

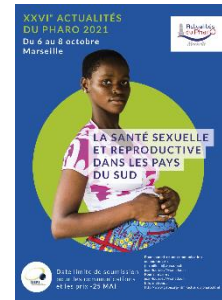
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### AFD and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

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AFD has made the rights-based approach to sexual and reproductive health one of the key pillars of its work to empower women.

Between 2016 and 2020, AFD allocated €199M to activities related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, mainly in poor countries prioritized by French ODA, including €52M to French civil society organizations and their local partners via the "CSO Initiatives" mechanism. It funds projects and actors that work to improve access to comprehensive and quality sexual and reproductive health services with a focus on youth and adolescents. Historically involved in sexual and reproductive health within the framework of the mother-child care continuum, AFD has gradually broadened its scope of intervention to include rights issues and the fight against gender inequalities in its operations in line with France's increasingly strong positioning on these issues. AFD structures its action around 3 key themes

- Ensuring a comprehensive and quality sexual and reproductive health service offer adapted to adolescents;
- Promoting demand and supporting changes in norms and behaviors;
- Combating and improving the management of gender-based violence.

AFD supports States in the design and implementation of their national policies. It supports civil society organizations, notably through the "CSO Initiatives" mechanism, and helps build their capacities. It also promotes regional approaches by supporting inter-state organisations.

Partnership dialogue is at the heart of AFD's action and it works closely with regional organisations, financial partners, numerous civil society organisations and research institutes. The production of knowledge plays an essential role in supporting the change of standards.