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## **1. Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire**

**Special, 2015**

### **Introduction**

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire is a non-profit organization that promotes community development, peace, entrepreneurship, agriculture, leadership and the development of young people and women in vulnerable situations. We believe in a fairer, more equitable world where all individuals have the same opportunities to succeed and flourish. With the commitment of its dedicated team and the support of its partners, Action solidaire strives to provide lasting solutions to the socioeconomic problems of our communities.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Mission (by Sustainable Development Goal):

Help to reduce poverty and inequality (Goals 1 and 10), promote quality education and the empowerment of young people and women (Goals 4 and 5), promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth (Goal 8), promote sustainable agriculture (Goal 2) and build resilient communities (Goal 11). Our mission is to sustainably improve living conditions and promote the socioeconomic inclusion of vulnerable communities in rural and peri-urban areas.

Vision (by Sustainable Development Goal):

Build prosperous, peaceful and inclusive communities where everyone can realize their full potential, in line with the Goals. We aspire to a future in which poverty, inequality and conflict make way for economic progress, social justice and a culture of peace.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

We have contributed to the organization of various activities and the empowerment of young people and women.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

We have contributed to the work of the United Nations by creating a student entrepreneurs club with a mission to educate and prepare young people and women to become future job creators.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

None. We have been trying to establish contact with the United Nations agencies in Burundi for years.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

We would really like to know why we are always excluded from cooperation with the United Nations agencies in Burundi.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

Targeted Sustainable Development Goals:

1. Goal 1: no poverty.
2. Goal 4: quality education.

3. Goal 5: gender equality.
4. Goal 8: decent work and economic growth.
5. Goal 16: peace, justice and strong institutions.

Establishment of the student entrepreneurs club.

24 publications of the student entrepreneurs club.

START FM radio broadcast.

Jimbere Magazine.

Admission of students from universities such as the Polytechnic University of Gitega of the University of Burundi and young graduates.

60 business ideas proposed by Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire in partnership with the club's student members are under development.

Training on the main stages of drawing up a business plan.

Member of the forum for community development in Burundi.

Participation in a strategic reflection workshop of the Chambre transversale des jeunes entrepreneurs du Burundi.

Participation in a competition organized by United States bases and American Corner Gitega, in which three out of five innovative projects were submitted by club members: Amabungo Group – for the cultivation and production of passion fruit juice concentrate; Ecofruit – fruit drying and packaging; and Gakoko – chick production and marketing.

## 2. **ADJMOR**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

ADJMOR was certified as an association on 2 January 1997. It was approved as a national non-governmental organization under framework agreement No. 001974 of 4 August 2004, as renewed on 20 February 2008 under agreement No. 00247/1974. ADJMOR is registered as a non-profit non-governmental organization in accordance with the legal and regulatory provisions of the Republic of Mali. Its headquarters are in Farach in Timbuktu Region.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Box 2 – aims and purposes of your organization: ADJMOR provides the opportunity to acquire skills to support key stakeholders in the decentralization process in Mali, local development and the promotion of human rights.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Through its partnership with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, the organization was able to carry out a number of initiatives from 2017 to September 2023 to support the socioeconomic recovery of communities in Timbuktu Region.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Study on the situation of Indigenous Peoples.
- Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Responses to various questionnaires of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to support the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization participated in numerous activities organized by United Nations agencies in Geneva (World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), Italy (Committee on World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)), Morocco (twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Nairobi, Kenya (third African Business and Human Rights Forum).

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization maintains relations with United Nations agencies and mechanisms such as FAO, WIPO, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, voluntary funds and Forum on Business and Human Rights.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

ADJMOR participated in a number of in-person and online events, including with various Indigenous caucuses, as part of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and on inclusive approaches to youth integration and gender mainstreaming.

