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**FONDATION
MÉDECINS DU MONDE**

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EDITORIAL

Women's rights remain severely violated worldwide. Only 44% of partnered women are able to make decision over healthcare, sex or contraception. Each year, 287,000 women die from pregnancy or childbirth complications. One in three women experiences physical or sexual violence in her lifetime. Faced with these intolerable realities, the Médecins du Monde Foundation relentlessly fights for the health and dignity of the most vulnerable women.

This fight is more crucial than ever as the backlash movement rises and hard-won women's rights are challenged. Feminist associations, at the forefront, see their fight threatened while they are desperately lacking funding, with a median budget of only 30,000 dollars. Less than 1% of Official Development Assistance is allocated to them.

Thanks to your generosity, we already support 14 of these associations, such as LEARN in Afghanistan, Culture and Free Thought in Gaza, or SEMA helping survivors of violence in Ukraine. However, the scale of the challenges calls for always going further.

Your unwavering commitment remains key to enabling these associations to continue their indispensable action for women's empowerment.



To amplify the impact of these actions and finance other programs, your commitment is essential and precious. We call on you to continue supporting those who are fighting to build a fairer world, with and for all women.

Catherine Giboin,
President of the Médecins du Monde Foundation

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, the foundation provided financial support to partners facing emergency situations:

- **In Gaza** : Our partner Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA), led by Majda Al Saqqa, manages a community center in Khan Younis, in the south, which offers family planning services. In October 2023, the center welcomed over 1,000 displaced persons. CFTA organized distributions of tents, mattresses, clothing, hygiene products, and financial assistance, complemented and coordinated with the Fondation de France and CCFD Terre Solidaire.
- **In Afghanistan** : Following the earthquake in the Herat region in November, our partner LEARN distributed essential goods to 200 families.



NEW PARTNERS 2023

The French and Polish organization ADDP and the Ukrainian organization SEMA Ukraine, supported by Dr Mukwege's organization SEMA Congo, support and connect Ukrainian women, survivors of sexual violence.

Since the war started, those organizations have warned international community about the high level of violence experienced by women. Indeed, they organized a conference in Poland in November 2023. 80 survivors from Ukraine, Kosovo and Bosnia were able to connect and exchange, with the presence of lawyers and psychologists expert in Gender Based violence.

HIGHLIGHTS



Scientific Day april

Conference organized with Médecins du Monde on the theme:
Influence of research on public policies.



Afghan Women's Voices november

Conference organized by the Médecins du Monde Foundation on the situation of Afghan women.

With the participation of:

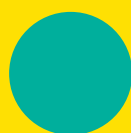


Marwa, young Afghan student in France, heroine of the podcast Inside Kabul by Caroline Gillet on France Inter, recounting her departure from Kabul.

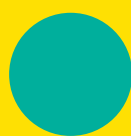


Fatimah Hossaini, artist photographer in residence in France.

SUPPORT



ADVOCATE



SHARE



**FONDATION
MÉDECINS DU MONDE**

ONGOING FUNDED PROJECTS



AFIA MAMA

Funding: €180,000 for 3 years
Democratic Republic of Congo

CAUSA JUSTA

Funding: €50,000 for 2 years
Colombia

COALITION CGND

Funding: €120,000 for 3 years
Democratic Republic of Congo

CULTURE AND FREE THOUGHT ASSOCIATION

Funding : €104,000 for 3 years
Emergency assistance: €20,000
Palestine

SCIENTIFIC DAY OF MÉDECINS DU MONDE

Funding: €14,000 annually
France

LEARN AFGHAN

Funding: €48,000 for 2 years
Emergency Aid: €10,000
Afghanistan

PALOMA

Funding: €60,000 for 3 years
France

HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES

Funding: €15,000 annually
France

ROSES D'ACIER

Funding: €60,000 for 3 years
France

SEMA UKRAINE

Funding: €20,400
Ukraine

SILVER ROSE

€150,000 for 3 years
Russia

AFIA MAMA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



Directed by Annie T. Mody, Afia Mama is a civil society organization created in 2012 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The name "Afia Mama," meaning "women's health" in Swahili, illustrates the organization's belief that a healthy woman is a strong woman capable of bringing change in her life and others'.

