of Practice approach to enhance sharing and learning within the Movement. Le Centre ODAS facilitated the establishment of these Communities of Practice by coordinating with several Movement partners.

The primary objective of the Communities of Practice (CoPs) is to create centralized regional platforms to enhance collaboration, communication, information sharing, and networking, and to leverage diverse initiatives and experiences.



They foster a framework for exchange among countries and stakeholders to share experiences, accelerate progress on access to safe abortion, and align safe abortion strategies across the region. Specifically, the Communities of Practice provide a space for Movement partners to



The Communities of Practice enhance collaboration and knowledge sharing on safe abortion in Francophone Africa. They represent an innovative model of collaboration and knowledge sharing that strengthens the regional Movement for the right to and access to safe abortion in Francophone Africa. By providing platforms for dialogue, information exchange and strengthening of advocacy strategies, the CoPs contribute to a

common understanding of mobilization issues and better coordination of actions at the regional level.

The Communities of Practice are built around the regional priorities of the Common Agenda, namely :

- Campaigns and Advocacy
- Community Involvement
- Legal and Policy Framework
- Funding
- Health Research
- Health Services and Systems
- Input Safety & Self-managed Abortion
- Opposition Monitoring



04 of these communities of practice are already established and operational within the ODAS movement

- Opposition Monitoring
- Self-managed abortion and supply security
- Campaigns and Advocacy
- Health Care System





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It is important to unite actors in the advocacy for the right to safe abortion to create a synergy of action aimed at empowering women and girls over their own bodies.

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Elvis SERIKI



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Feminist mobilization for the right to and access to safe abortion

Le Centre ODAS and the ODAS Movement stand for feminist principles and gender equality by challenging patriarchal norms and structures that restrict bodily autonomy and reproductive rights. ODAS also works to dismantle gender discrimination and promote equity in all aspects of reproductive health care, including access to safe abortion. Le Centre ODAS works with feminists from Francophone Africa and beyond to develop a clear feminist approach to the safe abortion movement in Francophone Africa.

In 2023, Le Centre ODAS laid the groundwork for the development of the feminist approach of the ODAS Movement. The Center created a space for reflection among feminists from Francophone Africa and served as a catalyst to generate feminist energy within the ODAS Movement, infusing it with new and inspiring momentum.

This mobilization aims to understand or take into account the contextual factors of the right to safe abortion from a feminist perspective, placing the right of women and girls to control their bodies at the heart of sexual and reproductive health issues. The reflections that emerge from the process of co-creating the feminist approach aim to make the ProChoix Movement in Francophone Africa a reference for advocacy on safe abortion, fostering a synergy of actions to guarantee the bodily autonomy of women and girls.

Le Centre ODAS aims to create a movement where women and girls feel empowered, experience sisterhood, find answers, and challenge and transform all systems of oppression that block access to bodily autonomy in Francophone Africa.





Young people at the heart of the Safe Abortion Movement

Le Centre ODAS, in collaboration with Young Champions and partners such as Equipop, Population Reference Bureau, and Safe2Choose, organized a co-creation forum for the Young Champions Alliance for Safe Abortion from 8 to 12 May. The purpose of this meeting was to strengthen the commitment and clarify the vision of the Young Champions Alliance for Safe Abortion at the regional level by establishing a common mission and priorities based on shared values.

Specifically, the goals were to strengthen the communication and advocacy skills of the Young Champions, define the overall vision and engagement priorities of the Youth Movement for Safe Abortion, and develop a methodology for internal and external communication and operations in collaboration with Le Centre ODAS and other partners.

In doing so, Le Centre ODAS has emphasized youth engagement as a crucial lever for advancing the right to safe abortion in the region. Indeed, in addition to being the largest demographic force in the region, young people bear the brunt of reproductive injustices related to abortion (legal restrictions, stigma, lack of access to services, etc.). Therefore, no sustainable solution to an issue as critical as the right to safe abortion can be imagined without considering this demographic group.

In addition, the region's youth have repeatedly demonstrated through their activism and engagement that they are major agents of change. They are shifting perspectives on many societal challenges, especially those related to human rights and, more specifically, sexual and reproductive health and rights.

As an action in this direction, during its 2023 mission, Le Centre ODAS encouraged and supported the process of establishing a regional framework that brings together proven young champions of safe abortion in the region. At the regional summit organized by Le Centre ODAS in partnership with Equipop in 2022, which brought together 25 young people from 10 francophone African countries committed to defending the right to safe abortion, these participants expressed the desire to formalize a regional alliance to promote safe abortion in the region.



