



HUMAN RIGHTS AND PREVENTION OF TORTURE

THE ISSUE

In many African countries, international human rights standards and national laws on torture are unknown or not systematically applied. Additionally, access to legal assistance is denied to the poor and marginalized.

State actors and civil society need better tools to promote human rights and mobilize the population for the prevention of torture.

This project supports the capacity of key actors through a collaborative strategy. With large regional and national training sessions, we equip leaders of civil society, law enforcement and state institutions to act to prevent torture.

OUR SOLUTIONS



INFORM THE PEOPLE ON THEIR RIGHTS AND THE LAWS AGAINST TORTURE



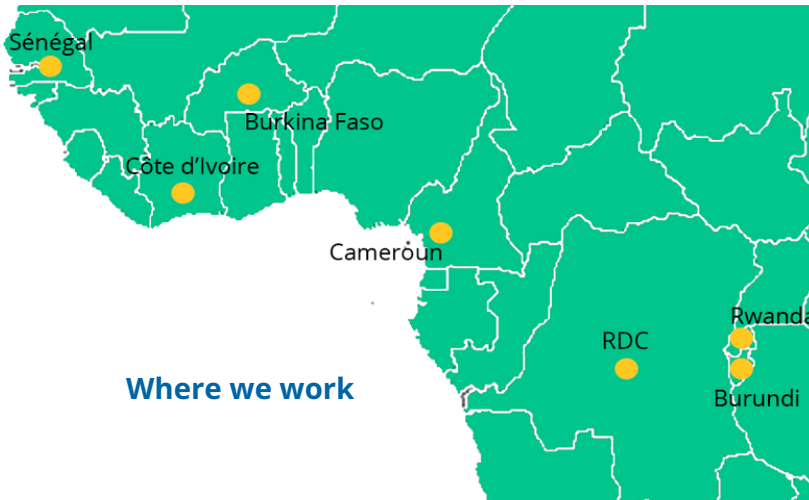
TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL STAFF TO APPLY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS



EQUIP LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WITH EFFICIENT TOOLS



SUPPORT THE REALISATION OF COLLECTIVE ACTIONS



Where we work

OUR APPROACH

We work for the advancement of equality, social justice and respect for human dignity through transformative education programs. We empower people to challenge inequality and discrimination and take action to make their communities safer and better places to be.

OUR IMPACT

- More that **2 million people** reached through radio shows, TV and newspaper
- **Dozens of members** of civil society, law enforcement and judicial staff gained awareness in regional (SRFDH) et national training sessions (Burkina Faso and Cameroon)
- More than **150 human rights defenders** trained in 5 different sessions since 2010
- **Several collective actions** implemented by the participants of the training sessions, addressing the access to justice, conditions of detention, applying international standards, treatment of children, etc.

"Before the training, I thought that torture could be legitimized in certain cases, but now I am convinced that nothing can justify it."
- Participant, Senegal

"It was a meaningful experience and it's important that other also have access to this training. Knowledge sharing is essential to get better results in human rights education".
-Participant, Burkina Faso

OUR PARTNERS

Prevention of torture in Francophone Africa is a joint project of Equitas and International Bridges to Justice (IBJ).

Equitas works in West Africa with Réseau Equitas Burkina Faso, Réseau Equitas Cameroun, Réseau Equitas Côte d'Ivoire, Réseau Equitas Sénégal pour l'éducation aux droits humains, Réseau Equitas RDC, Réseau Equitas Rwanda, L'École instrument pour la paix-Cameroun and Mouvement Burkinabé des droits de l'Homme et des peuples Our work in West Africa is funded by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the OIF.

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