



# Annual Report 2024



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# Glossary, acronyms and abbreviations

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**Le Centre ODAS:** The Secretariat providing technical support to the Movement working to advance the right to and access to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

**The ODAS Movement:** A collective of mobilized, united, and supportive partners committed to the right to and access to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

**Members of the Movement:** Government actors, international organizations, local and community-based groups, youth networks, feminist organizations, health providers, and individuals who have signed the ODAS Movement Charter.

**Partners of the Movement:** Stakeholders committed to collaborating with and supporting the ODAS Movement's efforts, without having signed the Movement Charter.

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**ABBEF** : Burkinabe Association for Family Welfare  
**ACAC** : Advocacy for Comprehensive Abortion Care  
**ACORCA** : African Coalition for Abortion Research and Communication  
**ACSHR** : African Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Rights  
**AFD** : French Development Agency  
**AJCAF AS** : Alliance of Young Champions for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa  
**AJFCI** : Association des femmes juristes de Côte d'Ivoire  
**AMFE** : Association for Keeping Girls in School  
**ANJ-SR/PF** : National Youth Alliance for Reproductive Health and Family Planning  
**ANSFM** : National Association of Midwives of Madagascar  
**APHRC** : African Population and Health Research Center  
**AWID** : Association for Women's Rights in Development  
**CACI** : Collectif des Activistes de Côte d'Ivoire  
**CAMNAFAW** : Cameroon National Association for Family Welfare  
**CASA** : Campaign for Women's right to Safe Abortion  
**CoP** : Community of Practice  
**CELIAF** : Women's Associations' Information and Liaison Group  
**CNFM** : National Council of Women of Madagascar  
**COJAS** : Youth Alliance for Safe Abortion  
**CSW** : Commission on the Status of Women  
**DAS** : Regional Dialogue for Safe Abortion  
**DDH** : Human Rights Defenders  
**SRHR** : Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights  
**FGE** : Generation Equality Forum  
**FIGO** : International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics  
**FON** : Feminist Opportunities Now  
**GROM** : ODAS Reflection Group in Madagascar  
**IONG** : International Non-Governmental Organization  
**Ipas AF** : Ipas Francophone Africa  
**IPPF** : International Planned Parenthood Federation  
**IRC** : International Rescue Committee  
**ISAD** : International Safe Abortion Day  
**IWD** : International Women's DAY  
**JFAD** : Jeunes Filles Actrices du Développement  
**MSF** : Doctors Without Borders  
**MSI** : Marie Stopes International  
**OMS** : World Health Organization  
**ONG** : Non-Governmental Organization  
**ONIDS** : Organisation pour de Nouvelles Initiatives en Développement et Santé  
**ORAF** : Organisation pour la Réflexion et l'Action Féministe  
**OSC** : Civil Society Organization  
**PND** : National Development Plan  
**PNSME** : Programme National de Santé de la Mère et de l'Enfant  
**POP Council** : Population Council

**PP GLOBAL** : Planned Parenthood Global  
**PSI** : Population Services International  
**RENPEs** : Réseau National des Pairs Éducateurs du Sénégal  
**RFLD** : Réseau des Femmes Leaders pour le Développement  
**ROAJELF** : Réseau Ouest Africain des Jeunes Femmes Leaders  
**SCTG** : Self-Care Trailblazer Group  
**SOAWR** : Solidarity for African Women's Rights  
**SOGOCI** : Société de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique de Côte d'Ivoire  
**Solthis** : Solidarité Thérapeutique et Initiatives pour la Santé  
**SR** : Reproductive Health  
**SR/PF** : Reproductive Health and Family Planning  
**UNFPA** : United Nations Population Fund  
**VCAT** : Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation Workshop



# Foreword by the Director of Le Centre ODAS



The year 2024 marks a pivotal milestone for Le Centre ODAS and the ODAS Movement as a whole. Above all, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to this committed and well-organized movement, which has enabled us to strengthen our role as a space for technical and strategic support in the fight for the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

Striking the right functional balance for Le Centre ODAS has been a major challenge this year. With clarity and determination, we worked to refine our positioning and strengthen our foundation within the Movement. Member ownership is steadily growing, and we have laid down solid groundwork, although the work is far from over. The objective is clear: to make Le Centre ODAS a driving force that strengthens collective momentum, while ensuring transparent governance and clear accountability to those who sustain this struggle day after day.

It is with this vision in mind that we reached a major milestone in 2024 by strengthening our organizational structure. The formalization of memberships and the development of strategic policies, particularly regarding partnerships and membership, now enable us to operate through transparent and inclusive mechanisms. This structuring enhances our ability to effectively support the Movement and to anchor our actions in a sustainable and forward-looking dynamic.

The year 2024 also marked a major milestone with the adoption of our first strategic plan—an essential step that defines our vision and provides a clear roadmap for the years ahead. This foundational document reflects a collective effort and deep reflection on the role of Le Centre ODAS within the broader ecosystem of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), with a specific focus on safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment and support of our partners: institutional and government bodies, INGOs, local NGOs, feminist organizations, youth networks, and more. Each of them, in their own capacity, contributes to strengthening our collective efforts and making Le Centre ODAS a unifying space for all those advancing the right to and access to safe abortion.

We are encouraged to see that, through these partnerships, the foundations of a united and inclusive movement are steadily taking shape.



This annual report highlights the major advances of the past year. It showcases our efforts to mobilize partners around regional strategic frameworks, the promising developments observed across the Francophone ecosystem, and the outcomes of our digital initiatives and collective mobilizations during key strategic events and advocacy in decision-making spaces.

The progress made in 2024 is a source of inspiration, and we look to the future with both ambition and clarity. Le Centre ODAS remains firmly committed to being a driver of transformation within the ODAS Movement, working alongside all those advancing the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

**Kadidiatou SOW**



# Our strategic pillars

Le Centre ODAS applies an intersectional approach that takes into account the many forms of oppression and discrimination that continue to hinder access to safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

The year 2024 was marked by resilience, solidarity, and strengthened synergy among the Movement's partners. It was also a year of sharpened focus and renewed energy to carry forward our mission of building a unified and powerful movement:

## Leadership and Governance

Strengthen the structure and coordination of the Movement in Francophone Africa to enable effective collective action in support of the right to safe abortion.

## Strengthening the Movement for Safe Abortion Rights

Support feminist organizations, youth activists, and other diverse stakeholders, including government representatives, technical and strategic partners, and service providers, to accelerate progress across the pillars of the shared agenda: advocacy and campaigns, community engagement, legal and policy frameworks, research, self-managed abortion and product safety, and health systems. These efforts aim to advance the right to and access to safe abortion at both the regional and national levels.

## Opposition Monitoring and Strategic Communication

Analyze anti-choice dynamics, counter disinformation and develop communication strategies to positively influence opinion and policy.

## Increasing Flexible Resources for Safe Abortion

Mobilize and secure sustainable, flexible funding to support safe abortion initiatives across Francophone Africa.

## Research, Learning and Narrative Change

Generate, use, and disseminate evidence; build capacity; and shift public discourse to dismantle stigma and promote a human rights-based approach.



# 2024 in numbers



\*109 members formally joined the ODAS Movement





# 12

abortion  
environment  
analysis

# 4

Major  
campaigns



**368 823**  
people reached



**+ 6798**  
Interactions generated



# 9

initiatives  
supported by the  
ODAS Movement\*

\* National Gathering of Feminist Initiatives in Senegal, Ndajè Bi – Feminist Summer University, Senegal – “Rencontres colorées” in Mali – 3rd Edition of the Feminist Symposium of Togo – Central Africa Feminist Forum – Beijing +30 – Femin’Art, Benin – National Forum Against Unsafe Abortion in Cameroon – Training Workshop on Psychological First Aid – National Meeting on Accountability (RNR) in Relation to the Right to Safe Abortion in Benin

# Our contributions to the evolution of regional and national ecosystems

## At regional level

### Our coordination platforms

#### Technical and Strategic Partners

Le Centre ODAS has formalized a strategic collaboration framework with 19 technical and strategic partners working at the regional level within the safe abortion ecosystem. These partners include: AFD, Africa Forward, APHRC, EngenderHealth, Equipop, FIGO, IPPF Africa Region, Ipas Francophone Africa, Ipas DRC, IRC, Médecins du Monde, MSF, MSI, Pathfinder Burkina, Population Council, PP Global, PSI, Rutgers, and Solthis. **This framework helps strengthen accountability, complementarity, and the pooling of efforts through regular consultations. These collaborations aim to coordinate actions, share best practices, and amplify the impact of safe abortion initiatives in our region.** By working closely with partners, Le Centre ODAS is strengthening a network of expertise that enables a collective response to challenges related to reproductive rights. These alliances help amplify advocacy efforts, mobilize resources, and influence public policy.

