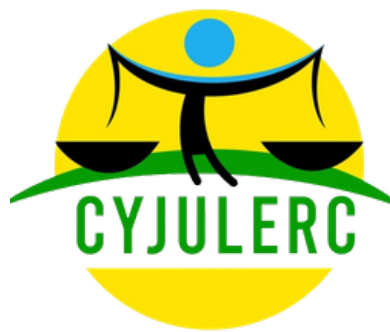


ANNUAL REPORT

Translating Rights Into
Reach



KEY STATISTICS OVERVIEW

142

SGBV cases supported in 2024

76

Oral abortion orders issued by Prosecutors

40

Partner health facilities by year-end



JUSTICE ESTHER AYUK

Reflections on our impact in 2024



We work because legal consciousness is itself a form of protection. When a community knows its rights, a survivor is more likely to come forward. When a paralegal is trained, a case is more likely to reach a courtroom. When a Prosecutor understands the protocols of SGBV response, a young woman walks out of a clinic with both care and a referral. When an adolescent girl learns about her body and her choices, she is harder to silence

In Cameroon, the distance between what the law promises and what a woman, a girl, or a child actually receives can be vast. A statute exists, but the courthouse is a day's travel away. A right is guaranteed, but no one in the community knows how to claim it. A survivor of violence is entitled to protection, but the pathway to a Prosecutor, a medical officer, or a safe space is unclear, costly, or closed. This is the gap CYJULERC was built to close

In 2024, we continued our work as the Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Centre — a feminist, human rights organization translating laws into services that women, children, and marginalized communities can actually use. Our 2024 work was anchored by three quarterly cycles of the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) project — Periods 3, 4, and 5 — running across the South West, Littoral, and Centre regions of Cameroon.

LEGAL AID SERVICES

Overview of our legal aid services provided in 2024



In 2024, CYJULERC provided **comprehensive legal aid services** to women and girls affected by gender-based violence. Our dedicated team supported over 142 cases, ensuring that marginalized individuals received the **necessary representation** and guidance. By collaborating with local partners and health facilities, we aimed to enhance access to justice for vulnerable populations in our community.

The legal aid services included training for community **paralegals and advocates**, enabling them to effectively assist those in need. Additionally, we launched a **complaint-to-care pathway**, streamlining the support process. Our initiatives not only empowered individuals but also raised awareness about legal rights, helping to foster a more informed and resilient community in Cameroon.

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS

Overview of initiatives promoting women's health and rights



In 2024, CYJULERC significantly expanded its **SRHR initiatives**, reaching over 6,000 women and girls. These efforts included educational workshops and community outreach, empowering individuals with knowledge about their rights. Our partnerships with local health facilities enabled access to essential services, ensuring that women receive **comprehensive support** for reproductive health issues and safe abortion access.

We also launched a groundbreaking program, "Dignity Delivered," providing **1,000 reusable pads** to 100 girls. This initiative not only addresses menstrual hygiene but also promotes educational attendance. By engaging communities in dialogues about SRHR, we aim to dismantle stigmas and empower women to advocate for their own health rights, creating lasting social change.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Insights and findings from CYJULERC's research efforts



In 2024, CYJULERC focused on conducting **comprehensive research** that aimed to enhance understanding of the legal and social barriers faced by women and girls in Cameroon. This included surveys, interviews, and collaboration with local communities to gather data that informs our programs and advocacy efforts for safe abortion access and gender-based violence response.

Our research initiatives led to **significant findings** that not only highlighted the pressing issues but also offered actionable recommendations. By engaging with affected populations, we were able to identify gaps in legal aid services and SRHR knowledge, ultimately aiming to promote better policies and practices for women's rights and health throughout Cameroon.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

