Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers, we are pleased to share with you this monthly newsletter, dedicated to sharing and disseminating information about the activities of the NGO AcDev (Action et Développement).

This new issue takes us back into the institutional and organizational life of AcDev. In this new issue, you will find all the news for November 2025 about our projects, programs, and initiatives.

Thanks to the commitment of our teams, partners, and communities, significant progress has been made.

In addition, the "News in Brief" section is devoted to initiatives by our partners in which we have participated.

"Happy reading!"



Door-to-door compaign by the Yeumbeul Youth Action Mouvement to raise awareness about SR

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Exhibition hall - AcDev NGO stand at the IPPF General Assembly in Bali

Global meeting of the investor group (COSC/GFF) in Senegal

This annual workshop brings together civil society and young people from GFF partner countries to share experiences, define advocacy priorities, and strengthen commitment to health and nutrition.



Group photo the investor meeting in Dakar

Launch of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence –Gorée Island to host the 2025 edition



Awareness-raising at the Mariama Bâ High School of Excellence

On the occasion of the launch of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, it is important to highlight the alarming increase in violence, which calls for immediate collective action. The launch ceremony brought together numerous political and diplomatic figures, decision-makers, and NGOs.

The theme of this year's campaign, "Together, to end digital violence against all women and girls," reflects a worrying reality linked to the expansion of social media and its harmful impact on the daily lives of girls and women. Figures from a national study, conducted with the United Nations system and the National Agency for Statistics and Demography, confirm that: 20.4% of young women have experienced digital violence before the age of 18, and more than 80% of those surveyed have been victims at least once in their lives.

IPPF General Assembly in Bali (Indonésia)

From November 17 to 20, 2025, the Executive Director and Vice President of the NGO AcDev took part in the IPPF General Assembly, held in Bali, Indonesia. At this international event, a booth was reserved for AcDev to present its flagship initiatives, highlighting our initiatives, actions, and achievements in support of sexual and reproductive health. At the same time, the team presented the Dakar International Forum initiative to other partners during their visit to the booths. This participation reinforces our commitment and visibility within the international community.



Exhibition - AcDev NGO stand

AcDev : Projects in progress and achievements in November

1. Advocacy project for the health and well-being of adolescents/young people in West Africa, with the support of IPPF

❑ Workshop on sharing best practices organized by IPPF in Somone

The Luxembourg project participated in the best practices sharing workshop organized by IPPF from November 19 to 20, 2025, at the Horizon Baobab Hotel in Somone. This event provided an opportunity to discuss Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Abortion Care in West Africa (SCAAO) program, in which IPPF has helped improve access to person-centered abortion care for women and girls in Niger, Togo, and Cameroon, with technical support from the member association in Burkina Faso.

This annual workshop was a key moment to take stock of the successes and lessons learned from the first phase of the SCAAO program, officially launch Phase 2, and promote learning between projects through regional initiatives such as EmpowHer, Stand Up, and Luxembourg.

The main objective was to strengthen the institutional capacities of IPPF member associations to ensure the effective implementation of regional initiatives in line with the organization's strategic plan.

It was also an opportunity for AcDev, through the "Luxembourg" project manager, to present the various results achieved during the first year of implementation.

Among other results:

- Establishment of three regional advocacy committees officially recognized by decree of the governors of Saint-Louis, Matam, and Sédhiou;
- Training of 80 members of regional advocacy committees;
- Commitment by parliamentarians, the AUEL, journalists, and the chairs of the health commission of the Sédhiou region to promote reproductive health for adolescents and young people in Senegal;
- Commitment by the governor of the Saint-Louis region to obtain a plot of land for a center of excellence for young people;
- Etc.



Group photo of IPPF Member Associations during the workshop

2. Projects to combat early childhood malnutrition in Dakar funded by the Nous Cims and Roi Beaudouin Foundation

❑ Communication activities to promote behavioral change

Under the supervision of the project team and healthcare providers, IEC/CCC activities were implemented, with a particular focus on hygiene (hand washing, food and environmental hygiene) during the various awareness-raising sessions. The activities included cooking demonstrations to improve children's nutrition, highlighting popular recipes such as "Dakhine" and leaf-based sauce. Integrated Home Visits (VADI) were also carried out, offering personalized advice to households. At the same time,

"Jotayu Suxali Xaléyi" (talks) sessions were dedicated to sharing good hygiene practices.

❑ Review of the first year of implementation of the project to support the fight against malnutrition among children aged 0 to 5 and FAR in the department of Pikine (PALME-F)

During the coordination meeting held in the Pikine health district, attended by the management team, midwives, and stakeholders from the intervention posts (Sant Yalla, Municipal 2), the NGO AcDev presented the results of the first year of implementation of the PALME-F project. A total of 2,580 mothers and caregivers were reached, including 193 pregnant women. During the screening campaigns, out of 572 children screened, 57 were identified as moderately acutely malnourished (MAM) and 27 as severely acutely. malnourished (MAS). These results highlight the importance of strengthening collaboration with partners and the district to ensure comprehensive care for malnourished children.