In 2024, we also initiated additional strategic partnerships with Mama Network, SCTG, and ACORCA of which Le Centre ODAS is a co-founding member, in collaboration with 17 leading organizations in abortion research in Africa. We also engaged with national human rights coalitions in Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Togo, and Burkina Faso, as well as protection mechanisms for human rights defenders working across Francophone Africa.

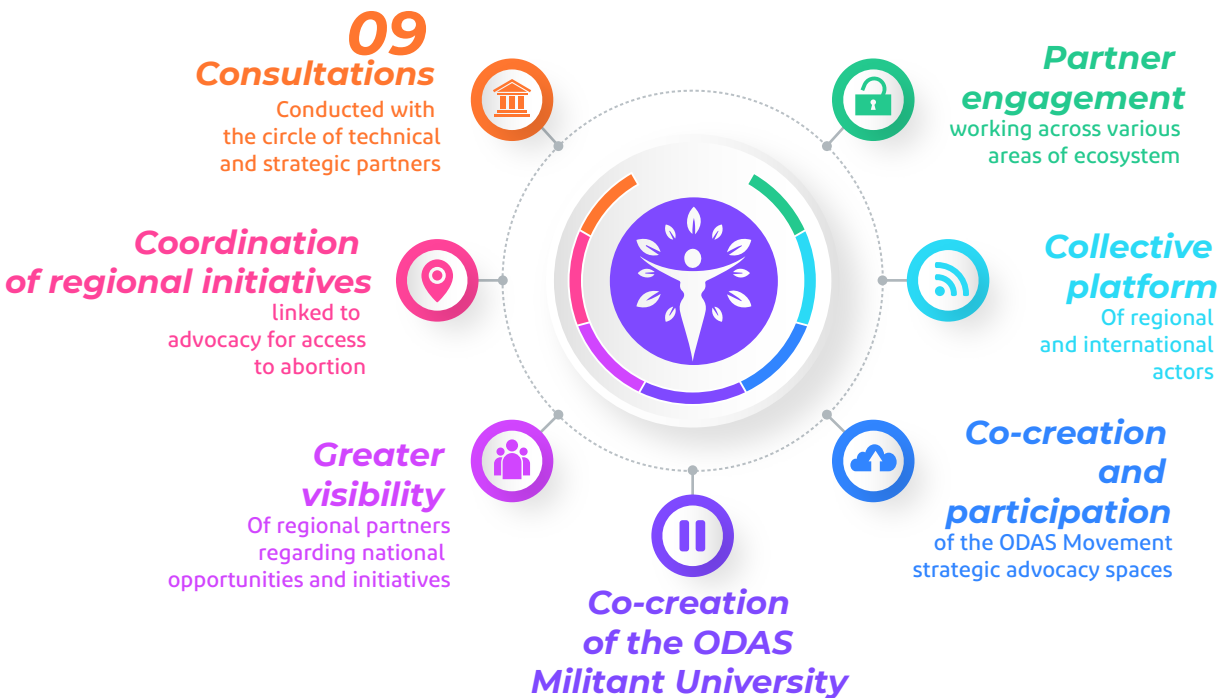


Cecile Yougbare

Advocacy focal point  
SRHR Africa, Médecins du Monde



*My collaboration with the Movement goes back to December 2019 during the DAS in Cotonou, where we were involved in the initial reflections. My engagement is driven by the dynamic of collective thinking led by the Center's leadership and team. You can clearly feel a will for participatory and inclusive mobilization and dialogue, which nourishes and strengthens our hope of serving meaningful causes that align with both our personal and collective struggles for access to rights in general, and the right to safe abortion in particular. We move forward with tangible actions grounded in idea-building, coalition-building, and joint mobilization efforts, as well as tracking progress and exploring alternatives to counter opposition.*







## Dr Jean-Claude Mulunda

Director, Ipas RDC

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*Le Centre ODAS plays a crucial role—knowing where everything stands: who is doing what, where, and how; helping ensure quick access to information and identifying who needs what and who can provide support. This enables various stakeholders to build on existing experiences, strategies, and proven tools—boosting efficiency, saving time, and focusing efforts on community needs. In the context of abortion, this is vital, as the needs of women and girls cannot wait: complications and deaths are counted in minutes.*

*At a time when anti-choice movements are multiplying their strategies and spreading like a virus through authoritarian and anti-democratic state systems, threatening women's bodily autonomy and reproductive rights, it is more important than ever to seize the opportunity that platforms like Le Centre ODAS provide. They offer space for action and collective resistance. We must continue to fight for universal access to safe, legal, and stigma-free abortion in Francophone Africa and beyond.*

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**AFRICA FORWARD**  
Advisory and Foundation



EngenderHealth



**Ipas**  
AFRIQUE  
FRANCOPHONE



**PATHFINDER**



## Communities of Practice

Communities of Practice (CoPs) are built around the regional priorities of the common agenda for safe abortion in Francophone Africa. The approach is to establish centralized regional platforms on specific thematic areas to improve collaboration, communication, information-sharing, connection, and the leveraging of diverse initiatives and experiences to generate knowledge. CoPs offer a structured space for actors to exchange experiences and accelerate progress on access to safe abortion, while aligning strategies and priorities with the shared regional agenda.

In 2024, we focused on revitalizing existing CoPs to make them as participatory and dynamic as possible. As part of this effort, we developed five (5) CoP activation plans on the following themes: **opposition monitoring, health systems, self-managed abortion, research, and campaigning and advocacy**. We also adopted a shared leadership model for each CoP, recognizing it as the most inclusive and participatory option.



Regional and local expertise—united by a shared commitment to one of the pillars of the common agenda—came together around joint priorities and synergies related to advocacy, health systems, self-managed abortion, opposition monitoring, and research to help build a stronger ecosystem.



This regional momentum translated into coordinated local actions in countries such as Côte d'Ivoire (advocacy, opposition monitoring), Chad (advocacy), and Cameroon (health systems), among others.



**Jema Davis**

Project Manager,  
FIGO (International Federation  
of Gynecology and Obstetrics)



*FIGO welcomes the ongoing strengthening of its partnership with Le Centre ODAS in 2024. This partnership has been essential to the continued evolution of the Health Systems Community of Practice (CoP), and we are proud of the outcomes achieved through both in-person and virtual meetings of this CoP.*

*FIGO is keenly aware of the role that our member societies can play in the safe abortion movement in Francophone Africa, and our relationship with Le Centre ODAS helps us better understand and collaborate with the movement as a whole—reducing duplication and strengthening our members by sharing developments and good practices within the movement.*

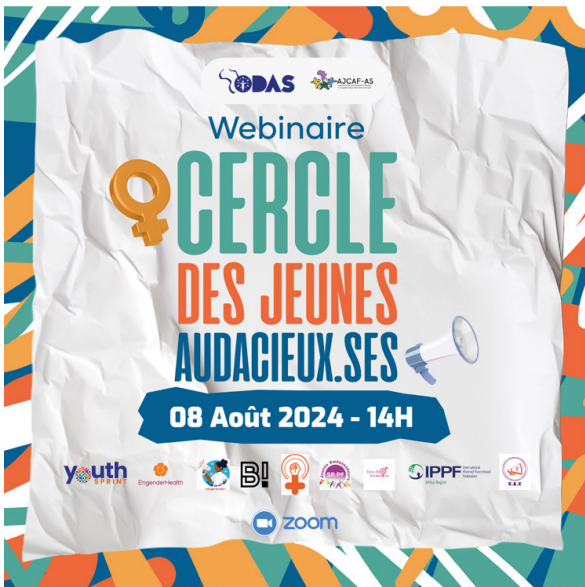


**Alliance of Young Champions for Safe Abortion in Francophone Africa (AJCAF AS)**

AJCAF AS is an initiative that brings together pro-choice youth leaders from 17 countries who are mobilizing to promote access to safe abortion. By strengthening the integration of youth perspectives within the ecosystem, facilitating their participation in advocacy spaces, and supporting their local initiatives, AJCAF AS helps foster a new generation of activists capable of influencing policy and defending reproductive rights at both national and regional levels. AJCAF AS serves as a strategic platform within the Movement.