Following the co-creation forum, thirty young champions from diverse backgrounds (including health care providers, activists, feminists, service users, influencers, journalists, lawyers, public officials, etc.) committed themselves to actively contribute to the creation of an enabling and sustainable ecosystem for access to the right to safe abortion and comprehensive safe abortion services through

the significant and inclusive participation of young people from Francophone Africa.

AJCAF AS and Le Centre ODAS also decided at the Forum to join forces, with the support of other strategic partners of the Movement, to organize the first major gathering of young people in the region around safe abortion.





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Rather than resting on our laurels, DJASAF should not stop at Cotonou, but inspire us to take our cause further. Like the metaphor of the hummingbird, each of us, no matter how small we think we are, should take daily action to ensure that women and girls have full access to safe abortion services.

Béniel AGOSSOU

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Raising Youth Voices for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa

The first Youth Dialogue for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa (DJASAF) was held in Cotonou from 23 to 25 October under the theme **"Raising Youth Voices for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa"**. This dialogue, which brought together 175 participants, three-quarters of whom were young people between the ages of 17 and 35 from 18 countries, aimed to create a diverse space for in-depth reflection and concerted action by bringing together young people committed to promoting the right to safe abortion.

The young people shared their perspectives and experiences while adopting a transformative feminist approach to advancing the debate on access to safe abortion. DJASAF was entirely co-designed and led by youth and movement partners, and included 15 equally important sessions.

DJASAF promoted the dissemination of good practices and innovative approaches supported by young people to strengthen their commitment to a future in which women and girls can fully exercise their right to safe abortion. It enabled the identification of the strategic, political and operational goals of the youth movement for safe abortion and fostered collaboration with other stakeholders to mobilize the necessary resources to support this cause.

Finally, it led to the development of a roadmap to guide the next steps and ensure concerted and effective action for young people's access to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

The DJASAF recommendations will serve as a reference for youth engagement within the movement.





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Thanks to an inclusive, multi-sectoral approach to advocacy, young people represent over 30% of the members of the bodies responsible for defining public plans and programs in Togo. The aim of the fight for the right to abortion is not to push women and girls into systematic, ill-considered abortion. Rather, it is a quest to guarantee freedom of choice for women and girls who have no other choice but to have an abortion.

Hayathe AYEVA

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V. Supporting youth and feminist initiatives to advocate for access to safe abortion

Le Centre ODAS has implemented a strategic initiative to strengthen the organizational capacity of young advocates and organizations in five Francophone countries focused on advocating for the right to safe abortion and effective communication.

Strengthening the capacity of Francophone young champions and youth-led organizations in communication technology and advocacy for safe abortion

Le Centre ODAS organized a regional capacity-building workshop to equip 18 young champions from 16 youth and feminist organizations in 5 Francophone countries with comprehensive knowledge of safe abortion rights, Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT), and effective advocacy and communication techniques. Participants were introduced to evidence-based advocacy, the Shifting Gears framework for social and behavioral change (SBC), and messaging techniques to counter stigma and misconceptions about safe abortion. They also learned how to effectively raise awareness for grassroots mobilization and build public support for safe abortion rights and access.

