



JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS

Project Overview

Justice for Survivors (J4S) is a four-year project addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and access to justice, funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE).

The project is implemented by a consortium led by the International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region (IPPFAR), together with the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and the Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI).

Each consortium partner brings distinct expertise and experience to the project, contributing unique strengths and perspectives toward its successful implementation:

IPPFAR: Leads and coordinates the J4S project, drawing on its regional expertise in SRHR and GBV survivor support. It provides overall project management, capacity strengthening, grant management, networking and coordination across the four countries.

CRR: Provides technical expertise on access to justice, legal advocacy and reproductive rights, strengthening the capacity of Kenya and Tanzania partner CSOs to support survivors, navigate legal systems, advocate for rights and advance policy and systemic change.

AFJCI: Brings country-level expertise in Côte d'Ivoire, particularly in legal support and access to justice for women and children. It contributes its network of legal clinics, survivor support experience, community engagement and knowledge of Côte d'Ivoire's legal and justice systems to strengthen the project's implementation.

Area of focus: Access to Justice for survivors of Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

Project reach: 30 feminist Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and the GBV survivors they support

Target location: Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Tanzania

Project lifespan: March 2025 – February 2029 (4 years)

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Background

Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, and Tanzania each face a high prevalence of GBV, compounded by inadequate government resources for prevention and survivor care. While all four countries have ratified CEDAW without reservation and have some legal frameworks in place, enforcement remains weak, and customary practices and traditional norms often override codified law, leaving survivors without reliable access to justice.

Feminist CSOs that support survivors are frequently under-resourced and disconnected from justice actors, limiting survivors' ability to report violence, pursue legal recourse, and obtain redress. This gap between community-level care and formal justice systems perpetuates impunity for perpetrators of GBV.

The project will expand the capacity of feminist CSOs to provide legal support through a comprehensive capacity-building approach so that they are better equipped to address the issue with survivors, provide essential basic information, and refer them to specialized partner structures (Medical care, legal clinics, lawyers' associations, law firms, etc.), while continuing to accompany and support them in other aspects of holistic care.

General Objective/ Project Goal

To ensure that feminist CSOs in Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, and Tanzania have the knowledge, capacity, and network necessary to strengthen the holistic care of people facing gender-based violence, particularly in terms of access to justice, and to accompany them throughout legal proceedings so that the violence they have suffered is recognized and the perpetrators punished.

Specific Objectives / Project Aims

1. Strengthen support for women, girls, and structurally excluded persons facing gender-based violence so that they have access to comprehensive care and can break the law of silence, assert their rights, and obtain redress for the violence they have suffered, while being protected from possible reprisals.
2. Take action at the community level to address discourses and perceptions that normalize GBV, stigmatize and blame survivors, and encourage them to remain silent, while promoting impunity for perpetrators of violence.
3. Push for action at the structural and systemic level to promote a multisectoral approach to the care of GBV survivors, while ensuring that the judicial system becomes more accessible and welcoming to all survivors.

Model of working

The consortium delivers three complementary intervention strategies:

1. Flexible funding for local feminist CSOs and CBOs (60% of the total budget, €2,352,000), disbursed through a sub-granting mechanism to strengthen holistic survivor care.
2. Organizational strengthening and technical support for local feminist CSOs, including training, mentoring, coaching, and study visits, with a focus on access to justice.
3. Networking and multisectoral linkages connecting CSOs that receive and support survivors with justice actors, including specialized feminist CSOs, to reinforce the feminist movement and enable learning and advocacy across the consortium.



What Project Success Would Look Like

By the end of the J4S project, success will mean that :

- Feminist CSOs and CBOs across Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya and Tanzania are stronger, better resourced and better connected to justice, health and other relevant actors to provide effective, survivor-centred support.
- More survivors of GBV, particularly women, girls and structurally excluded persons, will be able to access timely and coordinated services, understand and assert their rights, navigate justice processes safely, obtain redress and see perpetrators held accountable.
- Communities will increasingly challenge harmful norms that normalize GBV, blame survivors and promote silence, while stronger referral pathways, networks and advocacy will contribute to more accessible, responsive and survivor-friendly justice systems.

Ultimately, the project will contribute to a sustained reduction in impunity for GBV and strengthen the capacity of feminist organizations and movements to advance survivors' rights and access to justice.

Project Grantees

Kenya

- Hope for Samburu communities (HFSC)
- Wangu kanja foundation (WKF)
- Hope foundation for African women (HFAW)
- Youth for a Sustainable World (YSW)
- Trust for indigenous culture & health (TICAH)
- Safe online women Kenya (SOW)
- Network of CSOs support the National Shelters Network in Kenya

Tanzania

1. Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
2. Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA)
3. Tanzania Women Initiatives for Development Organization (TAWIDO)
4. Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF)
5. Chama cha Uzazi na Malezi Bora Tanzania (UMATI)
6. Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC)
7. Wote Sawa

Cote d'ivoire

1. Initiative Tile
2. Leadafricaines
3. Akwaba Mousso
4. Stop au chat noir
5. Alternative Côte d'ivoire
6. La Ligue ivoirienne des droits des femmes
7. Psychologues pour tous
8. ComFéministes

Guinea

1. Mon Enfant Ma Vie (MEMAV)
2. E-Education Citoyenne
3. Afrique Arc-En-Ciel Guinée
4. Fédération Mounafanyi de Kindia
5. WAFRICA Guinée
6. Femmes, Développement et Droits Humains en Guinée (F2DHG)
7. Initiative Rainbo
8. Réseau Ouest Africain des femmes handicapées (ROfah)