In 2024, with support from AJCAF AS, we mobilized 16 partners to organize two (2) strategic webinars.

**First Webinar: Cercle des Jeunes Audacieux.ses  
Collaboration and synergy among youth organizations in national ecosystems: challenges and lessons learned**



**Co-creation Partners:** EngenderHealth, IPPF, PP Global / Billi Now, Youth Sprint (RDC), Filles en actions (Bénin), La Ligue Nigérienne pour les Droits des Femmes, Le Collectif des Activistes de Côte d'Ivoire, Le Réseau des Jeunes Ambassadeurs SR/PF, and ORAF (Côte d'Ivoire).

**Second Webinar: Cercle des Jeunes Audacieux.ses  
Analysis of Youth Participation in Advocacy Spaces**

**Co-creation Partners:** Ipas Francophone Africa, Ipas DRC, Equipop, Médecins du Monde, PP Global, La Communauté des Jeunes Engagés de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre, La Ligue Nigérienne pour les Droits des Femmes, and the Youth Sprint network.



Strengthening collaboration between technical and strategic partners and youth-led initiatives.



Knowledge was generated by 180 young leaders from 17 countries through a collective learning approach focused on synergy among youth organizations and the meaningful participation of young people in advocacy spaces.



A capitalization article was written and shared within the Movement, offering concrete recommendations to strengthen the impact of youth in advocacy spaces.



**Melchie  
Ibula Bwanga**  
Member, AJCAF AS



Youth organizations advocating for the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa face several major challenges, including restrictive laws, social stigma, religious pressure, lack of funding, limited access to reliable information, and low representation in decision-making spaces. Le Centre ODAS addresses these challenges by adopting an integrated approach that builds young people's capacities, fosters networking to amplify their voices, supports national advocacy for legislative reform, and promotes the dissemination of complete and accessible information on sexual and reproductive health and rights. It also contributes to resource mobilization and facilitates partnerships with health systems to ensure access to safe abortion within existing legal frameworks.







**Amelie Koudou**

Member, AJCAF AS



*Le Centre and the ODAS Movement played a key role in strengthening capacities and amplifying the voices of youth champions for safe abortion in Francophone Africa in 2024. As a young champion for safe abortion, the impact has been felt on several levels. First, ODAS helped reinforce knowledge and skills through training sessions on legal frameworks, advocacy strategies, and human rights-based approaches, strengthening my commitment to expanding access to safe abortion services in Côte d'Ivoire.*

*Next, the networking and collaborations facilitated by ODAS were essential: I was able to connect with other activists, experts, and organizations fighting the same battles, creating synergies through joint advocacy actions. The bimonthly webinars "Cercle des Jeunes Audacieux.ses" were particularly enriching, offering a space for experience-sharing and collective learning among young activists.*

*Finally, ODAS also helped increase the visibility and influence of youth champions at the national level by facilitating participation in high-level events and highlighting our initiatives.*



The feminist Task Force

Made up of 28 pro-choice feminists from Francophone Africa, this taskforce is a key lever for mobilization in support of the right to abortion. Actively engaged on the ground and in advocacy spaces, these activists defend bodily autonomy, challenge restrictive laws, and promote legal and social reforms favorable to SRHR. They represent a strong and unified feminist voice, carrying demands to both national and international institutions.

In 2024, the Laboratoire Féministe, co-created with the Feminist Taskforce, brought together **50 pro-choice feminist activists from 12 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, and Togo) and from various sectors (health, research, advocacy, media, etc.), along with 6 elder feminists and 10 technical partners.** The gathering strengthened activist engagement, laid the groundwork for a structured pro-choice feminist political power, and helped reposition safe abortion at the center of African feminist struggles.



Building a strong, intergenerational, and resilient feminist movement capable of driving deep social and political change for abortion rights




Co-creating an intersectional feminist approach.



Establishing four strategic pillars: research, communications, advocacy, and well-being.



Adopting a regional feminist advocacy plan.



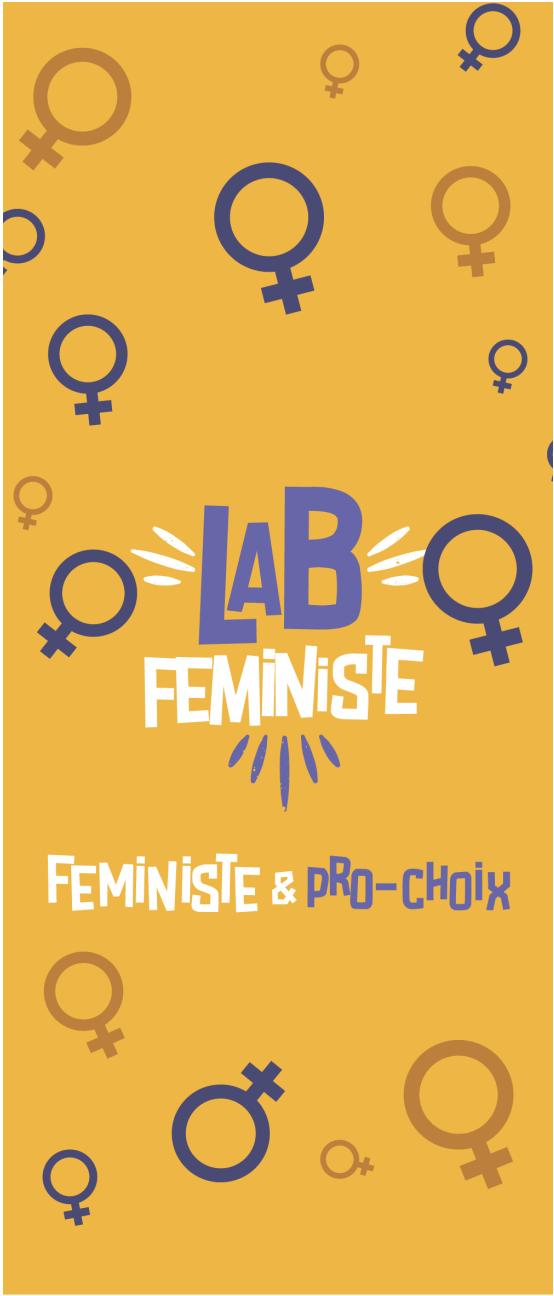
Awa Fall Diop

Feminist Elder

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The Lab Féministe strengthened the capacities of Francophone African pro-choice feminist movements advocating for the right to and access to safe abortion. It honored elder feminists, reinforcing the bond between the struggles of yesterday and those of today. Intergenerational collaboration emerged as a new generation of feminists stepped forward, beyond the traditional dynamic of transmission from elders. The process of forming the taskforce helped build strong intergenerational ties. One of the most significant moments of my involvement in the ODAS Movement was the signing of the charter, which marked a turning point and sent a powerful message: nothing will stop us from continuing the fight for the right to and access to safe abortion. The moment I added my signature to the charter document was filled with deep emotion. In that instant, I realized how far we’ve come and how much further we will go.

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## Jurists' Club

Fourteen (14) legal directors from the Ministries of Health across 11 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Madagascar, DRC, Senegal, Chad, Togo, and Mali) are part of this group. These legal experts serve as allies of the Movement at the national level by helping to create legislative frameworks that support safe abortion. Members provide guidance, support the Movement's actions, and accompany its members in their respective countries.