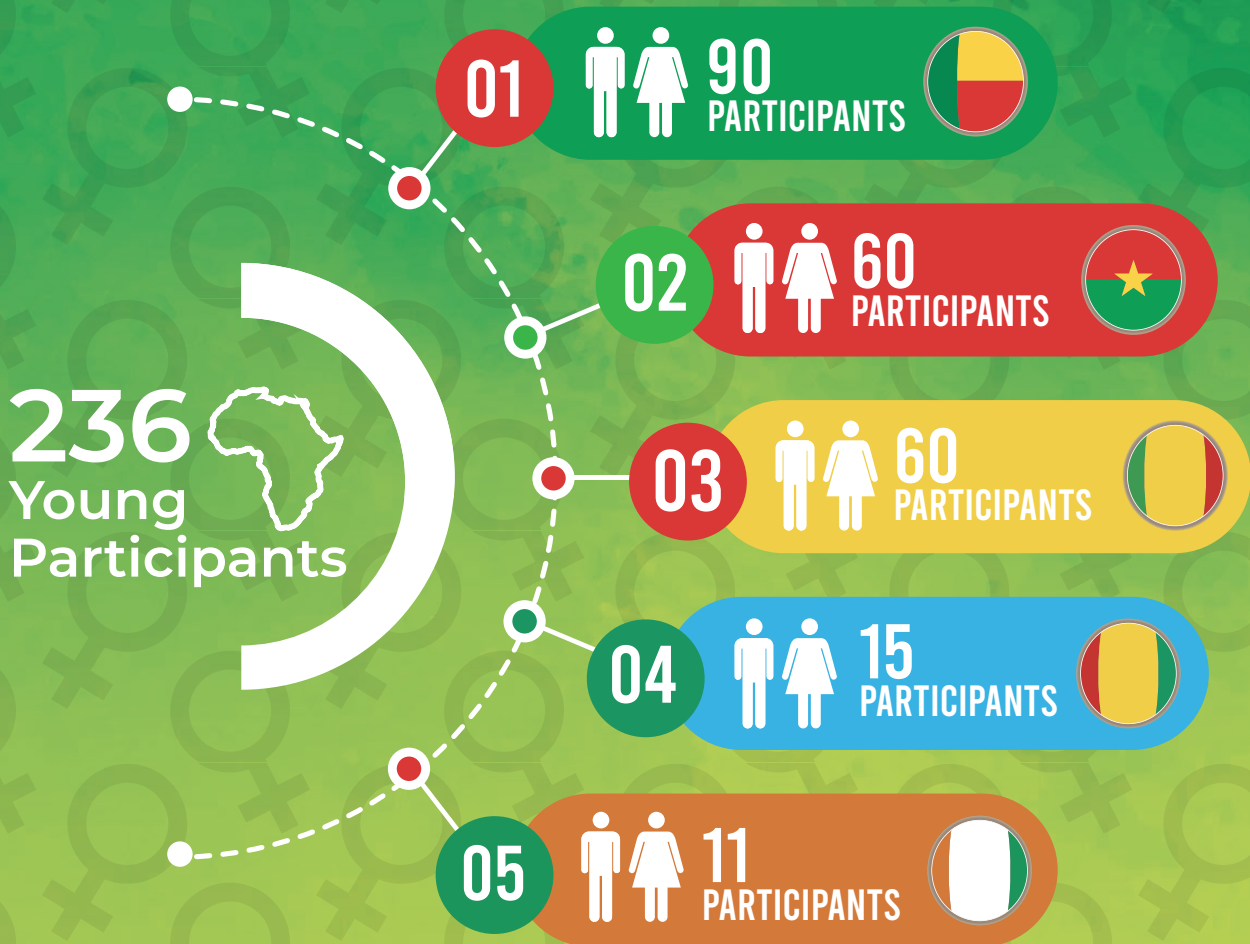
Youth-led organizations and feminist groups with the potential to act as trainers were identified through a mapping exercise conducted in collaboration with the Global Fund for Women and a call for applications for Young Champions for Safe Abortion. Hands-on activities and interactive discussions were used during the workshop to encourage active participation, promote critical thinking, and facilitate peer learning.





Following the regional training workshop, a series of dissemination sessions were organized by selected youth and feminist organizations at the national level in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea in order to increase outreach, maximize the impact of the capacity-building initiative and create a ripple effect, enabling the continued development of skills and knowledge within youth organizations and feminist groups beyond the initial training workshop.

To ensure effective dissemination of knowledge and skills, Le Centre ODAS provided ongoing technical support to participating organizations throughout the dissemination training. This support helped to address challenges encountered during the training, provided additional guidance on facilitation techniques and dissemination of safe abortion advocacy content, and ensured successful knowledge transfer.





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Young people are not just the target beneficiaries of public programs. Above all, they are a driving and transforming force.

Ibrahim INNOCENT

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Provide technical and financial support to francophone young champions and youth-led organizations implementing safe abortion awareness and advocacy activities

After building the capacity of youth-led organizations and feminist groups, Le Centre ODAS awarded grants to selected partners to support advocacy, education, and awareness-raising activities on abortion to increase awareness and understanding of abortion rights and generate support for policy changes to improve access to safe abortion in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mali. Three youth and feminist organizations were selected as fellows from the trained organizations, using standardized selection criteria to identify organizations eligible for technical and financial support. These organizations were

- **Pananetugri Initiative for the Well-Being of Women (IPBF) in Burkina Faso**
- **Woiyo Kondeye du Mali,**
- **Réseau Ouest Africain des Femmes Leaders du Bénin (ROAJELF) du Bénin.**

A comprehensive needs assessment was conducted to identify the technical assistance needed and to tailor support to address specific challenges and gaps in their abortion-related activities.

