

PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS OF THE COALITION PLUS INDIAN OCEAN PLATFORM (PFOI)



PILS, association supporting the PFOI

PILS (Prévention Information Lutte contre le Sida) is a community-based structure created in 1996, at the initiative of its current Executive Director, Nicolas Ritter. For over 20 years, the association has fought for the rights of PLWHA and key populations in Mauritius, while at the same time providing prevention and psychosocial support services. A member of Coalition PLUS since 2013, PILS is strengthening its community-based approach through advocacy for greater inclusion of people living with HIV within its projects and

programs. Its expertise, field knowledge and its activist commitment make PILS a key player in the response to the HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis epidemics in the region. A Principal Recipient of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS since 2012, the association also meets the efficiency and good management criteria required by multilateral donors.

The Platforms, Coalition PLUS geographic networks

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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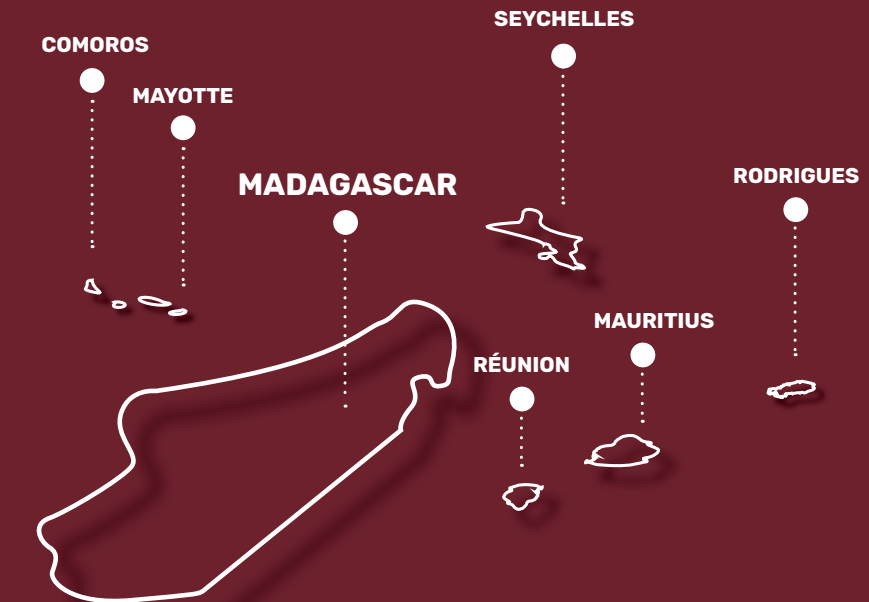
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Strong civil societies to build a world without AIDS

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An international union of community-based NGOs in the fight against AIDS and viral hepatitis founded in 2008, Coalition PLUS now operates in 52 countries and works with some one hundred associations. Through its principle of shared governance, our union involves 16 organizations from the Global North and Global South in its strategic decision-making.

Promoting the community-based approach lies at the heart of our union's actions, and requires the systematic involvement of people infected with, affected by or particularly vulnerable to HIV and viral hepatitis at the very core of decision-making processes and the implementation and evaluation of health programs concerning them

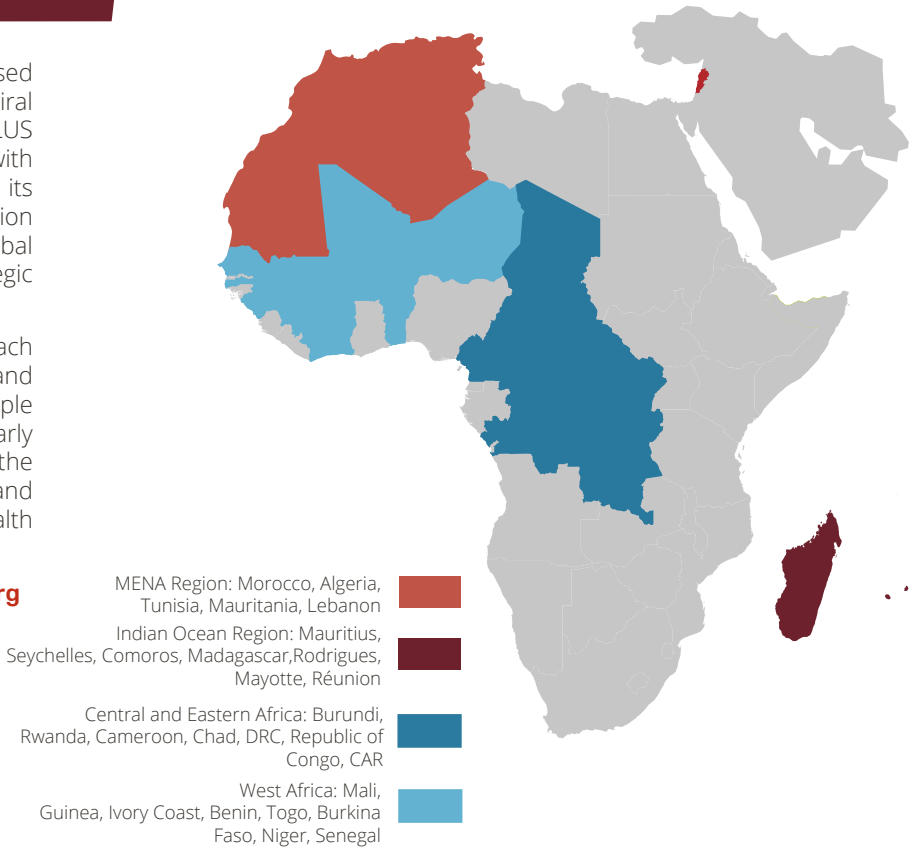
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4 Sub-regional platforms on the African continent