Sharing opportunities, progress, and challenges related to safe abortion throughout the year among legal entities, with peer feedback and recommendations



Strengthening the institutional presence of Le Centre and the ODAS Movement in countries where Legal Experts' Club members act as key allies in advocacy and capacity-building for the Movement's members in Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Guinea, and Togo



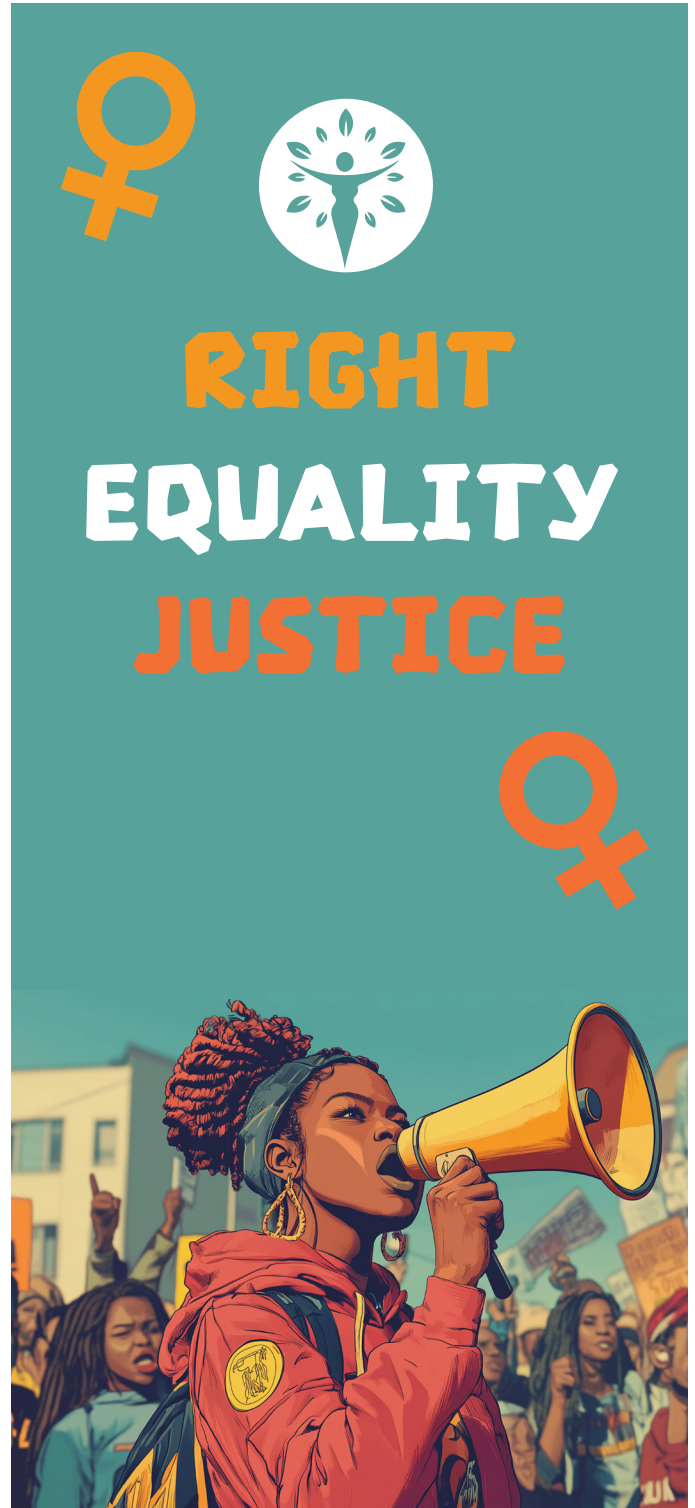
**Jean-Pierre Wangbe**

Head of Legal Unit,  
Ministry of Health - Benin

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*Jurists' Club can play an effective role in removing legal barriers and ensuring the enforcement of the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa. The ultimate goal is to ensure that legal texts go beyond statements of principle and lead to tangible improvements in women's rights and health”*

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SRHR Media Taskforce

Twenty (20) committed media actors from six countries (Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Senegal, Chad) specialize in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), including safe abortion.

Through the production of articles, reports, and audiovisual content, these actors play an essential role in shifting the narrative around safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

In 2024, the SRHR Media Taskforce positioned itself as a strategic lever to improve the quality, diversity, and visibility of SRHR-related content in Francophone Africa. Thanks to the mobilization of committed journalists, it produced and disseminated a wide range of content on sensitive topics such as unsafe abortion, gender-based violence (GBV), femicide, rape, and SRHR awareness.

Using diverse formats—television broadcasts, Facebook Lives, investigative journalism, publications, social media capsules, and print and online articles—the Taskforce reached a broad audience, challenged harmful stereotypes, and warned against the dangers of misinformation.

Productions such as investigative reports on harmful practices and programs focused on survivor care illustrate the Taskforce’s capacity to transform narratives and create lasting social impact. By adopting a collaborative approach rooted in local realities, the Taskforce actively contributes to building a gender-sensitive media environment that promotes change.



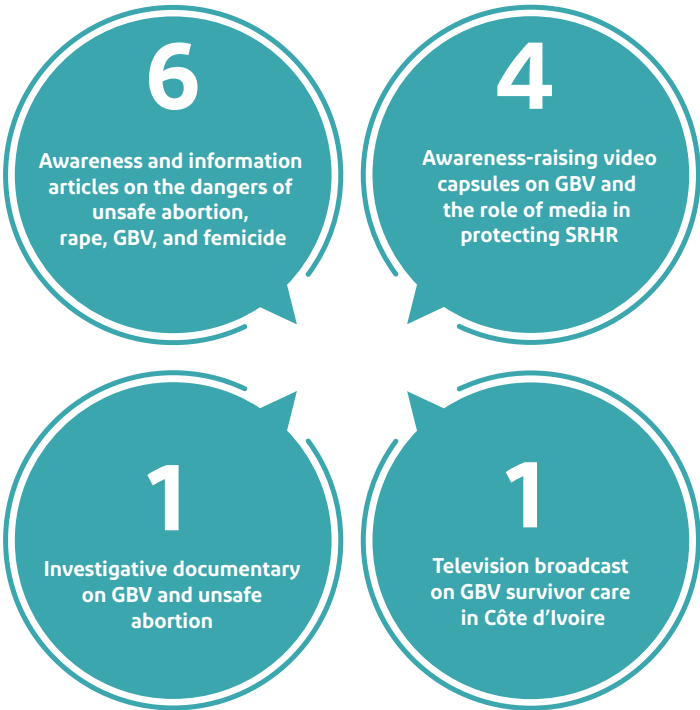
**Murielle Edoua**  
Journalist

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*ODAS connects all the professions that collaborate with the Movement. Through their actions, ODAS brothers and sisters support one another and break the taboo around safe abortion, because one of the goals is to ensure that every decision is fully informed. The media taskforce has a duty to inform and educate the public.*

*journalists and bloggers must rise above pressure. Maintaining a critical mindset is essential to counter misinformation.*

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## Events and advocacy in strategic regional spaces

### ACSHR2024

#### 11th edition 11th Edition of the African Conference on SRHR (ACSHR 2024) – March 2024

Joint participation of 13 Movement member organizations: Médecins du Monde France, ONIDS, Planned Parenthood, EngenderHealth WCA, Ligue Nigérienne des Droits des Femmes, Iléwa, ONG Actuelles, Pop Council, JGEN Women Global Entrepreneurship, and ABBEF.



### CSW 68

#### 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) – March 11-22, 2024

Exchange session – Co-organized event by JGEN Sénégal, Fòs Feminista and Afia Mama – Launch of the Repro Uncensored (RU) coalition in collaboration with Amnesty International USA, Plan C, Universal Access Project, and Women on Web



### AWID

#### AWID 2024 International Forum – December 2-5, 2024

In collaboration with FON, Médecins du Monde, Ipas, AFD, JGEN Sénégal, ROAJELF, COJAS Benin, Amnesty International, and the Ligue Nigérienne des Droits des Femmes, Le Centre ODAS coordinated the Francophone space of the AWID 2024 Forum held in Bangkok, Thailand.



