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* **Burkina Faso: Advocacy based on children on the move**

The phenomenon of national and cross-border migration of working children and youth in West Africa has become very worrying in recent decades. The NC/AWCY of Burkina in collaboration with the NGO Terre des hommes Lausanne has implemented advocacy actions for the consideration of mobility in the interventions of the provincial directorates of women, family and national solidarity, Houet, Kadiogo and Sourou and the labor regional directorates of Mouhoun, Center and Hauts-Bassins. In parallel with these advocacy actions, Tdh and the CNAWCY/B are developing information and awareness activities for children, parents, administrative authorities and community leaders in the cities of Bobo-Dioulasso, Tougan and Ouagadougou. Radio programs on the mobility of children in three radio stations, screenings of the cartoon film "Tounga 2: listen, it concerns you!" and awareness sessions on the exploitation of migrant children have been carried out. Added to this is the reproduction of the 7 positions on mobility as a reference for advocacy with traditional and religious leaders, employers of migrant children, and directorates for children for a better protection of migrant children.

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* **Côte d'Ivoire: Meeting of institutional actors, NGOs and AWCY**

The Terre des hommes Foundation Lausanne and the Association of Working Children and Youth of Côte d'Ivoire, have proposed to jointly carry out actions in Côte d'Ivoire to improve the protection of migrant children along the Abidjan-Noé corridor, in order to reduce their vulnerability and improve their access to development opportunities. To carry out these actions, the two structures organized a training course on " **children on the move approach and protective accompaniment of the child**" to the benefit of state structures, NGOs and associations for the defense of children's rights in the locality of Bonoua, Bassam and Abidjan. The session was held in Grand-Bassam from february 14th to 15th. It was attended by agents from the social centers, local authorities, the justice system, the media, the youth departmental structure, the national police, the coalition of children's and NGOs' organizations. They learned new experiences in protecting migrant children. At the end, the participants proposed to work in synergy to properly apply the experiences gained.

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* **Guinea: Football tournament to promote child rights**

In order to promote the Rights of the Child, the AWCY of Kissidougou organized a football tournament which theme is " **Let's protect Children for a brighter Future**". 16 teams from Grassroots Groups and 02 neighborhood teams participated in the tournament which started on February 19th in Kissidougou.

The objective of this event is to bring together the WCY of the city and other children around a single ideal that is to make children's rights known to parents, bosses and masters through sensitization and educational talks during half-time of the match. This initiative was welcomed and encouraged by the authorities, parents and bosses of the children. For its sustainability, WCY asked for help from local partners.

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* **Mali: Participation in the CLAPN meeting**

From January 16th to 17th, the Dravela grassroots Group (AWCY Bamako) participated actively in the session of the **Local Action Committee for the Eradication of Harmful Practices against Women and Children's Health** (CLAPN) in Commune 3. This workshop was organized by the Regional Directorate for the Promotion

of Women and Children. During this workshop, participants exchanged on the issue of child protection in commune 3 of Bamako. The grassroots group of Dravela presented the various child protection actions they conducted during the last three months. After the sharing of experiences among the members of the committee, they put emphasis on the problems children of Bamako are facing, which include: early marriage, forced marriage, begging, rape, child prostitution,...

To effectively combat these scourges, participants have proposed different solutions including denouncing cases of harmful practices to the competent authorities; formalising structures of commitment, sensitizing the population on harmful practices. At the end of this workshop, members of CLAPN committed themselves to carry out protective actions in order to eradicate the harmful practices to which children are exposed.

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*** Mauritania: Training on leadership and personal development**

From February 10th to 11th, the national headquarters of the WCY of Nouakchott hosted a training session on leadership and personal development, under the initiative of the AJDR (Youth Association for the Development of Ryad), with the participation of 5 WCY's associations of Nouakchott. The facilitation was provided by a youth team from the Yali program from Dakar.

This training, which aims to equip participants with new skills to have dynamic and functional associations, gathered four associations located at the commune of Ryad with a total number of 20 participants.

The choice of the AWCY is based on its actions in the field at Ryad commune through sensitization, talks, capacity building and child protection. The training continued on weekends throughout the month at the headquarters of the AWCY with themes such as Communication, Associative life.

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*** Niger: the WCYs at the best-wishing ceremony to the President of the Republic**

January was marked by a series of New Year greeting ceremonies to His Excellency Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger. As a member of the national coalition of civil society organizations, the national coordination of the AWCY, received an invitation card to present the best wishes of all the children of Niger in general and those of the WCY in particular to the government and the President at the presidential palace on January 8th. It was an opportunity for the coordination Officer of the AWCY of Niger to meet the highest authorities of the country, to exchange with them and to advocate for the protection of working children and those affected by armed conflicts. The authorities promised to double their efforts and to involve the WCY in the actions.

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*** Senegal: Participation of WCY in the ENDA TM demonstration and at the Global Partnership for Education Conference**

On February 10th, the WCY of Dakar, Guédiawaye, Pikine and Rufisque joined ENDA staff and partners in the ENDA-TM grand demonstration dedicated to African sovereignty. There were about 180 WCY wearing T-shirts, Caps, and banners featuring messages related to the celebration of ENDA's 45th anniversary. ENDA-TM is celebrating 45 years of building alternatives to the populations through concrete actions of accompaniment and valorization of the most deprived communities so that they find their place in the society as well as actions of capacity building, struggle for sustainable social transformations, participatory action research, environmental protection, innovations in terms of development, intuition and prospective for the future, etc.

Before, on February 1st and 2nd, the national coordination of the AWCY of Senegal participated in the Conference of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), held in Dakar, Senegal.

This conference gathered participants such as heads of state and ministers, technical and financial partners, the private sector, young activists, civil society as well as ambassadors for the cause of education. The experts exchanged on the theme: "An investment for the future". Other topics were addressed by the participants: the education of girls and the eradication of gender-based violence in schools. The national coordination of the AWCY of Senegal was invited to this conference because of the educational support that the AWCY provide to children in their areas of intervention: enrollment and re-enrollment of children in school, reintegration into school for drop-outs and support for school supplies to poor children.

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