

## **2. AFD'S EMBLEMATIC PROJECTS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

**Feminist Opportunities Now (CZZ3195):** call for projects carried out by the FSOF, awarded in December 2021 for an amount of €14M over the period 2022 to 2026, to be managed by a consortium of organizations (IPPF-ARO: leader, Médecins du Monde-France, Empower'Her, FIDH and CREA). The aim of this project is to finance feminist associations fighting against gender-based violence, while developing knowledge and advocacy on this subject, in the following countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico and Sri Lanka.

**Women, Peace and Security (CZZ3244)** is another very ambitious call for projects proposed under the FSOF, with a budget of 10 million euros for 3 years (2023-2026). Divided into three different lots, each corresponding to a region (Sahel, Central Africa and Middle East), its goal is to fight against gender-based and sexual violence in the context of crisis and conflict, to implement UN resolutions to combat rape as a weapon of war. A total of 10 countries will benefit: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Niger, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Palestinian Territories and Chad.

**Programme on territorial public policies to combat violence against women":** €2.5M in Comoros, Palestine, Vietnam and Guinea, for the development of territorial policies to combat gender-based violence, including the creation of pilot observatories inspired by that of the Department of Seine St Denis, including awareness-raising actions aimed at the general public and prevention of sexist and violent behaviour among adolescents.

**FISONG – Combatting gynaecological and obstetric violence" (CGN 1359)**, in Guinea, is also an emblematic project that highlights AFD's involvement in a little-explored theme. With an amount of 1.13 million euros over 3 years (2022-2025), with the governance of Equipop and the partnership of AMREF and the NGO Cellule de Recherche en Santé de la reproduction in Guinea, its purpose is to support the emergence and development of projects and practices aimed at promoting well-treating and respectful care in order to reduce gynecological and obstetric violence. More broadly, this FISONG will fund projects that will sustainably address the factors that promote the occurrence of physical and psychological violence that can be experienced by women at different stages of their lives.

**NENGO (CCF1196):** holistic management of victims of sexual and gender-based violence in the Central African Republic (CAR). €10.2m paid by AFD, combined with €1.2m paid by the Pierre Fabré Foundation, for a period of 5 years (2020-2025). Following a first phase initiated in 2019 by AFD, corresponding to the establishment of the victim support center, the new phase pursues the same objectives by ensuring access to quality holistic care, according to a coordinated path, accompanied and complete, through the establishment of a «one-stop shop» located within the Sino-Central African Friendship University Hospital (CHUASC) and the Association of Women Lawyers of Central Africa (AFJC) in Bangui. It also includes a transversal objective of preventing sexual violence in the country.

**Improving the living conditions of women and girls in the Guéra and Wadi-Fira regions"** began in Chad in 2020, with €5 million. The objective of the project was to improve the social empowerment of Chadian women through better access to reproductive health services, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent, family planning (SRMNIA/PF) and by taking into account gender-based violence. Through promoting demand for services, but also improving access, quality and use, the programme directly targeted 79,000 people, including refugees.

**Strengthening the resilience of women victims of violence:** multi-country project in Africa, was implemented in 2018, with a budget of 800,000 euros, including 375,000 paid by AFD, to help support local initiatives for the social and economic integration of women victims of gender violence in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia through the prevention of violence in advance, the setting up of reception facilities for women and support for their integration.

**ESCALE project (Preventing the sexual exploitation of children in the context of tourism on the island of Madagascar” (CMG1572):** € 410k over three years, from 2018, to strengthen the prevention of situations of sexual exploitation, the identification and rehabilitation of child victims and the conviction of abusers, in close collaboration with the government, local authorities, child protection networks as well as civil society, community actors and children themselves. By working on the perception of prostitution and violence against women and girls among men, youth and the media, the project aims to reduce the demand for prostitution with minors. The project also plans to improve the treatment of child victims of trauma through the participation of stakeholders in the project, in Antananarivo and in the provinces.

Multichannel awareness campaign (city posters and stations, social networks, radio and video spots, press interviews) against violence against women in public transport was carried out as part of the project «**Development of the Central Loop of the light metro of Tunis and improvement of the conditions of intermodality in the exchange pole of the Place de Barcelona**» (CTN1205), in 2021. With a final budget of €37,000, the campaign ran for a month and a half from 25 November to 31 December 2021.

**Responding to the consequences of COVID-19 on gender relations in the Andes:** in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), aims to support the Mechanisms for the Promotion of Women (MPM) of three countries (Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru) which aim to promote technological innovations to strengthen the management and prevention of gender-based violence (especially in the context of the COVID-19 crisis), raise awareness of healthy masculinities and promote the empowerment of women. The project began in 2020 for 36 months with a budget of 200,000 euros.

**EUROsociAL+:** €8m programme for the period 2016-2021, targeting 19 Spanish-speaking countries. Aims to strengthen social cohesion in Latin America through the exchange of good practices between Latin American and European administrations. The gender component of the program had four lines of work around physical autonomy, economic autonomy, political autonomy and the transversalization of gender to public policies. Regarding physical autonomy, regional tools to fight against femicides have been promoted. Other actions for sexual and reproductive health and the promotion of new models of masculinities have participated in this axis.

**Taller Abierto (CCO1084):** second phase of € 270k from 2020 to 2023, aims to support the mobilization of children, youth and women for their rights, non-violence and the development of community and cultural alternatives in Buenaventura. During the first phase of the project, children, youth and women developed their leadership and organized themselves into “groups”. This time, in the interest of sustainability, it is about consolidating these organizational processes and their leadership. In addition, the project seeks to strengthen the work begun with educational institutions, families and communities so that these structures become more protective environments for children, young people and women face violations of their rights. The gender perspective is transversal to the whole project, which includes awareness workshops on gender issues; meetings and exchanges on the promotion of masculinities; and communication and advocacy actions with European institutions on the theme of the eradication of gender violence and femicides in Latin America in general, and in Buenaventura in particular.

**Strengthening the capacity of civil society to ensure the protection of women at risk or victims of domestic violence in Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan)” (CZZ3177):** €800k for 36 months, to protect women in Central Asia who are at risk of or have experienced gender-based violence. It enables the formation of local civil society platforms to monitor the implementation of laws and report violations of women’s rights. It also supports CSOs in advocating for local policies to combat domestic violence. It supports and trains the main institutions and associations to enable them to provide comprehensive services, in accordance with international quality standards, including medical care, psychological and psychosocial support, legal aid and support towards economic empowerment for victims and people at risk.

**Fight against sexual violence against minors – protection, care and reintegration of young girls victims of sexual violence in the Philippines - Phase 2” (CPH1049):** phase 2 - €1.6 million for girls and young women victims of sexual violence aged 5 to 24. The integrated and transversal approach to the fight against sexual violence developed provides individual and qualitative support for young girls along

term: reception in shelters, support in personal reconstruction and then towards autonomy, reintegration into communities and professional integration. There is also a programme to support education and community development, to raise awareness and train them in the promotion of children's rights.