## At national level

In 2024, at the institutional level, Le Centre ODAS initiated close collaboration with key ministries to engage various sectors and anchor reproductive rights issues through a multisectoral and coordinated approach. Le Centre ODAS worked to initiate interministerial dialogue frameworks—such as in Chad—to build consensus around issues related to access to safe abortion. Through these frameworks, Le Centre ODAS facilitates dialogue between ministries on one hand, and between ministries and civil society on the other. Establishing these frameworks is essential to the advocacy efforts we support for the ratification and/or domestication of the Maputo Protocol in Francophone African countries.

Le Centre ODAS also intensified its coordination efforts to strengthen cohesion and trust among diverse civil society actors, technical partners, youth organizations, and feminist leaders engaged in advancing the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa. ODAS helped foster a collaborative culture grounded in transparency, active listening, and respect for differences in approach and positioning.

This dynamic enabled many organizations to recognize the impact of collective synergy by jointly coordinating strategic initiatives. These organizations were consistently acknowledged for their expertise and lived experiences, thereby building lasting trust within the Movement. In Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Madagascar, and Chad, coordination efforts among civil society actors clearly contributed to building trust and strengthened solidarity within the Movement.

In addition, ODAS played a central role in forging connections between partner organizations and institutional stakeholders (such as key ministries) to create a sustained national dialogue around the right to and access to safe abortion. To strengthen these collaborative efforts, ODAS initiated biannual national consultation frameworks that bring together all stakeholders (donors, embassies, ministries, technical and strategic partners, youth organizations, feminist organizations, human rights defenders, etc.). These national dialogue spaces foster mutual understanding of each actor's realities, constraints, and expectations, which in turn paves the way for more structured strategic alliances.

2024 was also marked by a growing sense of ownership among partners. As the center serving as the secretariat of the Movement, Le Centre ODAS provided high-quality support by facilitating access to information, sharing experiences and best practices, offering technical and financial support, and ensuring visibility for Movement actors. Le Centre ODAS played a key role in the co-creation of initiatives and participation in strategic advocacy spaces, with the goal of building a united, agile, and responsive network in the face of emerging challenges, particularly as anti-rights movements continue to rise. More assertive collective responses are currently being developed, since there is a growing awareness of the interconnections between local and regional struggles. Le Centre ODAS has also developed its first political framework on the security and protection of Movement partners, in order to continue contributing to a safe and supportive ecosystem that strengthens the collective resilience of the ODAS Movement.



## Overview of collective dynamics in each country



### Côte d'Ivoire

25 partners gathered around advocacy for the Reproductive Health (RH) Law and initiatives related to access to safe abortion.

**\*2 joint advocacy actions focused on the adoption of the RH Law.**

**25**

Partners



### Cameroon

11 partners who are members of the Think Tank action group.

**\*4 joint actions focused on the domestication of the Maputo Protocol.**

**11**

Partners



### Madagascar

11 GROM member partners

**\*3 joint actions focused on creating an enabling environment for SRHR, including safe abortion, and on mobilizing key decision-makers and stakeholders.**

**11**

Partners



### Chad

40 partners gathered around a national roundtable to initiate discussions on the ratification of the Maputo Protocol.

**\*1 interministerial framework bringing together 4 key ministries was established to monitor and operationalize recommendations.**

**40**

Partners



### Senegal

71 partners consulted.

**\*3 Consultations and development of a common roadmap to strengthen community commitment to safe abortion.**

**71**

Partners



### Guinea

27 youth organizations in synergy.

**\*3 consultations and the development of a national roadmap to strengthen community engagement on safe abortion.**

**27**

Partners



# Promising results and changes in national ecosystems through a unifying dynamic



## Côte d'Ivoire

In Côte d'Ivoire, around thirty stakeholders, including youth organizations, feminist organizations, networks and alliances, professional associations, technical and financial partners, and embassies, mobilized around advocacy to improve the legal framework with a pro-choice perspective. They came together to develop a consensual and coordinated roadmap for joint actions.

The implementation of this roadmap was built on a shared leadership approach, resource-sharing among partners (Le Centre ODAS, Ipas Francophone Africa, Médecins du Monde, Solthis, RAES, EngenderHealth), and relied on local expertise (ORAF, SOGOCI, AJFCI, Africa Forward, CACI, Actuelles, etc.).



**Collective mobilization of INGOs, local NGOs, embassies, etc.**



**Institutional ownership and clear leadership from the government (Ministry of Health / PNSME) in advocacy efforts to improve the legal framework and enhance service accessibility.**



**Progressive engagement of media outlets to amplify the abortion rights narrative and contribute to shifting public discourse.**



**Definition of mechanisms for access to abortion services without barriers, including advocacy by the Ministry of Health and partners for the adoption of a progressive RH law.**



**Eva Amegboh**  
SG, collective of activists  
of Côte d'Ivoire



*Le Centre ODAS played a key role in strengthening national efforts to advance reproductive rights in Côte d'Ivoire. Through its commitment, outreach, and stakeholder engagement, it helped shift the legal framework toward broader recognition of the right to abortion—now including cases of incest and pregnancies that threaten a woman's physical or mental health. The collaborative approach promoted by Le Centre ODAS also strengthened networking among committed actors and supported more effective dissemination of essential information to ensure fair and equitable application of these new provisions.*







In Cameroon, a Think Tank Group composed of 11 key ecosystem organizations was established and consolidated in 2024. The group meets regularly to build consensus around shared priorities, develops evidence-based positions, works to combat disinformation, clarifies values related to abortion, and facilitates access to services.

This group also supports advocacy initiatives led by organizations. It has accompanied the process of domesticating the Maputo Protocol, led by CAMNAFAW with technical and financial support from Rutgers, IPPF, and Le Centre ODAS.

The process made major strides with the creation and functioning of a national strategic taskforce that includes parliamentarians and high-level decision-makers. The Think Tank Group works closely with the ACAC network and SOGOC, both of which are also members of the working group.

The establishment of an interministerial framework by Le Centre ODAS, with the support of allies within the sectoral divisions of the Ministries of Health, Justice, Youth, and Social Affairs, represents a key lever for the Think Tank Group in Cameroon.

### Guy Martial Mendo Ze

Adolescents-Youth, Program Manager  
CAMNAFAW

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The collaboration between CAMNAFAW and Le Centre ODAS represents a real opportunity to advance the rights of women and girls in Cameroon. This partnership has helped move the lines, particularly by actively contributing to the domestication process of the Maputo Protocol. CAMNAFAW is a member of the Think Tank Group in Cameroon. The Think Tank serves as a valuable platform that has enabled the development of concrete strategies and helped guide actions toward tangible results.  
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**The Think Tank Group collaborates with the Association Dynamique Femme to organize the second National Dialogue on Clandestine Abortions in Cameroon.**



**A community survey was conducted to better understand contextual perceptions of abortion.**



**A national pool of trainers was established on the VCAT (Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation) approach to safe abortion, responding to a key need identified by SRHR organizations.**



In Madagascar, the GROM, which brings together champions from 11 organizations with diverse profiles (National Association of Midwives of Madagascar [ANSFM], FGE Coalition, Médecins du Monde France in Madagascar, Association of Lawyers Specialized in Human Rights, AJCAF-AS, University of Antananarivo, CNFM, Genre en Action, as well as individual members), was strengthened in 2024.

The GROM serves as a unifying and strategic space where member organizations support one another and work in a complementary manner to establish key milestones for reproductive justice. As it matured, the group developed a strategic plan, an operational plan, and an advocacy plan. It also succeeded in mobilizing resources from various organizations and funding mechanisms in support of safe abortion.