Strengthening skills for women and girls' empowerment



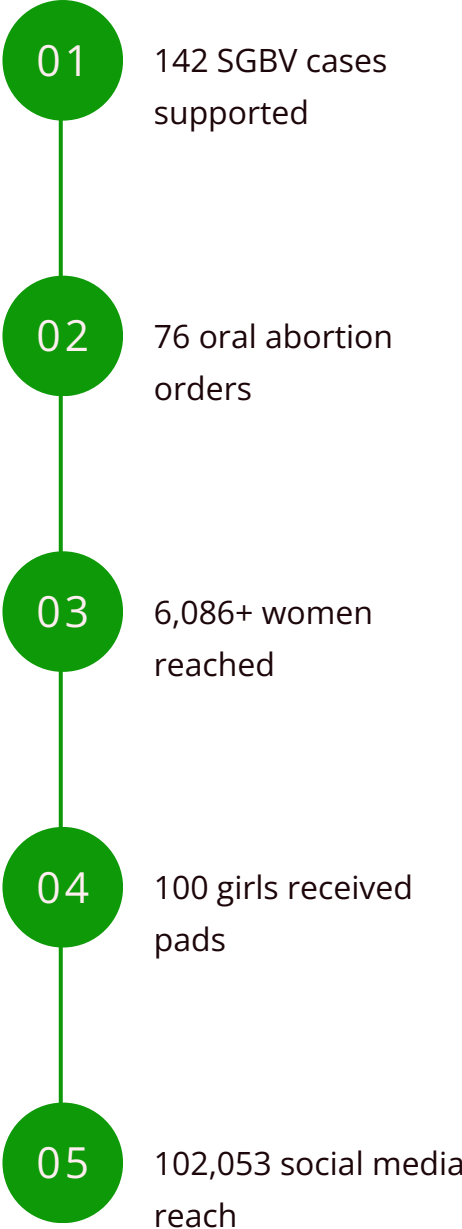
In 2024, CYJULERC implemented various capacity building programs aimed at empowering women and girls. These initiatives provided participants with essential skills, including legal literacy, advocacy training, and self-defense workshops. By equipping them with knowledge and tools, we enabled them to **navigate legal systems** and advocate for their rights within their communities, fostering a more equitable society.

Our capacity building efforts also focused on enhancing the capabilities of local partners and community leaders. Through strategic alliances and **collaborative workshops**, we promoted the exchange of best practices and resources. This approach ensured a sustainable impact, as participants were encouraged to take ownership of the initiatives, thereby strengthening local networks and fostering community resilience.

MILESTONES

Key Achievements Overview

The timeline below highlights the **significant achievements** and progress points made by CYJULERC throughout 2024. Each milestone reflects our commitment to **advancing women's rights** and enhancing access to services for vulnerable populations. These key achievements not only showcase our impact but also demonstrate the collaborative efforts of our team and stakeholders in creating a safer and more equitable environment for women and girls in Cameroon.



FROM LAW

to Court Order

In a landmark case, a young woman named **Amina** faced legal barriers when seeking safe abortion services. With the support of CYJULERC's legal team, she was guided through the complexities of the law, ultimately obtaining the necessary court order that affirmed her right to choose.

This case highlights the urgent need for **accessible legal support** in Cameroon. Amina's journey illustrates the broader challenges women face in navigating legal systems, reflecting the organization's commitment to translating rights into tangible outcomes. Through ongoing advocacy, we strive to empower women like Amina to reclaim their rights.



DIGNITY DELIVERED

1,000 Reusable Pads

In 2024, CYJULERC launched the **Dignity Delivered** initiative, providing 1,000 reusable pads to 100 girls. This effort aimed to combat menstrual stigma and ensure that girls can attend school without the burden of lacking sanitary products.

Empowering young women is crucial for their **health and education**.

The program also included educational sessions on **menstrual hygiene management**, equipping girls with vital knowledge. Feedback from participants has shown significant improvement in their **self-esteem** and engagement in class. By addressing menstrual health, we are taking significant steps toward gender equality and **empowerment**.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

This section highlights our reach metrics, showcasing the **impact and scope** of CYJULERC's work with women and girls in vulnerable situations across Cameroon.



SGBV RESPONSE

Advocacy workshop outcomes and university research insights



In August 2024, CYJULERC held a pivotal **advocacy workshop** in Buea, aimed at increasing awareness and responses to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). This event gathered key stakeholders, including legal practitioners, health workers, and community leaders, fostering collaboration to improve **support systems** for survivors of SGBV in the region.

Concurrently, university research initiatives were undertaken to gather data on the prevalence and impact of SGBV. This **research provided** crucial insights into the challenges faced by survivors and the effectiveness of current services. The findings will inform future interventions, ensuring they are evidence-led and tailored to meet community needs effectively.

LEGAL AID SERVICES

Understanding the complaint-to-care process for women



The **complaint-to-care pathway** is designed to ensure that women and girls facing legal issues receive timely and appropriate support. Our trained legal professionals guide clients through the process, ensuring they understand their rights and options. This approach empowers individuals to seek justice and reclaim their dignity in challenging situations, making legal aid accessible for those in need.