In 2014, with the support of the French Development Agency (AFD) and the French member of Coalition PLUS AIDES, four sub-regional Platforms for the capacity-building of civil society were established in the Maghreb, West Africa, Central and East Africa and the Indian Ocean. They are respectively led by the ALCS (Morocco), ARCAD-SIDA (Mali), the ANSS (Burundi) and PILS (Mauritius), also Coalition PLUS members. These four African 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 five 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, etc.) as well as community structuring (financial management, resource mobilization, follow-up/evaluation).



THE COALITION PLUS INDIAN OCEAN PLATFORM (PFOI)

Capacity-building and developing synergies between stakeholders

Launched in 2014, the PFOI is led by the PILS association based in Mauritius. To date, it provides support for 18 community-based associations in the fight against HIV/AIDS in 5 countries (Comoros, Mauritius and Rodrigues, Seychelles, Madagascar, the overseas departments of Mayotte and Réunion) in building their capacities and developing national and regional synergies in terms of fundraising and advocacy.

The PFOI encourages a community-based approach in its projects and programs by giving a sense of commitment to all stakeholders in the community for the right to health, social justice, solidarity, autonomy and respect. It works closely and for a better response with the stakeholders in the fight against AIDS in the 5 countries in the Indian Ocean zone: associations, governments and donors, including the World Fund, international organizations and the private sector.



HIV/AIDS in the Indian Ocean region: flagrant inequalities in health coverage

Although Réunion is a successful example in terms of care, Madagascar is one of the countries with the lowest level of antiretroviral coverage (ARV) in the world: according to UNAIDS estimations, only 5 people living with HIV (PLWHA) out of 100 are on ARV treatment.

Each territory faces specific challenges when it comes to the fight against AIDS: the implementation of a Harm Reduction (HR) policy is therefore of key importance to achieving the 90-90-90 goals in Mauritius and the Seychelles, where the epidemic is

concentrated around people who inject drugs (PWID). The Comoros is experiencing a worrying level of stigmatization and discrimination against PLWHA on the part of the general population and some health professionals.

The PFOI firmly believes in the vital role of civil society in challenging public policies regarding the AIDS response and contributing to social change. Reducing inequality and discrimination is essential to better access to health for key populations.

STRATEGIC AREAS OF ACTION

COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND STIS

HARM REDUCTION FOR PEOPLE WHO USE PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS

ACCESS TO PREP



MAD'AIDS network, partner association of the PFOI in Madagascar:

"Thanks to the support of the PFOI, through Médecins du monde, we were able to organize a Health Week for women living with HIV in Madagascar. This event enabled many women to come to the forefront and to share their experience with their peers, the difficulties they have encountered and the best practices they have adopted."

With the support of:



A solidarity-based public financial institution, AFD is the central stakeholder in France's development policy. It is committed to projects that tangibly improve the daily lives of populations in developing and emerging countries and in French Overseas Territories. Present in 109 countries via a network of 85 agencies, AFD currently supports over 4,000 development projects. In 2018, it committed 11.4 billion euros of funding to these projects. Find out more at: www.afd.fr



The 5% Initiative, launched in 2011, is France's second means of contributing to the Global Fund. It provides technical assistance to over 50 countries, primarily French-speaking, to help develop and implement Global Fund programs. This scheme is supervised by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and is put in place by a dedicated team within the Expertise France Health Department. Find out more at: www.initiative5pour100.fr