**Capacity-building for stakeholders and youth on SRHR, safe abortion, and bodily autonomy through workshops and conferences held in nearly every province of Madagascar.**



*"The ODAS Reflection Group in Madagascar (GROM) truly plays its role as an informal group and brings valuable expertise to advancing the understanding of safe abortion as both a fundamental right and a public health issue. The support provided by Le Centre ODAS is highly pragmatic. The group's flexible working approach made it possible to bring together people with diverse backgrounds, analyze the context and potential strategic pathways, and position each step carefully, yet with tactical foresight."*



**Pooling expertise within the GROM to structure coordinated advocacy on SRHR, the Maputo Protocol, and legislative reform in Madagascar.**



**Strong engagement from parliamentarians and stakeholders on SRHR issues, including safe abortion.**



**Establishment of a space for coordinated reflection and action that enables shared resources and strategic alignment among GROM member organizations.**



**Strengthened commitment to the ratification of the Maputo Protocol, positioned as a priority objective of the Gender Caucus and the Parliamentary Network for Reproductive Justice.**





In Chad, a national consultation for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol was co-led by the Ministry of Justice and Le Centre ODAS. This consultation brought together key ministries (Justice, Health, Foreign Affairs, Women), regional organizations present in the country (Ipas Francophone Africa, IRC, OASIS), local organizations (Platform of CSOs and youth, DAS Chad, Ligue Tchadienne des Droits des Femmes, CELIAF), professional organizations (Chadian Association of Midwives, Association of Women Lawyers of Chad, Chadian Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians), and UN system actors (UNFPA, WHO). It helped identify concrete actions to be taken under the leadership of an expanded interministerial committee that includes CSOs, with the goal of ratifying the Maputo Protocol.

The African Union Commission and a delegation from the DRC, during their country visit, also expressed willingness to support the work of the committee in view of the ratification and upcoming domestication of the Maputo Protocol.

In addition, we launched the pilot phase of efforts to strengthen the Youth Movement in Chad. This was done through a synergistic approach that included a revitalization workshop and a space for creating synergies among youth organizations committed to advancing safe abortion.

Twenty-one youth-led and feminist organizations working in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and bodily autonomy were identified using an inclusive and participatory process.



**Establishment of an inclusive framework for experience-sharing with youth organizations**



**Adoption of a youth roadmap to guide future actions.**



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*The Chadian Government expresses its appreciation and encouragement to the ODAS Centre, which spared no effort in holding the national consultation for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol and the formalization of the interministerial committee in Chad. The holding of this workshop resonates with the plea for the ratification of the Maputo Protocol, which appears to be a pledge of solidification for Chadian society. As we all know, strengthening human rights, health promotion, case management, disease prevention and health system reinforcement are, among others, pillars of the 2017-2028 National Development Program (NDP).*



**National mobilization around the Maputo Protocol.**



**Gradual alignment of regional mechanisms, including the African Union, with the momentum of the mobilization.**



**Opening of dialogue on safe abortion in Chad, accompanied by a clear political will to fulfill international commitments.**



In Senegal, a series of inclusive consultations was held.

Discussions with various stakeholders were organized through three key sessions: the first involved around ten youth and feminist organizations (JGEN, Sénégal Actions Féministes, Warkha TV, AMFE, ANJ-SR/PF, ROAJELF, Collectif des Féministes du Sénégal, RENPES, Action4Change, InfoElles, Santé Mobile, Communauté des Jeunes Engagés, etc.); the second brought together 20 organizations and community leaders (including Badieneu Gox, religious leaders, and community facilitators); and the third session convened around ten technical and financial partners of the Movement present in Senegal (APHRC, Population Council, PP Global, RAES, MSI, Humanity & Inclusion, Equipop, etc.).

Each session was held in collaboration with the Task Force for Safe Abortion, a strong civil society platform advocating for access to safe abortion.

These meetings helped identify clear priorities, particularly the need to focus on community-based approaches to eliminate stigma, myths, and misinformation surrounding abortion.

Le Centre ODAS is currently supporting the follow-up and implementation of the consensual roadmap that emerged from these priorities through community engagement activities and the development of context-specific communication tools



## Aissatou Ndiaye

President, Task Force for Medical Abortion, Senegal



*Le Centre ODAS plays a complementary role alongside the efforts of the Task Force for safe abortion in cases of rape and incest in Senegal. It brings regional, strategic, and activist expertise that strengthens our national advocacy. With its strong presence across Francophone Africa, ODAS facilitates networking with other pro-choice movements, encourages the sharing of best practices, and supports the production of tailored advocacy content. It also promotes the mobilization of young people, health professionals, and activists, all while helping to destigmatize abortion through rights-based messaging that centers on survivors' dignity. By building bridges between the local, national, and regional levels, ODAS amplifies the voices of Senegalese advocates and contributes to a shared advocacy agenda that ensures effective access to safe abortion in accordance with the law.*



**The ecosystem is evolving toward greater acceptance by both communities and institutions.**



**Community mobilization around abortion has been strengthened, serving as a lever for the Task Force's advocacy efforts**



In Guinea, the pilot phase of strengthening the national youth movement has been launched. We adopted a collaborative approach by building alliances among youth organizations that support safe abortion.

Twenty-seven youth-led and feminist organizations working in the fields of health, sexual and reproductive rights, and bodily autonomy were identified using an inclusive and participatory process. This process aimed to promote experience-sharing and lay the foundation for a lasting and effective collaboration on the right to and access to safe abortion. A roadmap was developed to define the most relevant priorities.

Building the capacity of youth organizations engaged in this movement on abortion-related issues remains a priority.

Le Centre ODAS is currently engaging with Movement partners to integrate the initiatives from the consensual roadmap adopted by youth organizations in Guinea into their action plans.

This roadmap has been shared with partners so they can provide technical and financial support for its implementation, depending on their areas of intervention.

Furthermore, the twenty-seven youth organizations in Guinea have jointly developed an internal charter to ensure the legitimacy of the platform and guarantee its proper functioning.



**John Toure**

Guinea Focal Point,  
ODAS Center



*In Guinea, the youth mobilization initiative and the creation of synergy between youth movements helped unify and sustainably structure the efforts of youth organizations and other actors working on SRHR and bodily autonomy. The initiative made it possible to establish a strategic space for dialogue and coordination, which facilitated the harmonization of interventions, and the identification of shared priorities grounded in Guinea's realities.*

*This initiative also encouraged us to reflect on our beliefs, recognize our biases, and better distinguish between personal opinions and the rights and needs of others regarding abortion.*



**Strengthening the connection between technical and strategic partners and youth organizations in Guinea**



## Powerful campaigns to claim space, amplify our voices, normalize abortion, and reposition bodily autonomy in social media.



### Awareness and Mobilization Campaign on Bodily Autonomy

On the occasion of International Women's Rights Day (IWD 2024) in March 2024, and in collaboration with AJCAF-AS, a digital campaign titled **#JIFODAS24** and **#InvestirDansLesFemmes**, focused on women's and girls' bodily autonomy, was launched.

The campaign addressed key topics such as reproductive rights, freedom of choice in sexual and reproductive health, the defunding of women's health care, and abortion decriminalization. It generated significant engagement on social media and created space for sharing messages, rich exchanges, and genuine dialogue.

This initiative helped amplify Francophone voices, encouraged decision-makers to take action, strengthened narratives around women's rights, and mobilized young people.

Through discussions, publications, and collaborations, the campaign mobilized more than **300 young AJCAF-AS members** and reached **27,283 people online**, thereby contributing to greater awareness on bodily autonomy.

### «Maputo and Me» Campaign

The “Maputo and Me” campaign, held from July 23 to 25, 2024, was organized in collaboration with partners such as the Chadian Women's Rights League, ROAJELF Senegal, JFAD Benin, cd.santésexuelle, members of the Club of Jurists from Benin and Guinea, COJAS Benin, Youth Sprint, Iyawo, SOS Femmes Congo, ORAF, the Women Leaders Network for Development (RFLD), Ipas DRC, IPPF ARO, EngenderHealth, Médecins du Monde, and SOAWR. Together, they co-organized a webinar series under the same title, **“Maputo and Me”**.

The campaign aimed to make the Maputo Protocol more accessible while highlighting youth and feminist perspectives. Its core objective was to engage governments and key actors in implementing women's sexual and reproductive rights.

The webinars covered several key themes, including access to the Maputo Protocol, youth and feminist perspectives, government engagement, and advocacy for inclusive policies. Online participation was particularly notable for the quality of the discussions, as participants actively contributed—fostering stronger understanding and ownership of the Protocol while strengthening connections among Movement partners.