By streamlining the **complaint-to-care process**, we enhance the effectiveness of our legal aid services. This pathway includes initial assessments, case documentation, and follow-up support, ensuring that clients receive comprehensive assistance. Our goal is to create a supportive and responsive environment that addresses the unique challenges faced by women and girls navigating legal hurdles in Cameroon.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Highlighting partnerships and digital growth initiatives



In 2024, CYJULERC facilitated a **significant roundtable** discussion with the British High Commission. This event focused on advancing safe abortion access and improving responses to gender-based violence. The partnership aimed to leverage international support to enhance local initiatives and establish collaborative strategies for impactful outcomes in the community.



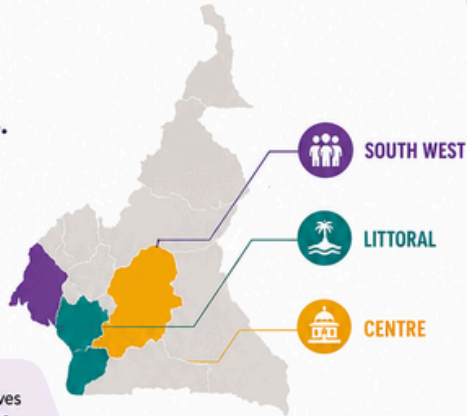
Our digital growth initiatives have led to an impressive engagement, reaching over **102,053 individuals** through social media platforms. This surge in online presence allowed us to disseminate valuable information on women's rights and health, fostering a supportive community. We continue to utilize digital tools to **amplify our message** and encourage dialogue among stakeholders.

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

Overview of regions served by CYJULERC's programs

CYJULERC REACHING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS.

CYJULERC has made significant strides in reaching vulnerable populations across the South West, Littoral, and Centre regions of Cameroon.



Our focused initiatives address the needs of women and girls, ensuring they access essential **legal and health resources** to empower them.



By building partnerships with community organizations, we strengthen our outreach and impact in these areas.



FOCUS ON THE LITTORAL REGION

In the Littoral region, CYJULERC has successfully established **collaborations** with local health facilities and legal aid organizations to enhance service delivery.



OUR PROGRAMS HAVE REACHED
THOUSANDS
OF INDIVIDUALS

promoting awareness around:



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS (SRHR)



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



This commitment to engagement has fostered a **supportive environment** for our target demographics.



CYJULERC

Our Mission and Vision

The Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Centre (CYJULERC) is a **feminist human rights NGO** dedicated to advancing safe abortion access and legal aid for displaced women and girls. We strive to respond effectively to gender-based violence and promote the **rights of all women** through evidence-led advocacy and support.

At CYJULERC, we believe in **empowering women** and girls by providing essential legal resources and education. Our programs focus on enhancing access to reproductive health services, offering legal assistance, and fostering a supportive community for those affected by **gender-based violence**. Together, we work towards a future where every woman can claim her rights.



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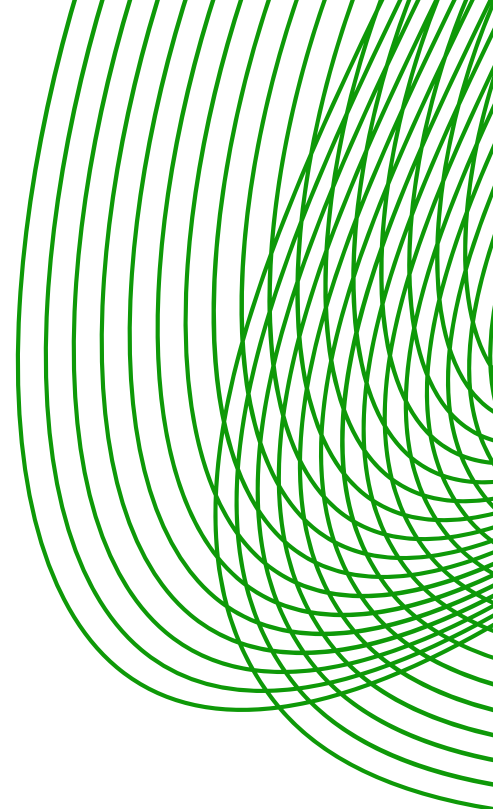
Trust and Security

At CYJULERC, we are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of **safeguarding and accountability**. Our policies ensure the protection of all individuals we serve, promoting a safe environment where rights are respected and upheld. We prioritize transparency and responsiveness in all our operations and interactions.

Our commitment extends to rigorous training for staff and volunteers on safeguarding practices. We actively engage with our communities to build trust and ensure that every individual feels safe and heard. By fostering a culture of accountability, we aim to empower those we serve and enhance our efficacy in human rights advocacy.



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