Its social mission includes :

- Legal protection and assistance for young girls and women living with HIV/AIDS.
- Empowerment and entrepreneurship of young girls and women living with HIV/AIDS in the agro-pastoral sector.
- Development of partnerships with civil society, hospitals, and public health centers.

Afia Mama is Médecins du Monde's privileged partner in Kinshasa. The organization deploys a program for women and youth between 10 and 24.

The program includes:

- Providing sexual and reproductive health care in five public health centers, along with a pilot program to reduce the risks associated with back-street abortions.
- A prevention and education program with a referral system for youths to public health centers.
- National advocacy for access to safe and legal abortion, in partnership with the Coalition Against Unwanted Pregnancies (CGND).

€ 180,000

Overall funding
for 3 years



CAUSA JUSTA

COLOMBIA



In Colombia, a feminist movement stands up for women's rights.

Causa Justa, which means "Just Cause," has been bringing together civil society organizations since 1998, including Médecins du Monde as part of the Mesa por la Vida y la Salud de las Mujeres (Table for Women's Life and Health). Together, they fight for Colombian women's sexual and reproductive rights.

Their struggle is being fought on two inseparable fronts:

- Consolidating and expanding the legal framework to ensure sustained access to legal abortion.
- Improving women's and girls' access to safe abortion, sexual health education, and related rights.

In 2023, Mesa Por la Vida concentrated its efforts on two major objectives:

- Continuing advocacy to strengthen and extend legislation guaranteeing access to safe abortion.
- Conducting in-depth studies to analyze the impact of decriminalization and identify remaining obstacles.

Each legislative advance and improvement in health services is a victory for Colombian women in their quest for freedom and dignity. Causa Justa and its organizations tirelessly pursue this essential fight.

€ 50,000

Overall funding
for 2 years



COALITION CGND

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a unified and powerful voice rises for women's rights. The Coalition Against Unwanted Pregnancies (CGND) brings together 7 national and international organizations, including Afia Mama. Médecins du Monde is a key partner of the Coalition, a collective determined to reduce unwanted pregnancies and their terrible consequences.

Under the direction of different members, like the Association for Family Well-being (Association pour le Bien-être Familial) in 2023, CGND focuses its effort on two main objectives :

- Strengthening collaboration and synergy among its organizations to increase the effectiveness of advocating
- Working collectively for the adoption of legislative frameworks guaranteeing women's rights and health.

Since 2016, CGND has been been relentlessly working on:

- Continuous training of its members in advocacy techniques.
- Raising awareness about unwanted pregnancies through training and campaigns.
- Promoting the Maputo Protocol, a founding text of the African Union aimed at promoting and protecting women's rights in Africa by integrating women's rights into national legislations. The protocol addresses key issues such as combating harmful practices (genital mutilation, early/forced marriages), political and economic empowerment of women, the right to education, reproductive health, and property rights.

Every campaign, training session, and legislative advance is a victory to allow Congolese women to freely choose their lives. The CGND fights for their voices to be heard and respected.

€ 120,000

Overall funding
for 2 years

CULTURE AND FREE THOUGHT ASSOCIATION

PALESTINE



In Gaza, a determined movement upholds Palestinian women's rights.

Since 1991, the Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA) has been fighting for the empowerment and education of women leaders, driven by the conviction that respecting human rights is key to change.

Today, CFTA manages five centers dedicated to children, youth, women, and people with disabilities. These centers are places of freedom and education where the association focuses its energy on two inseparable fronts:

- Offering quality family planning consultations to Palestinian women.
- Providing access to modern contraception methods.

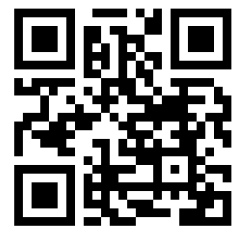
In Gaza, where contraceptive methods are scarce and the Ministry of Health struggles to respond to the situation, CFTA's fight is essential. In the past three years. Thanks to Médecins du Monde, CFTA has been strengthening its capacity:

- Ensuring the availability of contraception in its women's center.
- Conducting vigorous advocacy for sustainable solutions with authorities.