- Participated in person in the third African Business and Human Rights Forum, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 7 to 10 October 2024.
- Participated in the WIPO diplomatic conference to conclude an international legal instrument relating to intellectual property, genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, held in Geneva from 12 to 24 May 2024.
- Participated in person in the second round of negotiations on the policy recommendations of the FAO Committee on World Food Security on data for food security and nutrition, held in Rome from 15 to 20 July 2023.
- Participated in the forty-fourth session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, held in Geneva from 11 to 16 September 2022.
- Participated in the eighth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, from 25 to 27 November 2019.
- From 8 to 18 October 2019, participated in activities of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism and the forty-sixth session of the FAO Committee on World Food Security in Rome.
- Participated in the African consultations on the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition in Addis Ababa on 16 and 17 July 2019.

- Participated in the fortieth session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, held in Geneva from 15 to 19 June 2019.
- Participated in the Coordination Committee of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism in Rome from 6 to 10 May 2019.

### **3. Association marocaine des droits humains**

#### **Special, 2007**

##### **Introduction**

Association marocaine des droits humains (AMDH) is a non-governmental organization recognized as operating in the public interest, established on 24 June 1979. In 2018, AMDH had more than 11,000 members. It has 92 local offices throughout Morocco, which are grouped into 10 regional branches.

The activities of AMDH are focused on four basic categories: women, youth, workers and intellectual democrats.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes of the organization are as follows.

AMDH works to preserve human dignity and ensure the respect, protection and promotion of all human rights in all their dimensions. Its aims include:

- Raising awareness of human rights issues and providing human rights education, with a particular focus on women, young people, children and workers.
- Ensuring that Morocco ratifies, without reservation, all international covenants on human rights, that those rights are incorporated into Moroccan law, that Moroccan law is compliant with the covenants, and that the covenants are respected.
- Identifying, denouncing and condemning all human rights violations and working towards their cessation.
- Offering solidarity and support to victims of violations.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

- Twelfth national congress held on 26, 27 and 28 April 2019 under the theme “Unified efforts to implement the National Charter of Human Rights and protect all rights and freedoms”.
- Thirteenth national congress held on 24, 25 and 26 April 2022 under the theme “United in protecting the right to defend human rights for freedom, dignity, equality and social justice”. As usual, the congress was an opportunity for AMDH:
  - To enable representatives of its local offices and regional branches to assess the human rights situation and evaluate the results of the past period.
  - To establish a work strategy for the coming period.
  - To renew its governing bodies by holding elections for the Administrative Committee and the Central Office.

- Among the most important recommendations emphasized by participants was the need to attach importance to economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

The preparations for these two congresses were made in almost identical national contexts, characterized by a strong State crackdown on human rights and the democratic movement in Morocco. AMDH was specifically targeted in this attack, with a view to curtailing its work and its influence on the protection and promotion of human rights. It has been subject to a number of prohibitions; for example, it was prohibited from organizing activities in public halls, and its applications for the renewal of, or the issuance of certificates for, its branches have been rejected by the authorities. The most recent obstacles faced by AMDH were the refusal to make public halls available for the opening ceremony of its congress and the delay in confirming the reservation of the international youth complex in Bouznika. This crackdown has continued to grow, affecting almost all branches throughout the country. The number of branches that have been deprived of their right to obtain a certificate for the renewal of their bodies, in breach of current laws and international conventions on freedom of expression and association, has now reached 83.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Publish annual reports on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in Morocco.
- Implement programmes to promote and raise awareness of economic, social and cultural rights.
- Participate in round tables on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in countries on the southern shores of the Mediterranean and in the Middle East and North Africa region.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- Participated in the sixth session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, organized by the Human Rights Council from 25 to 29 October 2021.
- Participated in regional consultations in the Middle East and North Africa region on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and sustainable development.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Contributed to reports and participated in United Nations forums.
- Collaborated with United Nations special rapporteurs.

#### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

AMDH plays an integral role in advancing the human rights agenda in Morocco, which is closely linked to the broader objectives of the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **4. Association pour la défense des droits de la femme mauritanienne**

**Special, 2019**

##### **Introduction**

The Association pour la défense des droits de la femme mauritanienne (ADDFM) is a non-profit association that was founded and registered in 2000. The Association currently has 60 active members and 20 volunteers (men and women), who are committed to achieving our long-term goals. ADDFM works for the promotion and protection of human rights, with a focus on protecting women from all forms of violence, protecting children, providing care for victims of gender-based violence, protecting persons with disabilities, raising awareness of human rights, advocating for legal protection for women, providing training and employment support, promoting prisoners' rights and carrying out other educational activities. In 2019, ADDFM was granted special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. In this report, we describe the situation of women, children and persons with disabilities and recommend several measures to improve the human rights situation in Mauritania.

##### **– Prisoners' rights:**

The ADDFM team, led by its president, organized visits to the various prisons in Nouakchott to assess the situation of prisoners and to distribute food and health kits.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

In 2022, thanks to technical and financial support from Germany and the European Union, ADDFM, in collaboration with administrative and local authorities in Nouakchott, organized several campaigns to raise awareness of women's rights, female genital mutilation and the rights of persons with disabilities.

Religious leaders and community representatives have received training on human rights issues and have carried out awareness-raising activities in three wilayahs of Nouakchott.

In 2022, ADDFM provided care for 290 children, comprising 155 girls and 135 boys. Those children had faced numerous violations of their rights, including with regard to their civil status (undocumented children), access to free healthcare and right to schooling, and the girls had faced violations of their physical integrity (cutting). More than 60 per cent of those children were street children.

##### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes during the reporting period.

##### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Contributed to the work of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.
- Workshop on integrating gender perspectives into the prevention of violent extremism, May 2024.

##### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

United Nations Development Programme meeting on women's empowerment and gender equality in Dakar.

Humanitarian conference in Istanbul.

Human rights conference in New York.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Tripartite cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Mauritania to support the protection of children.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

#### **– Protection of children:**

Children are one of the Association's priorities. It is true that Mauritania has a legal framework for protecting children from all forms of abuse. In reality, however, children are the primary victims of violations of their fundamental rights, including their rights to education, health, work and leisure.

#### **– Female genital mutilation and domestic violence:**

In Mauritania, the most obvious problems are those related to the following forms of violence: (i) female genital mutilation/cutting, with a prevalence of 66.6 per cent (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2015); (ii) marriage of children under 18 years of age, with a prevalence of 35.2 per cent (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2015); (iii) early pregnancy, with a prevalence of 21.5 per cent (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2015); and domestic sexual violence, with a prevalence of 17.3 per cent in urban areas, and psychological violence, with a prevalence of over 60 per cent (national statistical office, 2011).

#### **– Training and employment:**

In Mauritania, many young boys and girls drop out of school at an early age due to family poverty and other structural factors. ADDFM seeks to support the most motivated among them by providing guidance and assistance in training and employment.

#### **– Gender-based violence awareness-raising sessions in schools:**

ADDFM organized awareness-raising sessions on female genital mutilation and other forms of gender-based violence in several schools in the communes of Sebkha and El Mina.

## **5. Dynamique des groupes des peuples autochtones (DGPA)**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Dynamique des groupes des peuples autochtones (DGPA) is a national platform that brings together Indigenous Pygmy organizations and organizations that support Indigenous Pygmy Peoples across the country. The platform currently comprises more than 45 member organizations spread across 21 provinces where Indigenous Pygmies live.

It is registered under F-92 12440 in accordance with Decree-Law No. 004/2001 of 20 July 2001 on general provisions applicable to non-profit associations and public utility services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and is recognized as a legal person in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 501/CAB/MIN/J&DH/2011.



## **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Goal of DGPA:

A country in which Pygmies fully enjoy their fundamental rights and their human dignity is restored.

Objectives:

By 2035, facilitate the active participation of the Indigenous Pygmy Peoples of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the governance of their territories and the sustainable management of forests, and enable them to secure their ancestral lands and enjoy the benefits of the natural resources therein, by encouraging decision makers to consider their rights, interests and customs with a view to improving the living conditions of present and future generations.

