

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

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## \* AMWCY: Communication Group's meeting

The AMWCY's Communication Group (COMG) held its annual meeting in Thies, Senegal from November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 07<sup>th</sup> 2017. The objective of this meeting is to assess the communication actions in the countries, to produce the annual Bulletin of the AMWCY "WCY face the Challenge» n° 18 and to reflect on the communication of the AMWCY around its Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021.

There were 09 delegates (03 girls and 06 boys) from *Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Rwanda*. Participants shared experiences, focusing on the initiatives developed in terms of communication in the different countries. During the writing of the newsletter, the participants collected information and pictures. They read out the collected documents (reports, articles, testimonies or poems) and selected some articles and illustrative images. They also produced drawings to illustrate the newsletter "WCY face the Challenge", themes addressed in the AMWCY's Strategic Plan and wrote messages on current topics. A 10 minute movie was produced. All the delegates told about their experiences, the actions and orientations of the AMWCY. The participants also reviewed the Communication Strategies to be implemented for the mobilization of resources related to the main axes of the strategic plan of the AMWCY. For better ownership of the Movement's Strategic Plan, COMG has developed a communication plan to be implemented in the countries.

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## \* Côte d'Ivoire: training youth in leadership

AWCY-CI in partnership with Tak Africa and Puma with funding from the YAYA TOURE Foundation has set up the "Young Leaders" project, from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. This project aims to train youth to develop leadership in the areas of child rights, HIV / AIDS prevention and project development. To achieve this goal, 25 people (girls and boys), age between 17 and 25, were recruited in the cities of Bonoua, Bassam and Abidjan. These youth participated in 20 training sessions and were able to develop all the topics included in the program. These trainings allowed them to implement their leadership abilities and present projects at the end of the training. A graduation ceremony was organized and to finance the three selected projects namely: - the project on the rights of children in schools, the project on sanitation and the project on HIV through sport.

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## \* Mali: training session in the production of Comics for children in jail and commemoration of the International Migrants Day in Mopti

On December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, a training workshop on Comics production techniques was held at Bollé Juvenile Detention Center. The participants were all detainees from the two juvenile detention centers (girls and boys) in Bollé. On the theme: "What do you think of your situation?", And facilitated by two WCY, the training was held separately and took two days: One day for boys and the second day for girls. The choice of the theme is explained by the wish of the trainers to bring the prisoners to meditate on their fate and to no longer commit an offense once expanded.

The AWCY, in collaboration with Terre des hommes organized this training for the first time on the occasion of 'Detainees Week' organized by the Ministry of Justice for detainees every year. Each of the participants (30

boys and 17 girls) produced at least one comic book where he or she expressed his dreams, what he plans to do when he is freed from prison. Some drawings show the desire of child prisoners to continue their studies, others want to learn trades, whereas girls expressed the wish to learn trades and especially to have a husband and children. These products were exhibited in a stand. The First Lady and the Minister of Justice visited the exhibition and appreciated this initiative. The participants appreciated this training and asked for other sessions. In addition, the AWCY of Mopti commemorated the International Migrants Day on December 18<sup>th</sup>. On the occasion, several activities were carried out: performance of Mopti's young musicians and local rappers, talks on the advantages and disadvantages of the internal and international migration. Mopti AWCY drama committee presented 02 performances on the advantages and the disadvantages of migration. There was also a projection of cartoon films of the AMWCY on mobility "Tounga 1: it can happen to you" and on the rights of the child "Tounga 2: listen, it concerns you" which ended the ceremony. These activities were carried out by the WCY in collaboration with the City Council.

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#### **\* Mauritania: National Meeting "Youth and Power to Act" in Nouakchott**

On December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the coordinating officer of the AWCY of Mauritania participated in a national meeting on the theme "Youth and Power to Act", organized by GRDR (Group of Research and Development in the Third World) and Ecodev as part of their project funded by the European Union. The meeting brought together youth from Kaedi, Kiffa and Ryda (Nouakchott) from the youth associations identified in the project. The AWCY is among the associations identified to benefit from the actions of this project. During this meeting, various topics were discussed such as: - Inter-associative collaboration in the service of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ESS) in Mauritania, - The role of associations in the participation of residents in local governance. There were guests from Mali "National Network for the Promotion of Social and Solidarity Economy", from France "NGO Together for Hope and Development" and from Algeria "SIDRA association".

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#### **\* Nigeria: Training for trainers in identifying children affected by mobility**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Abeokuta AWCY members and their facilitators participated in a day of the CORAL project 'training of trainers' and on methods on how to easily identify children affected by mobility. Participants were trained on how to recognize and identify children on the move, the best approach of listening to the child and properly assessing their situation, building trust and a successful relationship; with the help of the child, work with other members of the association, community members to propose solutions and provide supportive actions. This training registered 24 participants. This activity revealed that members and some participants had little or no knowledge of the skills in identifying and listening to children on the move. For this purpose, a role-play and theater were produced for a better understanding of the subject by the participants.

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#### **\* Chad: WCYs' workshop on capacity building for child protection**

From December 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2017, a workshop on capacity building was held in the city of Koumra for WCY in grassroots groups coaching, listening and finding solutions. The 24 participants came from 10 cities in Chad as delegates of their AWCY: N'Djamena, Bongor, Kello, Béré, Moundou, Benoye, Koumra, Koundoul, Bébédja and Gueleindin.

This workshop organized at the request of the WCY of Chad and with the financial support of Oak foundation, was co-facilitated by Neil Mbeng Marie Noël, former national delegate of the Cameroon AWCY and a supervisor from Dakar on behalf of the AMWCY.

During the first 03 days, the participants were trained and acquired knowledge on the organization of the AMWCY for the protection of children, its principles as well as the 12 rights of WCY, the techniques of observation, listening and problem analysis in a participatory way by and with the working children themselves.

This training session was followed by 03 days of technical support visits to 7 associations from different cities in Chad: Koumra, Béré, Benoye, Kello, Moundou, Bébédja and Bongor, which allowed participants to put into practice new knowledge acquired in the field.

Visitors met with grassroots groups, organized visits to partners and authorities (town hall, prefecture, district and village chiefs) to negotiate an official recognition of the AWCY of Chad in each of the cities. The visiting teams also organized door-to-door outreach activities, radio programs, public entertainment, posters, etc. to help children discuss their problems with parents. At least one new grassroots group is created in each of the cities visited through the meetings visitors had with children in markets and villages. The last part of the workshop was about feedback from the different teams, followed by a national coordination meeting which made it possible to identify the main recommendations to take on following this training workshop.

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