



Coalition Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre sur le Travail du sexe **CAFOC-TS**

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DENUNCIATION OF CAFOC-TS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FACE OF THE RESURGENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES TO SEX WORKERS IN CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA

We, organizations and structures of sex workers, members of the Management Committee and Commissions of the West and Central Africa Coalition on Sex Work, CAFOC-TS, meeting in special session, have noted a total degradation of the human rights situation of sex workers during this period of containment due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Francophone countries which is manifested by;

- *Atrocious acts of beheading in public in CAMEROON in the English-speaking zone with regard to sex workers;*
- *Acts of rape and sexual violence perpetrated by agents committed to enforcing barrier measures, as a means of pressure on sex workers;*
- *Total exclusion of sex workers from government and civil society organizations' support for sex workers;*
- *Lack of attention to the specific needs of Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic;*
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- *Difficulty of movement due to the disproportionate restrictive measures put in place by countries without taking into account the migratory movements of sex workers.*

In spite of all the above, the member organizations of the West and Central Africa coalition on sex work, CAFOC-TS denounces the violence and human rights abuses against sex workers and calls for consistent support for the actions of CAFOC-TS, through its member organizations for the protection of sex workers in the Francophone zone of West and Central Africa.

Demand to governments:

- *The respect of human rights for ALL, rights of sex workers;*

- *To make provisions for the protection of sex workers;*
- *Demands that the Cameroonian government take measures to protect sex workers living in the English-speaking zone who are beheaded in the street; And that sanctions be issued.*

Request the technical and financial partners to :

- *Support the CAFOC-TS Strategic Plan through its strategies for strengthening the health and protection rights of sex workers during this period at COVID-19 ;*
- *Lobby country governments for the improvement of human rights in French-speaking region to Central and West Africa, which are subject to serious human rights violations;*
- *To improve the quality of sustainable and empowering funding for CAFOC-TS and its members;*

To the member organizations:

- *To document all acts of rape, violence and sexual violence against sex workers in their country, region and neighborhood; And to share it with the Enabling Environment Commission for sharing and publication for objective advocacy.*

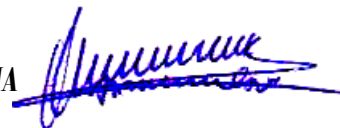
To the sex workers:

- *To avoid dangerous, high-risk areas and to share information through groups of socio-secure networks and mapping of risk areas;*
- *To use CAFOC-TS member organizations as a reference to be the reliable and secure information for protection and awareness and prevention on COVID-19 and other endemic diseases.*

FOR COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS:

1. **UMANDE/DR.Congo**

Aimée NSHOMBO FURAHA




2. **END SOPPEKU/SENEGALE**

LALA MATISA W



3. **BLETY/COTE d'IVOIRE**

Josiane TETY



4. **AFAZ / TOGO**

TELE MENSA



5. **ALCONDOMS /CAMEROUN**

PATRICK FOSTO



6. **YERELON+ / BURKINA**

DJENEBA OUEDRAOGO



7. **HODSAS/RD.Congo**

Modeste MAMBO AMISI



For CAFOC-TS this August 20th, 2020

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