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True to the community-based approach that guides all of its actions, Coalition PLUS develops and coordinates a set of networks to promote synergies and the exchange of best practices between structures in order to better respond to the challenges encountered by the populations most affected by HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis. Today, Coalition PLUS deploys linguistic, thematic and geographic networks around the world. In particular, its geographic networks currently take the form of 6 sub-regional Platforms on the African continent, in Europe and in the Americas-Caribbean area. In cooperation with the other networks and with the support of the French Development Agency (AFD), these Platforms now aim to strengthen and capitalize on community-based expertise in the fight against HIV/AIDS through capacity-building, support for advocacy and the structuring of community-based research in the Global South.

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The Platforms, Coalition PLUS geographic networks

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In 2018, with the support of the French Development Agency (AFD) and the French member of the coalition, OECD, four sub-regional Platforms for AIDS, Central and East Africa, West Africa, MENA Region and Global South were established in the Maghreb, West Africa, Central and East Africa and the Lusophone Africa. The four sub-regional Platforms act in complementarity with all the Coalition PLUS networks, and in particular with the Lusophone network, coordinated by GAT, the Portuguese member of the coalition. This Lusophone network is present in the African countries: Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe.

The Platforms support over 50 associations in the fight against AIDS, spread across 23 African countries. The technical assistance they provide to their partners covers technical operations (screening, care, key population services, technical assistance) and also community structuring (financial management, resource mobilization, follow-up evaluation).

These Platforms work to make progress within the field of research and advocacy. Within each Platform, strategic lines of action are co-constructed with the member associations and draw on expertise throughout the region. Through the principles of civil society leadership and shared governance, these Platforms unite community-based actors around a desire to impact the policies of a people, a country, a region or a continent.

In order to disseminate best community-based practices, the Platform trained 70 peer educators in demedicalized community-based testing in the CAR.

As such, following the peer educator training program, it was possible to multiply the number of stakeholders on-site and to reach the most isolated communities. Indeed, only half of people living with HIV have access to care and treatment. In the Republic of Congo, for example, this situation is even more serious with 4,523 people still infected with HIV. The ANJFAS specialized centre, run by the PACE, but also thanks to the Platform’s technical assistance, was able to implement this in 2018 in the CAR.

In the Republic of Congo, for example, this platform is vital to bring an end to the country’s recurrent medical shortages. Indeed, community-based associations play a monitoring role and run to set an alert system for authorities. These Platforms and the ANJFAS collaborated for greater participation of civil society in the HIV/AIDS response and notably within the framework of the emergency plan for West and Central Africa.

In the Republic of Congo, for example, only half of people living with HIV have access to treatment. The cause: the lack of healthcare professionals and infrastructure, which hinders the testing of people in the remote regions. The lack of money seriously behind in the HIV/AIDS response. In this context, the sharing of tasks between peer educators and community-based actors makes it possible to multiply the number of stakeholders and to reach the most isolated communities. Indeed, only half of people living with HIV have access to care and treatment. In the Republic of Congo, for example, this situation is even more serious with 4,523 people still infected with HIV. The ANJFAS specialized centre, run by the PACE, but also thanks to the Platform’s technical assistance, was able to implement this in 2018 in the CAR.

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