In addition to regional training on various topics, fellows received capacity-building support in organizational skills, quality safe abortion programming, financial management and subgrants, monitoring and evaluation, compliance, and quality control.

Specific activities and outcomes of the grantee organizations include:

- Distribution of leaflets and awareness sessions in schools by IPBF in Burkina Faso
- Awareness campaigns by Woiyo Kondeye in Mali
- Video testimonials and workshops on positive masculinity by ROAJELF in Benin.

These efforts aimed to reduce stigma and promote sexual and reproductive rights by raising awareness, fostering cooperation, and encouraging public support for access to safe abortion.





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Safe abortion is not just a health issue; it's also a question of fundamental human rights, dignity, autonomy, equality and justice.

Nafissatou HASSAN ALFARI

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VI. Amplify Francophone voices in strategic regional advocacy spaces

The ODAS Movement has worked relentlessly to amplify the voices of women and girls in Francophone Africa. By occupying spaces of influence, the ODAS Movement has become a formidable force. Le Centre ODAS and the Movement's partners have helped to expand dialogue and build critical alliances to advance sexual and reproductive health rights.

The ODAS Movement has demonstrated its commitment to breaking down barriers, raising the visibility of women's and girls' issues, and creating a more inclusive and representative environment for Francophone Africa.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67)

Le Centre ODAS played a major role during the 67th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67), which focused on "Innovation and technological change and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".





WOMEN DELIVER 2023

In July 2023, Le Centre ODAS's participation in the Women Deliver Conference provided an important opportunity to connect different Francophone actors. At this event, the movement's partners were able to celebrate and recognize progress in abortion rights and laws, while sharing



perspectives to encourage renewed political commitment around the Maputo Protocol. The aim was to promote the establishment of and demand for access to comprehensive, legal and safe abortion services and care. Le Centre ODAS facilitated the participation of 23 members of the movement at the conference.

Two official events marked the presence of Le Centre and ODAS Movement partners at the Women Deliver conference:

- **The Women Deliver Pre-Conference: ODAS & Global Care Consortium** focused on the feminist approach to self-care, including self-managed abortion (SMA). This session explored lessons learned and best practices from SMA models in Africa and Latin America.
- **The Women Deliver 2023 Side Event: "20 Years of the Maputo Protocol: perspectives on access to safe abortion in Africa."**





17th Congress of the African Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (SAGO)



The ODAS Movement also participated in the 17th Congress of the African Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (SAGO), alongside 500 professionals working to reduce maternal mortality. During this congress, participants of the Movement contributed to discussions on best practices to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3), highlighting the crucial importance of the right to safe abortion. Le Centre ODAS facilitated the participation of six Movement members at this event, including two medical students, a young doctor, a young midwife, the president of AFSCA, and a gynecologist-obstetrician.



VII. Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations

The Movement's technical and strategic partners have been instrumental in the Movement's vitality, both within the communities of practice and in the co-creation of initiatives and the Movement's presence in key advocacy spaces. New regional partners have joined the Movement, bringing their unique expertise.

New civil society and feminist organizations at the country level have also joined the ODAS dynamic, broadening the Movement's perspectives.

These alliances and collaborations represent Le Centre ODAS's ongoing commitment to bringing together a variety of actors around the cause of safe abortion and reproductive rights. These alliances allow Le Centre and the ODAS movement to benefit from complementary skills, expand their reach and strengthen their capacity for intervention. The synergies and joint results of Le Centre are the cornerstone of ODAS's strategy to increase its impact in Francophone Africa and effectively contribute to improving access to safe abortion services.

 **#I AM
A CHAMPION
FOR SAFE ABORTION IN
FRANCOPHONE AFRICA** 





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ODAS is here to bring us together, to create dialogue, to preserve knowledge, and to amplify and share our learning. In essence, ODAS is here to make us better - better together. We have seen many changes since the early days of ODAS and we are happy to see us all gathered here to discuss abortion openly.