The campaign amplified the voices of young people and feminists while underscoring the urgent need for concrete government action to fulfill the commitments of the Maputo Protocol.

This initiative was a resounding success, attracting over **650 participants**, reflecting strong interest and widespread mobilization around this critical issue.



## Campaign for Access to Safe Abortion (CASA)

The CASA campaign, conducted in September and October 2024 in collaboration with Rutgers, IPPF ARO, Médecins du Monde, Ipas Francophone Africa, and IPPF member associations in Burkina Faso, Niger, Benin, and Togo, as well as ODAS focal points in **12 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, and Togo)**, marked a significant moment for the ODAS Movement.

The campaign helped unify efforts around a collective communication strategy focused on defending bodily autonomy and promoting access to safe abortion.

It strengthened synergies among Francophone actors, enhanced public understanding of reproductive rights, and increased engagement across digital platforms. The campaign amplified Francophone feminist narratives, encouraged cross-border collaboration, and fostered a collective push for legislative reform. The positive media coverage and growing involvement of online users and Movement members demonstrated the campaign's transformational impact and its contribution to advancing advocacy for a more just and supportive environment for safe abortion in Francophone Africa.

The campaign reached over **341 000 people** across various digital platforms and generated **6,798 interactions**, reflecting strong engagement and interest. The online toolkit—designed to inform and equip engaged stakeholders—also proved successful, with **372 views**, helping to build awareness and knowledge around access to safe abortion.

### « Activism with Self-Preservation » Campaign: (#MiliterEtSePréserver)

The #MiliterEtSePréserver campaign, led in collaboration with the SRHR Media Taskforce, which is composed of influencers, bloggers, and journalists committed to SRHR including safe abortion in Francophone Africa, aimed to raise awareness among Movement members, feminist activists, health professionals, and institutional actors about the importance of mental health and well-being in advocacy spaces.

This initiative provided practical tools, testimonials, resources, and guidance to promote a healthier, more inclusive, and respectful activist environment. It also encouraged a culture of care and preservation within feminist and reproductive rights mobilization.

The campaign opened space for dialogue on the mental burden of activism and helped strengthen Movement cohesion around a more sustainable and compassionate vision of advocacy.

Through ODAS Center channels and partner platforms, the campaign reached **21 215 people** generated **50 262 impressions** and attracted **2,052 visits** and **2,257 direct interactions** across digital platforms.



**Saskia Hüsken**

Senior Advocacy,  
Rutgers International



*Rutgers has been involved with Le Centre ODAS since its founding, and we are currently serving as a technical partner in the areas of advocacy, communication, and research. We are actively contributing to the establishment of the ODAS Militant University, the research Community of Practice, the upcoming DASAF project, and the RADAR initiative. One concrete example of our collaboration with Le Centre ODAS in 2024 is our participation in the International Day for Safe Abortion (JIAS) campaign. Rutgers supported the campaign's design, helped develop key messages and visuals, and contributed to the rollout and amplification of the campaign among our regional and international partners.*

*Le Centre ODAS provides a neutral space that enables partners for safe abortion from across different levels (local, national, regional, global) to come together, coordinate, and shape joint strategies to ensure that safe abortion remains a priority across the region. Through clear work streams and communication channels (including newsletters, discussion forums, websites, and social media), ODAS helps partners identify relevant entry points and align their contributions with the levels they are best positioned to influence.*



# Our challenges and outlook



As 2024 draws to a close, the global geopolitical context continues to grow more complex. The re-election of conservative figures in the United States, along with the rollout of new restrictive policies, continues to shape global discourse, particularly around reproductive rights. The end of 2024 is marked by an increasingly complex geopolitical context. The re-election of conservative figures in the United States, along with the adoption of new restrictive policies, continues to shape global debates—particularly those concerning reproductive rights. In Europe, the rise of the far right and cuts to international development budgets have placed new pressure on minority rights and fundamental freedoms, directly impacting social movements and public policies related to women's rights.

At the same time, in Francophone Africa, the rise and spread of anti-choice movements represent a growing threat to progress in sexual and reproductive rights. These movements are increasingly well-funded and coordinated, promoting a conservative agenda that directly challenges feminist and pro-choice demands. They are gaining traction due to the influence of religious conservatism and political opportunism, fueling some of the most polarizing and regressive rhetoric in public debate.

In this shifting geopolitical landscape, maintaining unity and collaboration between national and regional partners remains critical. Although significant progress has been made, the fragmentation of resources and growing individualism make it even more essential for Le Centre ODAS to reinforce its role as a unifying and supportive force.

**In 2025, Le Centre ODAS will continue to convene regional partners around shared priorities and actions to advance the core pillars of the common agenda.** Le Centre ODAS is implementing an ambitious and structured vision to amplify its impact and strengthen the foundations of the Movement for the right to safe abortion in Francophone Africa. Through joint strategic work streams, its efforts aim to **reinforce the Movement's coherence, sustainability, and influence across a shifting regional and international landscape.**

**Strengthening leadership and collective governance remains a key priority.** Le Centre ODAS is investing in clear and inclusive institutional structures, particularly through the **operationalization of a Regional Advisory Council**, ensuring agile and strategic coordination.

**The adoption and dissemination of shared governance policies** also help formalize internal processes and support a shared organizational culture within the Movement.



**The development of strong, lasting strategic partnerships remains a key priority.** In 2025, special emphasis will be placed on **strengthening synergies within the network, unlocking new collaborative potential, and actively listening to members' needs** to reinforce the Movement's cohesion, alignment, and resilience.

**Self-managed abortion is emerging as a major political and programmatic priority.** Le Centre ODAS aims to catalyze systemic change by fostering an enabling ecosystem for self-managed abortion. This includes the **promotion of innovative approaches, the deployment of adapted tools, and direct support to frontline actors.**

**Capacity building and knowledge transfer are embedded in a collective learning model based on mutualization and shared expertise.** In addition to a strengthened training program, Le Centre ODAS will continue to animate its five Communities of Practice (CoPs), which include Health Systems, Self-Managed Abortion, Opposition Monitoring, Research, and Advocacy & Campaigns. These spaces are designed to serve as platforms for shared learning and strategic acceleration. The Movement-wide knowledge capitalization agenda will also be reinforced, serving as a shared framework for strategic alignment and peer exchange.

At the regional and national advocacy level, Le Centre ODAS will intensify its support to partners mobilized around **the domestication of the Maputo Protocol and the promotion of more progressive legal frameworks related to sexual and reproductive health.** These efforts will help shape enabling legislative environments that facilitate effective and safe access to abortion.

The foundation of our **approach remains intersectional, youth-centered, and feminist, which cuts across all of our work.** We will continue to promote equitable representation of young voices and a feminist reading of key issues to ensure a transformation that is both inclusive and sustainable across the Movement.

