

OUR ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC INTERVENTIONS

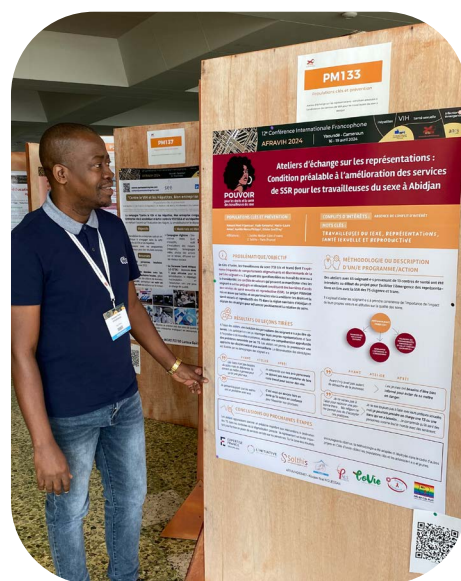
Solthis was established by university doctors and is supported by scientific group of experts in health and development, therefore we have many different partnerships: research institutes, university hospitals, universities, African networks and humanitarian organisations. Since its inception, Solthis has actively participated in major international public health conferences.

AFRAVIH 2024

Yaoundé, Cameroon (16-19 April)

At the Francophone conference on HIV, hepatitis, sexual health and emerging infections, Solthis had a strong presence, with a booth, a symposium and several interventions. The SANSAS symposium brought together more than 150 people on the topic of the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) of young people, with an inspiring testimony from youth leader, Abdourahmane Niang.

Five oral presentations shared the progress of IPOP, PAJES (on unintentional pregnancies in schools in Guinea) and technical assistance projects in Cameroon and Niger. Posters highlighted the POUVOIR (photo) and COVACOM projects and two technical assistance projects carried out in Cameroon. The SUCCESS II project was launched at a symposium, led by Expertise France, the lead organisation of the consortium.



ACSHR 2024

Rabat, Morocco (26 February - 2 March)

At the Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights, Solthis stepped up its work on these issues. In partnership with Médecins du Monde Burkina, RAES Senegal and Equipop Guinea, we conducted a session to highlight our empowerment workshops in Côte d'Ivoire. We presented three oral communications, a poster and at our booth the OhWoman!© game generated a great deal of interest.

Our teams also participated in the **25th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2024)** in Munich, Germany (22-26 July) and the **7th EVA Regional Seminar on Paediatric HIV in N'Djamena**, Chad (28 February -1 March).

Scientific publications

We carry out research related to our projects, some of which is published after they have closed out.

In 2024, the **ATLAS** project (completed in 2022) produced [eight publications on HIV self-testing](#) in West Africa. The **TB-Speed** project produced two articles on childhood TB: one on [cost/effectiveness](#), the other [on operational outcomes](#). Publications from the **AIRE**, **AIRPOP** and **COVACOM** projects have also been produced. Finally, our experts contributed articles on projects in [Guinea](#), [Senegal](#) and [Sierra Leone](#).



Find out more about our academic and scientific partners

OUR ADVOCACY WORK

Through our projects in West Africa, our scientific roots and links with French and international institutions, Solthis' advocacy work is developed based on evaluations of project work and results from research.

Our advocacy work has a two-pronged objective:

- **scaling up projects that have shown promise;**
- **sharing our experience, and that of partners, with the international community to improve health policies and the functioning of international initiatives.**

Advocacy that has a multiplier effect: strengthening teams and partners

Building on the tangible outcomes of our projects and knowledge produced with national partners, institutions and civil society, we want to bring about concrete changes in the policies and approaches of health actors and strengthen patients' rights and health systems.

Advocacy on SRHR and combating gender-based violence

In 2024, the PAJES project in Guinea ended after 3 years. The project trained 9,000 young people and raised the awareness of more than 37,000 people via our partner Ablogui's Génération qui Ose digital platform. A study on unintentional pregnancies and sexual violence in school settings has broken taboos. An advocacy plan on free contraceptives was led by the Coalition, another Solthis partner for PAJES.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, [three reports were broadcast on France.tv.afrique, RFI and ARTE](#) (in French) on the SRHR projects Pouvoir and Agir in Côte d'Ivoire.

Advocacy around One health: antimicrobial resistance and challenges in the fight against malnutrition

In 2024, the Thiellal project - One Health - also ended. Building on the [One Health approach](#), three policy briefs were published on antimicrobial and antibiotic resistance and the parallel medicines market.

At the One Sustainable Health Forum at the end of October, Solthis and its partners co-authored a [forum, published in Wathi, the West African citizen think tank](#), outlining that malnutrition issues must be at the heart of the One Health approach.

Global interventions to improve global health

Solthis influences the global health agenda by participating in conferences, coordinating bodies, and in coalition with its partners to request funding and policies adapted to global health priorities, that are favourable to the most vulnerable countries and populations.

Solthis challenges the French public authorities and international institutions on their role in health. Our presence on the National Council for Development and International Solidarity (CNDSI), as a civil society representative, on the CSUD, the Initiative Group and the Global Health Collective (CSM) enables us to put forward our requests and those of our partners.

Solthis is also a member of the international initiative to prevent future pandemics (PREZODE), the One Sustainable Health Forum, the Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children by 2030 launched by WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS, and in countries where we have permanent teams, we participate in the coordination bodies of health and development partners.

We also work in coalition to ensure that the major multilateral mechanisms (Global Fund, UNITAID, Gavi, etc.) and donors respond as closely as possible to the concrete needs of the most vulnerable populations.

International solidarity and global public health under threat

This activity report is being published in June 2025 and the threat to international solidarity is extreme. France cut more than 40% of its official development assistance in 2025.

US President Trump has signed the end of US aid, led by USAID and PEPFAR (HIV/ AIDS programme), with dramatic consequences for our partners.



Some reading (in French):

- [*Côte d'Ivoire: the end of US aid in Transversal*](#)
- [*Interview with our Chief Executive Officer in Challenges - Budget cuts to development assistance : an inconsistent stop-and-go*](#)