Every woman informed, every consultation, every advance in sexual and reproductive rights is a victory for women's empowerment. CFTA tirelessly fights for Palestinian women to freely choose their lives.

€ 104,000

Overall funding
for 3 years



€ 20,000

Emergency assistance

SCIENTIFIC DAY OF MÉDECINS DU MONDE



For Médecins du Monde, research and innovation are the driving forces behind increasingly just and effective action. In this spirit, the 8th edition of the Scientific Day of Health and Humanitarian Action was held on April 6th in Paris.

Organized with the association at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris, this key event is:

- A privileged moment for exchanging on major health, poverty, and humanitarian action issues.
- A place to showcase the latest advances in socio-medical research.
- A forum for reflecting on the influence to have on these works on public policies.

This year, the day brought together exceptional personalities, including:

- Florence Rigal, President of Médecins du Monde.
- Stéphanie Vandentorren, Coordinator at Santé Publique France.
- Myriam Ait Aissa, Head of Research at Action Against Hunger.
- Marie Jauffret-Roustide, Sociologist at INSERM.
- Irène Frachon, Pulmonologist at Brest University Hospital and whistleblower.
- Sophie Zaccaria, General Delegate of the Médecins du Monde Foundation.

The round tables and rich discussions allowed for sharing reflections and concrete action plans. In fact, for Médecins du Monde, improving lives inevitably involves deepening knowledge.

€ 14,000

Annual funding



LEARN AFGHAN

AFGHANISTAN



In Afghanistan, the issue of girls' education is a constant struggle. LEARN Afghan, founded by the exceptional Pashtana Durrani, relentlessly fights to ensure girls' access to knowledge despite numerous obstacles.

This extraordinary activist, honored with the Tällberg Award and named in the BBC's top 100 influential women in 2021, has been designated a champion of education by the Malala Fund. In 2023, she also received the Global Citizen, Central European University Award and Muhammad Ali Award, further accolades commensurate with her inspiring commitment. An honor worthy of her inspiring commitment:

- Distributing computers and tablets to access offline classes.
- Enabling over 7,000 girls and boys in the Kandahar region to continue their education.
- Training 80 teachers to support this educational revolution.

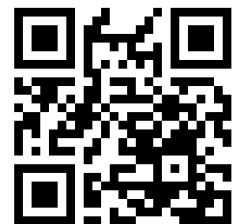
LEARN's efforts don't stop there. With the support of the Médecins du Monde Foundation, the NGO also implements a program dedicated to girls' and women's health:

- Providing consultations and medical follow-ups to 432 women and children.
- Raising awareness among 900 young women about menstrual hygiene management.
- Breaking taboos, stigmas and discrimination related to menstruation.
- Allowing them to experience this natural period with dignity.

Each educated girl and each emancipated woman is a victory for Afghanistan. On April 18th, 2023, friends of the Foundation had the opportunity to exchange with Pashtana Durrani and be inspired by her visionary energy.

€ 48,000

Overall funding
for 2 years



10 000 €

Emergency assistance

PALOMA

FRANCE



In France, an essential battle is taking place for sex workers' rights. Paloma, an organization born in 2017 with the support of Médecins du Monde, demonstrates unwavering commitment for this cause.

Paloma's resolutely community-based approach places the concerned individuals at the heart of the action:

- Recognizing their skills and abilities to act for their health.
- Promoting risk reduction related to their activity.
- Fully involving them within the organization and the decision-making processes.

Effectively, for Paloma, the support can only be effective if it emancipates from any moral judgement. That is why, the organization set two inseparable objectives:

- Identifying and removing barriers to accessing rights and healthcare.
- Offering social support to those willing, but only at their express request.

In that quest of justice and dignity, Paloma stands out as a pioneer by:

- Revealing protective measures that are still too often violated.
- Strengthening sex workers' agency and autonomy by all means.

Every new liberated voice is a step forward against the violences and discriminations suffered by sex workers. A step closer to equity and respect for all.

€ 60,000

Overall funding
for 3 years



HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES

FRANCE

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Published three times a year, this bilingual French-English journal, available in print (700 to 800 copies distributed) and online (5,000 to 6,500 visitors per month on the website) provides a privileged space for reflection, exchange, and in-depth analysis on major humanitarian issues. The print edition is sent to all subscribers, financial and academic partners.