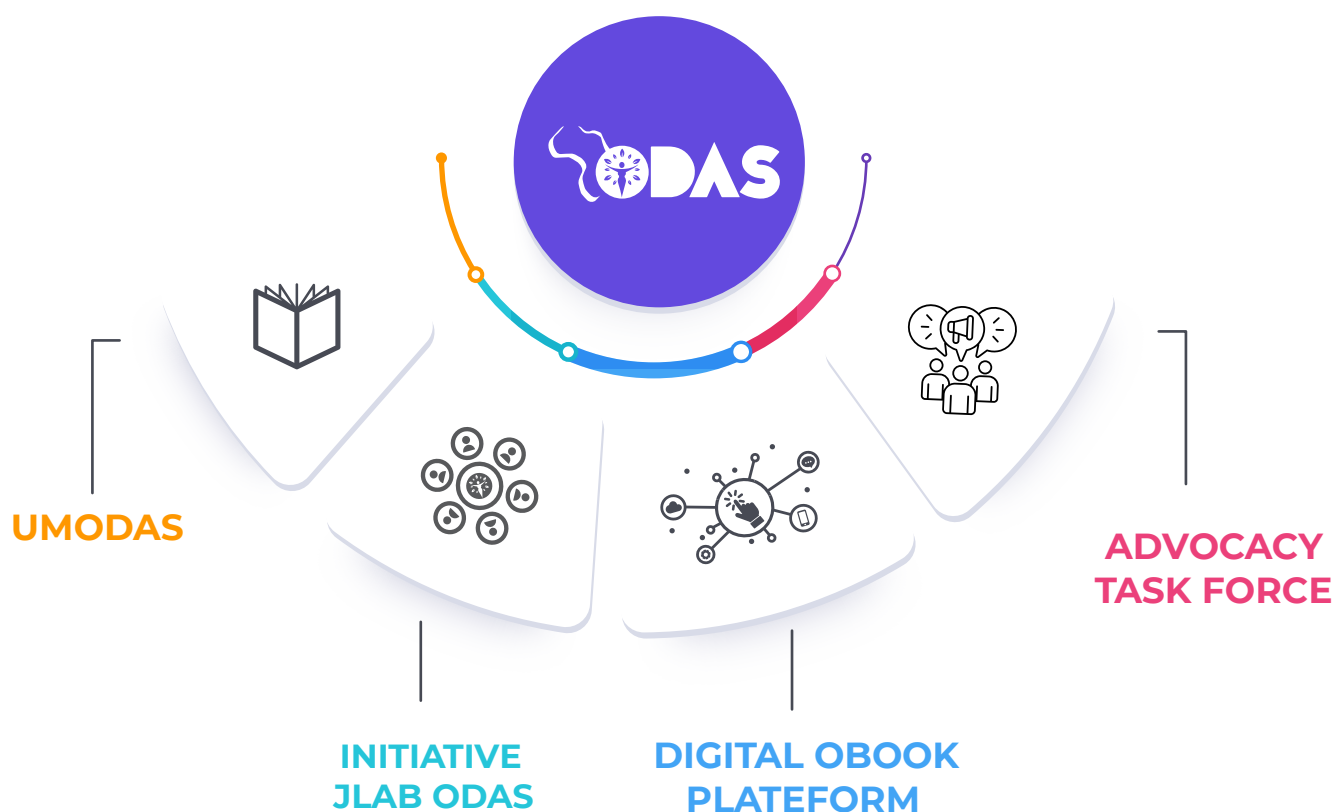
**In a context of intensifying conservative discourse, a shared strategic watch on anti-rights movements will be activated among Movement partners.**

Le Centre ODAS will coordinate a collective response by monitoring, analyzing, and documenting anti-choice discourse. This will help build a more informed, better connected, and better equipped Francophone space for SRHR.

Finally, **investing in research, learning, and narrative change** will inform strategic thinking, guide interventions, and dismantle stigma surrounding safe abortion and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).



## Key initiatives to watch in 2025



### UMODAS

The ODAS Militant University is a specialized program for building the capacities of young activists involved in the movement for safe abortion in Francophone Africa. It is part of a collective learning model that includes coaching and the provision of context-specific, certifiable knowledge resources. The first cohort, focused on the theme of self-managed abortion and strengthening SRHR, will take place from May to July 2025.

### INITIATIVE JLAB ODAS

The ODAS Youth Lab is a tailored organizational capacity-building program designed for youth-led organizations within the Movement. Through sustained investment in the development of selected groups, Le Centre ODAS aims to support the long-term sustainability of their achievements. The first JLAB cohort will include 10 youth-led organizations based in Francophone Africa, with a particular focus on those whose work targets or meaningfully engages marginalized, vulnerable, or underserved populations, such as girls and women with disabilities, girls/women living in rural areas, and girls/women in humanitarian settings.

### ADVOCACY TASK FORCE

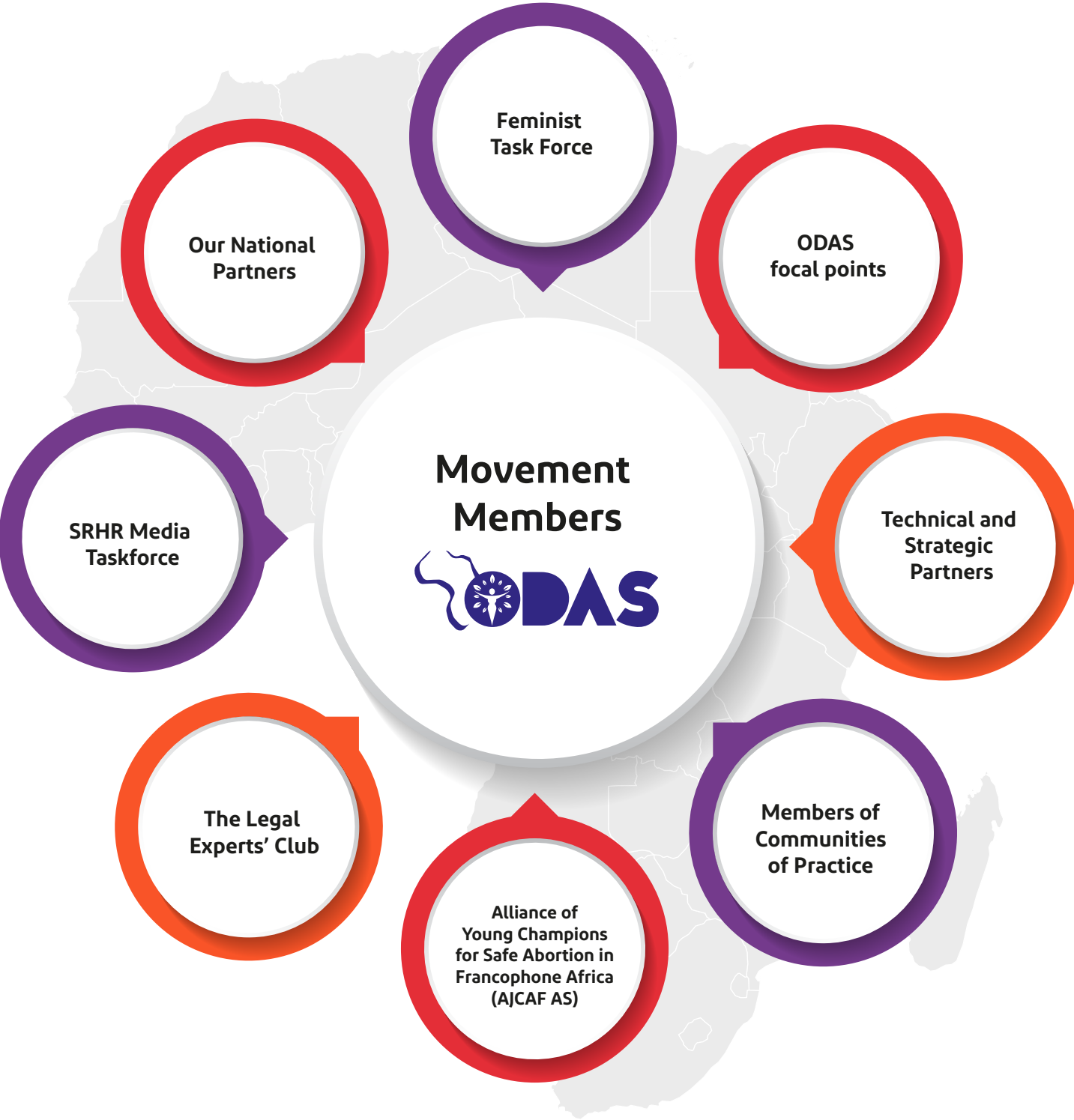
The Advocacy Task Force positions itself as an innovative and collective mobilization space in Francophone Africa. It serves as a platform for reflection, strategic coordination, and political influence, aligned with the mission and five-year strategy of Le Centre ODAS. Its goal is to build collective advocacy leadership capable of influencing norms, policies, and legal frameworks, particularly by leveraging mechanisms such as the ratification and domestication of the Maputo Protocol.

### DIGITAL OBOOK PLATFORM

Obook the ODAS Movement's digital platform, is a secure and interactive space designed to strengthen collaboration among Movement members at both national and regional levels. Accessible via the web and mobile app, OBOOK facilitates information sharing, strategic coordination, and collective action. The platform includes a dynamic discussion forum and a resource library with essential tools to support advocacy for safe abortion.

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