## **Significant changes in the organization**

The significant changes were as follows:

1. DGPA decided to replace a member of the Board of Directors.
2. It also decided to replace a member of the Audit Committee.
3. The platform's staff were bolstered with a Director of Programmes and a Director of Administration and Finance.
4. DGPA adopted a gender policy and an environmental and social protection policy.
5. In recent years, the platform has contributed to the protection of the rights of Indigenous Pygmy Peoples by encouraging the promulgation by the Head of State of a specific Act dedicated to those peoples and by securing more than 300,000 ha to date of their ancestral lands.

## **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

As previously noted, the important work towards the adoption and promulgation of the Act on Indigenous Pygmies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo enjoyed, from the outset, the technical, material and financial support of United Nations agencies such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This support helped us a great deal in raising awareness among our leaders and political actors about not only the cause of the Indigenous Pygmies but also the need to adopt specific laws in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ratified by the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2007.

Today, following the promulgation by the Head of State of Act No. 22/030 of 15 July 2022 on the protection and promotion of the rights of Indigenous Pygmy Peoples in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we are working with the same agencies (UNEP, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO, UNDEF, WFP and the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) to follow up on, monitor and raise awareness of the Act and, above all, to develop implementing measures to facilitate its effective implementation.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

We have recently participated in a number of United Nations meetings with the aim of raising awareness of the rights of Indigenous Pygmy Peoples in all the work of the United Nations and its agencies. We have participated in major conferences that have emerged from various sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including those held in Madrid, Glasgow and Dubai. We have also participated in various meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the meeting held in Montreal, Canada, and will participate in the meeting soon to be held in Cali.

In addition, we have participated in a number of climate-related side events, including various events during Climate Week in New York and the Tropical Forest Forum in Oslo.

These events enable us to promote certain causes nationally, regionally and internationally and to raise awareness of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and their invaluable contribution to preserving the tropical forests of the Congo basin, as well as their contribution to protecting biodiversity.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

We have engaged in good cooperation based on respect for free, prior and informed consent and have received technical, material and financial support for our work, including activities to mark the International Day of Indigenous Peoples.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

DGPA initiatives are cross-cutting, combining efforts to protect community rights, secure ancestral lands, improve living conditions, support health and strengthen the economic power of households, all while promoting resilience in the face of climate change.

**6. Fondation Congo Assistance****Special, 2007****Introduction**

Fondation Congo Assistance was established on 7 May 1984 in Brazzaville, the Congo, to promote social action in the areas of education and vocational training; health, especially the fight against major pandemics; gender-responsive development; and poverty reduction and peacebuilding. It supports mothers, children, young people and older persons.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization has set the following key goals and objectives:

- The advancement of women through gender promotion.
- Assistance to disadvantaged children to encourage their enrolment in school.
- Health and nutritional coverage to support mothers and children.
- Support for older persons through decent care and adequate living conditions.
- Advocacy for efficient care for persons with chronic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anaemia and women's cancers.
- Measures to help reduce maternal and infant mortality.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There were no changes in the organization's operations during the reporting period.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Beyond maintaining its normal relations with the agencies of the United Nations system in the Congo, namely, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, the organization did not contribute to any specific initiatives during the period.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2019 and 2022, the organization sent representatives to the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women as part of the official delegations of the Congo to the Commission. During the same period, members of the organization participated in side events organized in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. They continued to advocate the effective implementation of Assembly resolution [63/237](#) on sickle-cell anaemia.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization has strengthened its ties with United Nations agencies based in the Congo. The highlight of 2019 was the designation of the organization's President, Antoinette Sassou N'Guesso, as a global health leader by the World Health Organization at the World Health Assembly in Geneva. In the same year, the President was appointed Head of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development. In that capacity, she has worked closely with United Nations agencies, especially during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals**

The organization has stepped up its support for groups of craftspeople with a view to consolidating women's economic empowerment and reducing food insecurity among vulnerable populations. It has embarked on the establishment of a teacher training college to provide induction and ongoing training for teachers, with the aim of improving the education system of the Congo.

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