In 2023, the magazine celebrated its 7th anniversary with a “7 years of reflection” campaign.

It therefore, also addressed pressing topics in this journal issue:

- Issue 22 (March 2023) - Mental Health: From Awareness to Implementation.
- Issue 23 (July 2023) - International Humanitarian Law: A Grand Return... Backwards?
- Issue 24 (November 2023) - Central America: A Forgotten Subcontinent?

In each issue, experts and new voices connect and get to exchange to analyze, decode, and propose new ideas to progress. With a guiding principle: offering a sincere and rigorous perspective on a constantly evolving humanitarian world.

This editorial freedom and the rigorous questioning make Humanitarian Alternatives an essential actor in the debate of ideas. A voice that challenges assumptions to advance reflection and action.

€ 15,000

Annual funding



ROSES D'ACIER

FRANCE



In France, a determined and solidarity-driven force works for the rights of Chinese migrant women. Roses d'Acier, an organization created in 2014 with Médecins du Monde, is a beacon of mutual aid and empowerment.

The association's approach is resolutely community-based, for and by the primary stakeholders. Its board is exclusively composed of Chinese migrant women, often in precarious situations or sex workers.

In 2023, more than 250 members were united under the banner of this extraordinary association. Their modest symbolic membership fee is way more than just a financial contribution:

- It fosters a sense of belonging to a supportive community.
- It ensures deep ownership of the associative structure.
- It gives them the strength to feel considered and respected.

Because, beyond making essential services accessible – reception services, sociolinguistic workshops, collective breakfasts – Roses of Steel mainly fights to restore strength and dignity to each of those women.

The association continues its actions to combat discrimination and violence.

Each woman supported in her empowerment is a victory against injustice.

60 000 €

Overall funding
for 3 years



SEMA UKRAINE - ADDP POLAND



In Ukraine, the war leaves deep wounds far beyond the front lines. Faced with the massive sexual violence endured by women, a coalition of Polish and Ukrainian organizations is mobilizing to provide unprecedented responses.

SEMA Ukraine, a collective mainly composed of activists who themselves survived the atrocities committed during the Donbass war in 2014, leads the initiative. Chaired by Iryna Dovgan, the association tirelessly supports women from occupied territories to the most exposed conflict zones.

At the end of 2023, SEMA Ukraine allied with several Polish structures, including the Association for the Defense of Democracy (ADDP) and the Polish Center for Torture Survivors Foundation, to organize a seminar in Leszno.

For two days, about thirty experts from various countries shared their perspectives to define comprehensive support for survivors, including:

- Psychological aspects and reconstruction.
- Social dimensions and reintegration.
- Medical, legal, and reparative components.

But the approach went way further by integrating primary stakeholders' voices. Five Ukrainian women were thus invited and offered to extend this experience with a therapeutic stay for care and rest in Poland.

A pioneering approach, supported by the Médecins du Monde Foundation, to develop comprehensive solutions and allow impacted women to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

€ 20,400

Overall funding



SILVER ROSE

RUSSIA



In Russia, the community movement Silver Rose, initiated in 2003 by activist Irina Maslova in Saint Petersburg, tirelessly fights for the rights and dignity of sex workers.

For years, authorities tried to silence these dissenting voices, even refusing to grant the collective official legal status. This long struggle was finally won in 2019 with the creation of the Astarta Foundation.

With the support of the Médecins du Monde Foundation, Silver Rose deploys its full energy to promote a lifesaving approach: harm reduction. This model was internationally recognized as the most effective way to fight against HIV and STIs.

Its main goal: to provide to the 1,724 sex worker beneficiaries in 2023, mostly women, the key elements to exercise their rights and take control of their health.

- Prevention actions for HIV, STIs, and violence.
- Peer training in prevention and leadership.
- Advocacy for better access to healthcare.

The main drive of Silver Rose is the empowerment and mobilization of the primary stakeholders to identify and implement solutions tailored to their needs.

In 2023, Silver Rose took part in an international conference in October on the rights of sex workers. The collective also organized its annual gathering dedicated to this cause in December.

