

COMOROS ISLANDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION		
1.	PROJECT TITLE	STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY OF FEMALE JOURNALISTS IN THE COMOROS
2.	NUMBER	IPDC/59 KM/02
3.	AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM IPDC	USD 11,676
4.	PROJECT BENEFICIARY	ASSOCIATION DES FEMMES COMORIENNES DE LA PRESSE

B. PRESENTATION

1. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

The advent of democracy in the Comoros Islands in the 90s was marked by an opening up of the media landscape - particularly in the printed-press and audiovisual media sectors - but many media houses are still forced to close down due to the heavy financial burden. Community radio and television stations have appeared practically everywhere throughout the country, despite a lack of opportunities for training in journalism and communication in the Comoros. The female journalist members of the AFCP are aware of the shortcomings that prevent them asserting themselves fully in their jobs and playing a role in the development of the country. The lack of formal training among most of the journalists working in the Comoros constitutes a barrier to the emancipation of Comorian women: female journalists are glaringly absent in the fields of politics and economics, with programmes which leave much to be desired in social terms although open to them in their media houses. Women also join media houses but without any basic training or the opportunity for ongoing training due to their deficiencies, which does nothing to facilitate their development as journalists. They have no input in the fight to promote Comorian women in general, and female journalists in particular. The aim of the project, therefore, is to organize a 1-week training workshop on the production of a news report and a media interview, as well as on the ethical principles of journalism, for 20 members of the Association des femmes comoriennes de la presse (AFCP). The course will be divided into 2 parts: a theoretical part, which will address themes such as the definition of news, news reports compared to other journalism genres such as investigations, report writing, the steps involved in producing news reports, and the advantages of news reports and interview compared to other journalism genres. The course will also focus on the Comorian Media Charter and journalism ethics. The second part will be more practical in nature, with the production of news reports in the field in partnership with the Comorian Radio and Television Service, and print-media outlets such as Al-watwan.

2. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE:

Provide 20 female members of the Association des femmes comoriennes de la presse (AFCP) with a 1-week course on the production of news reports and on conducting media interviews so that, on completion, they will be able to perform their jobs in their respective media houses in full knowledge of the rules applicable to news processing while adhering to the ethical principles and values of the profession.

3. ACTIVITIES:

A 1-week (7 days) training workshop for 20 female members of the AFCP, on news processing techniques for the production of an investigative report.

4. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK:

The Association des femmes comoriennes de la presse (AFCP) is an umbrella organisation whose membership includes practically female media workers in the Union of the Comoros. It was established in 2013 and seeks to:

- Promote the role and image of women in the media;
- Foster knowledge acquisition among Comorian female journalists through information;
- Provide opportunities for training and professional development;
- Defend and protect its members in the exercise of their profession, with a view to promoting freedom of the press;
- Encourage Comorian women to take an interest in news, both national and international, so that they are better informed and more actively involved in their own self-development.

BREAKDOWN OF IPDC CONTRIBUTION (in US dollars)		
1 national trainer (USD 100 * 7 days)	USD 100	700
Inter-island travel for 4 beneficiaries (USD 150 * 4 trips)	USD 150	600
DSA for 4 beneficiaries coming from Moili and Anjouan (USD 120 * 8 nights *4 beneficiaries)	USD 120	3840
Participants' travel expenses to Ngazidja (USD 18 * 16 participants * 7 return trips)		2016
20 professional-grade recorders for the participants (USD 60 *20 participants)	USD 60	1200
Video projector rental: (USD 30 * 7 days)	USD 30	210
Ink for the reproduction of documents (USD 10 * 20 kits)	USD 100	200
10 reams of paper (USD 10 *10)	USD 100	100
Coffee breaks and lunches (USD 15 * 7 * 22 participants/trainer/assistant)	USD 15	2310
2 flip-chart rolls (USD 30 * 2 rolls)	USD 30	60
2 boxes of markers (USD 10 * 2 boxes)	USD 10	20
Note pads (USD 5 * 20 participants)	USD 5	100
Box of pens	USD 20	20

Field reporting expenses (15 * 20 participants)	USD 15	300
Total		11,676

BREAKDOWN OF BENEFICIARY'S CONTRIBUTION (in US dollars)	
Room rental (143 * 7)	1001
Course supervision (100 * 7)	700
Total	1701