

OUR ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC INTERVENTIONS

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

One Sustainable Health Forum

Lyon, France (2 – 5 November)

The OSH Forum - One Sustainable Health is held every year on One Health Day.

The third OSH Forum, which is a major international event, brought together experts from more than 30 countries in Lyon to discuss human, animal and environmental health issues. The objective is to promote an integrated and sustainable approach to health, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Solthis teams presented the Seneya project, supported by AFD and the Foundation S, which aims to strengthen health systems facing climate change in the department of Sédhiou in Senegal, by integrating dimensions of human, animal, agricultural and environmental health.

Alongside AVSF, we also presented the Thiellal project, funded by AFD, which mobilized communities from Vélingara in Senegal to take action on the One Health determinants through agroecological transition and reducing chemical use.

ICFP

Bogota, Colombia (1 - 6 november)

Solthis participated in the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP), a major event for sexual and reproductive health actors across the globe.

Through a side event, a booth, an oral presentation, a poster presentation and three other posters we were able to present our SRHR strategy, our projects, our impact and our tools, including the OH WOMAN® educational game and our anatomical boxes.

Our side event entitled «Taking care of yourself, taking care of yourself together: self-care approaches as a catalyst for empowerment», brought together participants from around the world to discuss initiatives to strengthen female empowerment and taking back ownership of their bodies. At the end of the event, we organized a self-gynecology workshop for 5 participants - a new and enriching experience, based on listening, discovering one's body and kindness. In this context of budget cuts and reduced development aid, opportunities for dialogue and collaboration are essential to maintain collective mobilization.

Our teams also participated in **the 14th Annual Meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership (RAPO2025)** in Lomé and the **23rd International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA 2025)**, 3-8 December in Accra, Ghana.



OUR ADVOCACY WORK

ADVOCACY THAT HAS A MULTIPLIER EFFECT:

Building on tangible outcomes from our projects and knowledge produced with national partners, institutions and civil society, we want to bring about tangible changes in health actor policies and approaches and strengthen patient rights and health systems.

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 how international initiatives function.**

ADVOCACY FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH INNOVATIONS

In 2025, Solthis worked hard to advocate for more equitable access to HIV treatment innovations in West Africa.

Through an article published in The Conversation, Solthis, IRD and CRCF warned about the difficulties of access to long-term injectable antiretroviral treatments in the region. Although these treatments represent a major advance in the HIV response in the North, research to evaluate their effectiveness in West Africa is blocked due to a lack of access to the drugs necessary for clinical studies.

 [Read more: Injectable antiretroviral drugs for HIV: an impossible evaluation in West Africa? \(in French\)](#)

ADVOCACY FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND HEALTH

The POUVOIR project built on existing initiatives and enabled Solthis and its partners to move national legislation forward in Cote d'Ivoire and to align most of relevant national law with the Maputo Protocol on Abortion, through revision of Article 427 of the Penal Code ([see full results here](#)).

GLOBAL ACTION TO DEFEND GLOBAL HEALTH

Solthis continues its advocacy work with French and international institutions to defend global health based on solidarity, equity and the sustainable health systems strengthening.

Through our presence on various forums we are able to raise the demands of our partners and the communities they work with, particularly around funding and policies that are adapted to global health priorities, that are favorable for countries and that are aligned as closely as possible to the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

We are present on the French National Council for Development and International Solidarity (CNDSI), we are civil society representatives within Coordination Sud, and we are on the steering committees of L'Initiative and France's global health strategy, Groupe Initiative and Collectif Santé Mondiale. Solthis is also a member of the One Sustainable Health Forum, the Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children by 2030 launched by WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS, and participates in coordination bodies for health and development partners in countries where we have permanent teams.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND GLOBAL HEALTH SEVERELY UNDERMINED

International solidarity is being significantly challenged due to huge cuts in official development assistance, both in France and internationally, which directly threatens access to healthcare for millions of people.

In France, official development assistance (ODA) budget cuts are causing great concern. Solthis has spoken publicly to warn about the consequence of these decisions for health systems and for the most vulnerable populations and has called for continued ODA, in particular funding for the French Development Agency and L'Initiative.

In addition, the sudden cuts to significant US funding, in particular USAID and PEPFAR, has already led to visible dramatic consequences: interrupted programs, weakened community facilities, reduced access to treatment and prevention and vaccination campaigns threatened.

Solthis has shared various projections which predict that these reductions could lead to millions more deaths in coming years if the international community does not mobilize quickly.

 [Listen here: Dramatic consequences of the decrease in international health aid - Décryptage - RFI - interview with our Chief Executive Officer \(in French\)](#)