Janet HOLT

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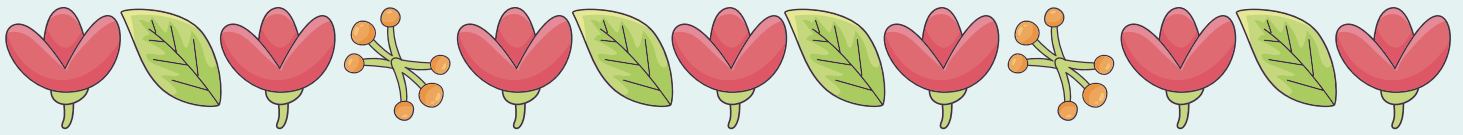
Some partners of the ODAS movement

Regional partners



Country partners





VIII. Outlook and strategic orientations

The future direction of Le Centre ODAS is shaped by a deep commitment to improving access to safe abortion and strengthening sexual and reproductive rights in Francophone Africa. Through a strategic approach that incorporates measurable objectives, a commitment to innovation, and capacity building, Le Centre ODAS is positioning itself to make a significant impact in the region, working towards a future where every individual can fully exercise their sexual and reproductive rights.

STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY FOR SAFE ABORTION IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA



International representation

Increase efforts to include more Francophone voices in international decision-making bodies.



Regional Advocacy

Actively promote the Maputo Protocol and raise awareness of its importance for women's and girls' reproductive rights.



Feminist campaigns

Leading feminist advocacy campaigns to mobilize communities and raise awareness about the importance of the right to and access to safe abortion.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE ODAS MOVEMENT



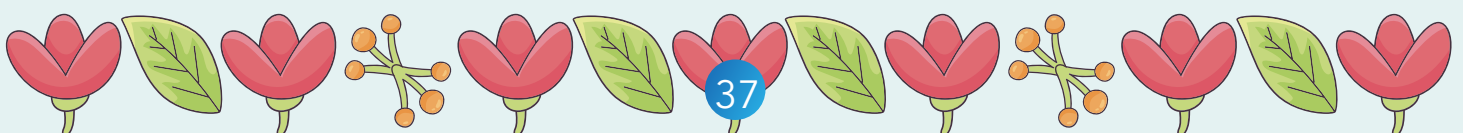
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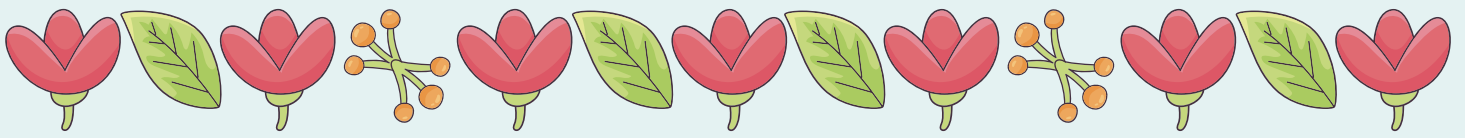
Expanding training programs for youth, policymakers, and parliamentarians to strengthen their skills in advocating for reproductive rights.



Safe abortion resource repository

Enhance and promote access to high quality educational resources that are accessible to all.





ENERGIZING COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Intensify exchange, sharing, and learning:
Increase sharing, exchange, and learning within existing communities of practice.



Campaigning and advocacy

Create real spaces for learning and co-creation to strengthen collective mobilization.



Supply Security and SMA

Ensure the availability and safety of medical supplies needed for safe abortion at the local level.



The healthcare system:

Continue to support health care providers by mobilizing partners around capacity building strategies and provider engagement.



Research

Unite research initiatives around a regional research agenda and promote the use of data and evidence within the movement.



FEMINIST APPROACH AND PROTECTION OF ACTIVISTS



Integrated feminist approach

To develop and promote a feminist approach in all the initiatives undertaken by Le Centre ODAS.
Support a strong feminist movement in the Francophone Africa region.



PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES



Establish security mechanisms to protect activists from threats and violence, including legal and psychological support.



