

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

I have had the honor of being Chair of Solthis for nearly ten years.

What an adventure into humanity, health and solidarity we have been on since 2003!

Solthis was initially established to improve and empower systems for accessing testing, care and treatment for people living with HIV, in partnership with local health facilities and community organizations, and we have gradually expanded the focus of our work.

Our work has expanded to focus on women's health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B), childhood tuberculosis, self-testing and self-care, and cervical cancer prevention. Solthis has developed adapted approaches to respond to these challenges, combining education, information, training, structured care pathways, advocacy and operational research. We have also strengthened our climate and health linkage expertise, for example through the SENEYA project in Senegal.

Cuts in international funding for development aid and research since 2024, in particular by the United States and European governments, have left us in shock and have had a direct impact on affected populations. Now is the time to take action.

We are also seeing geopolitical changes in our main intervention region. Regime changes in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso, as well as official standpoints about partnerships with France, have profoundly changed the context of our work. Closure of Solthis in Niger is scheduled for end of June 2026 and follows close out in Mali. This is an unfortunate but inevitable consequence, despite consistent collaborative activities and tangible results in Niger since 2004.

We are also concerned about an increasingly intolerant and obscurantist climate that risks isolating populations who need prevention, testing and care.

Despite the current context, but without being naive, we want to preserve the precious links and contacts we have built with our partners because education, health and environmental issues are not going away.

This activity report provides an opportunity to collectively reflect on Solthis' work.

The organization's achievements demonstrate how relevant our work is and the Strategic Guidance Document 2030, which is currently being drafted, will be hugely important.

Continuing areas of work: ongoing projects, consolidating relations with our donors, technical assistance, and mobilizing our support globally to identify new health solutions.

Other areas will be more complex. Opening up new collaborative opportunities and new projects, in line with needs identified and our expertise, and monitoring how our financial position evolves in this difficult context.

We hope you read this activity report carefully and that it provokes reflection and discussion. I would like to thank all the Solthis teams, past and present, at head office and in the field, as well as all our partners in the countries where we operate.

Let's decide together the future we want to build for Solthis.

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Chair of Solthis