❑ Empowering women and supporting women's groups

In order to consolidate achievements and ensure the sustainability of projects, AcDev collaborates with and supports women's groups through training, capacity building, and the implementation of income-generating activities (IGAs). These initiatives provide these groups with sustainable economic means and better access to basic social services, thereby helping to prevent malnutrition.



Meeting of women's groups

3. Project to promote reproductive health among adolescents and young peaple in Dakar, Fatick et Louga, with funding from IPPF

❑ AcDev at Hann Juvenile Detention Center: a conference, awareness-raising, and donation drive



The Hann Ex Forbe Detention and Correctional Facility (MAC), a prison exclusively for juvenile detainees, welcomed the NGO AcDev as part of its awareness-raising and learning efforts. Prioritizing education and preparation for life after detention, this facility aims to empower young people to avoid recidivism and promote their professional integration.

On this occasion, AcDev led a conference for the young inmates, addressing essential topics such as puberty, violence, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). These topics, which are often rarely discussed in prison settings, generated keen interest, fostering interactive and informative exchanges in an environment conducive to sharing.

The director of the MAC, emphasizing the unique nature of her institution, where education and rehabilitation take precedence over everything else, praised the valuable contribution of this intervention. "The conference was very well received by our residents. They participated actively, and the discussions that took place should have a lasting effect," she said.

She expressed her gratitude for the educational support and the donation of materials provided by AcDev, which will strengthen the overall care provided to inmates. "We remain open to ongoing collaboration in the future," she concluded.

This intervention illustrates the importance of partnerships with stakeholders in providing vulnerable young people with the tools they need to empower themselves and reintegrate into society.



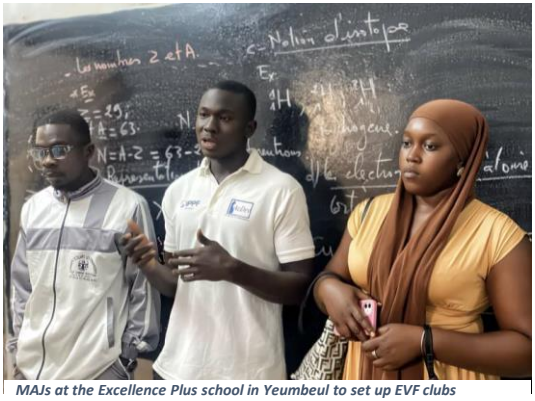
AcDev NGO team at the Hann Mariste juvenile detention and correctional facility

❑ Strengthening communication through the creation of EVF clubs in schools by the MAJ in Yeumbeul

The AcDev Youth Action Movement (MAJ) in Yeumbeul has launched a project to create Family Life Education (EVF) clubs in local schools.

MAJ members have made a series of visits to schools to present the project to principals and obtain their support. To date, five schools have been approached, three of which have already expressed their full agreement and willingness to collaborate.

The offices for these EVF clubs are scheduled to be set up at a later date, with activities expected to begin in the coming months.



MAJs at the Excellence Plus school in Yeumbeul to set up EVF clubs

❑ Awareness-raising activities, social mobilization, intergenerational dialogue, and reproductive health services

Several communication activities were carried out in the three regions covered by the project with the aim of strengthening the promotion of reproductive health among adolescents and young people. These activities were combined with free consultations and voluntary screening, which helped to mobilize a large community.



Awareness-raising carried out by the MAJ in a school

Echo from the regions

AcDev Fatick : participation in the regional multisectoral consultation meeting of SRAS stakeholders

On Friday, November 28, AcDev participated in the regional multisectoral consultation meeting of SRAJ stakeholders at the Fatick Regional Health Directorate. The purpose of this meeting was to monitor the first-half SRAJ indicators for the various sectors concerned with a view to guiding decision-making for the improvement of adolescent/youth health. AcDev took the opportunity to promote reusable sanitary pads and the activities of the IPPF project.



Meeting of the regional multisectoral consultation framework for SRAJ stakehoders

AcDev Louga : MAJ on Goree island

The MAJ in Louga, in collaboration with the Louga Theater Academy, gave a moving theatrical performance at the launch ceremony for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Against Women and Girls in Gorée. This initiative aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence and promote gender equality.



Artistic performance by MAJ Louga during the launch ceremony for 16 days of activism on Goree islan

News in brief

- **AcDev at the workshop to share experiences and reflect on climate change, the environment, and school**

The NGO EDUCO, or Fundación Educación y Cooperación (Educate to Heal), aims to contribute to solving problems related to the education of children and young people through access and quality, in line with the policies of the State of Senegal. Its programs also focus on child protection and the civic participation of young people and women. The objective of the activity is to guide members on the content of the key components of a project that takes climate change and the environment into account in schools.

News in brief (continued)

- **AcDev at the 6th International Forum on Participatory Democracy in Africa**

The International Observatory of Participatory Democracy in Africa (OIDP Afrique) held the sixth edition of the International Forum on Participatory Democracy in Africa (FIDEPA06) in Dakar from November 4 to 6, 2025. This annual event, organized in partnership with several local actors and under the auspices of the Senegalese Ministry of Local Government, brought together around 1,000 participants from 43 countries. The forum addressed the central theme "From Resilience to Sovereignty: The Roles of Cities, Territories, and Actors," structured around three axes: democratic, and digital sovereignty.



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