Every sensitized worker and every gained right are a decisive advance. Silver Rose fights to ensure that these voices are never again silenced in Russia.

150,000 €

Overall funding
for 3 years

**THE
MÉDECINS
DU MONDE
FOUNDATION**



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MÉDECINS DU MONDE**

OUR MISSION

Supporting women-led organizations dedicated to women's rights and health

The Médecins du Monde Foundation aims to **sustainably improve the rights and health of the most vulnerable women** (poverty, conflict zones, refugees, etc.) in France and internationally through three key actions:

SUPPORT

Supporting civil society organizations led by women.

ADVOCATE

Funding innovation and field research.

SHARE

Sharing operational and research results.

The ten members of the Médecins du Monde Foundation's Executive Committee, chaired by Catherine Giboin, an expert in women's rights and health, analyze each project and prioritize:

- Structuring actions for the long term and multi-year fundings.
- The development potential of funded organizations and their capacity to foster and develop female leadership.

The Médecins du Monde Foundation is hosted by the Foundation de France and is overseen by its rigorous control and management procedures.



1 in 3 women

experiences physical or sexual violence in her lifetime.



287,000 women

die each year from pregnancy or childbirth complications.



70 %

of those living below the poverty line are women.



164 million women

who would prefer to avoid pregnancy don't have access to effective contraception.

But



Only 7%

of the foundations in France fund feminist causes.



Only 0.4%

of public development aid is dedicated to associations working for gender equality.

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Médecins du Monde Foundation was created in 2014, under the aegis of the Fondation de France, by the association Médecins du Monde and three co-founders (Jérôme Cazes, Denis Martin, Gervais Pélissier), major donors and engaged actors in the economic world.

The foundation is directed by an Executive Committee (Comex) that includes the co-founders, Médecins du Monde members, donors, and public health experts. The committee meets regularly to:

- Validate and adopt the foundation's budget.
- Review, evaluate, and select the funded projects.
- Contribute to resource development and the foundation's outreach.

Our 10 Comex members

on December 31, 2023



Sana de Courcelles

Global health expert



Catherine Giboin

President of the Fondation Médecins du Monde, expert in sexual and reproductive health



Anne-Claire Girault-Pouget

- Director of Human Resources Europe & Middle East at Chanel.



Michel Kazatchkine

Senior Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in International Affairs and Development, Geneva.



Mari-Noëlle Jégo-Laveissière

Directrice Exécutive, Executive Director, CEO of Orange Europe (excluding France).



Jean de Kersvadoué

Emeritus Professor at CNAM, health economist.



Denis Martin

Co-founder of the Médecins du Monde Foundation.



Gervais Pellissier

Co-founder of the Médecins du Monde Foundation, Deputy CEO, Director of Human Resources and Transformation Group, Orange.



Florence Rigal

President of Médecins du Monde.



Joël Weiler

- Director General of Médecins du Monde.

DONATE



Recognized as a public utility, the Médecins du Monde Foundation allows you to benefit from an advantageous tax relief for your Income Tax (IR) or Wealth Tax (IFI).

66%

of your donation is deductible from your Income Tax (IR) **up to a limit of 20%** of your taxable income.



Tax deduction on IR 2024 for donations made **before December 31, 2024**

75%

of your donation is deductible from your Wealth Tax (IFI) **up to a limit of €50,000.**



Tax deduction on IFI 2023 for donations made **before June 8, 2024**

3 WAYS TO DONATE

- Online secure donation on fondation-medecinsdumonde.org
- By cheque to Fondation Médecins du Monde – 60509 Chantilly Cedex
- By wire transfer IBAN FR76 3005 6005 0205 0200 0753 327

DONATIONS AND TAX DEDUCTION

The Real Estate Wealth Tax (IFI) is calculated on the net taxable real estate assets exceeding €1.3 million. This means it is based on the value of real estate assets that are taxable after deducting debts, as of January 1st of the year.

HOW TO DONATE AND BENEFIT FROM TAX DEDUCTION

You can reduce your IFI by donating to the Médecins du Monde Foundation. The calculation is simple: divide the amount of your IFI by 0.75. For example, if you owe €1,500 in IFI, you can fully deduct your tax by making a donation of €2,000.

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