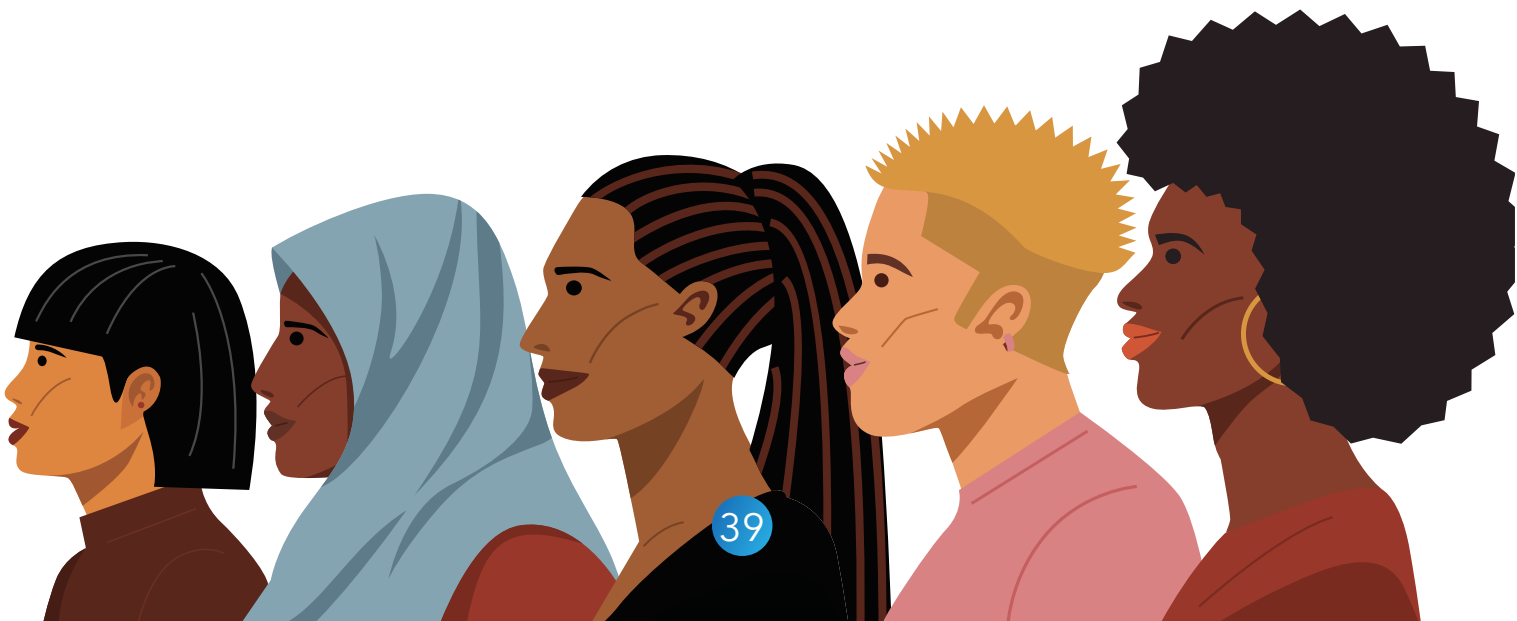
STRENGTHENING THE MOVEMENT AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL





IX. Glossary

- **AJCAF-AS** : Alliance of Young Champions for Safe Abortion
- **CdP** : Communities of Practice
- **COJAS** : Coalition of Youth for Safe Abortion
- **CVTA/VCAT** : Clarification of Values and Transformation of Attitudes
- **DJASAF** : Youth Dialogue for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa
- **SRHR** : Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- **FA** : Francophone Africa
- **FASFAF** : Federation of Francophone African Midwives Associations
- **FIGO** : International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
- **GODAS-CAM** : Reflection Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, Including Safe Abortion
- **GROM** : ODAS Reflection Group Madagascar
- **IPBF** : Pananetugri Initiative for Women's Well-Being
- **SPS** : Safe Pregnancy Termination
- **VTP** : Voluntary Termination of Pregnancy
- **ODAS** : Organization for Dialogue on Safe Abortion
- **NGOs** : Non-Governmental Organizations
- **CSOs** : Civil Society Organizations
- **ROAJELF** : West African Network of Young Women Leaders
- **SAGO** : African Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics
- **SOGO** : Society of Gynecologists and Obstetricians of Burkina
- **RH** : Reproductive Health
- **SRH** : Sexual and Reproductive Health
- **GBV** : Gender-Based Violence



Movement charter and common commitment

To mobilize, support and accompany autonomous dialogue on safe abortion

By joining the ODAS Movement in the countries where we work, NGOs, civil society organizations, independent organizations, networks or alliances, and activists/independent activists commit to innovative cooperation in defending access to safe abortion. They benefit from substantial strategic, technical and financial support to carry out projects in line with our common goals. Their active participation in the development of national and regional strategies is critical to the future of safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

They also receive support to participate in key events that influence the global sexual and reproductive health agenda. By adhering to our Charter, they commit to moving our movement towards a future where everyone's right to make decisions about their own bodies is respected.

Finally, by participating in our information-sharing mechanisms, they maximize the impact of their actions and strengthen solidarity within our global community of sexual and reproductive health and rights advocates.



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