

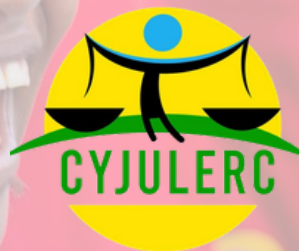
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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President, CYJULERC

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 medical officer 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 magistrate, a medical officer, or a safe space is unclear, costly, or closed.

This is the gap CYJULERC was built to close.

In 2025, 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 approach has not changed, because the need has not changed. What has changed is the depth of our engagement: deeper partnerships with health workers, lawyers, paralegals, magistrates, police officers, community leaders, and the civil society organizations that hold these systems accountable.

128.2

million FCFA

31

Activities

50,000+

women and girls reached



In 2025, the broader context made this work both harder and more necessary. Sexual and gender-based violence remains widespread and under-reported. Access to justice is uneven across regions. SRHR information is still treated, in too many places, as a subject too sensitive for the people who most need it. Children's rights are spoken of more often than they are enforced. And the civic space for organizations like ours - feminist, rights-based, community-rooted continues to require careful navigation.

We respond to this not with despair, but with method. CYJULERC is small, deliberate, and accountable. We work where we can be useful. We partner where partnership multiplies impact. We document, because evidence is the precondition of advocacy. And we centre the people whose rights are most at stake; women, girls, children, and those living at the edges of the systems meant to protect them.

This annual report is our account to you our partners, our donors, our communities, our board, and the public of what was done in 2025, what it meant, and what remains. We thank every individual and institution who walked this year with us. The work continues. The rights remain. And our commitment to making them real is undiminished.

This is unglamorous, patient work. It does not always make headlines. It is measured in cases supported, in trainings completed, in awareness sessions held in communities that the formal system rarely reaches, in radio broadcasts that travel where roads do not. It is also measured in trust – the trust a survivor places in a paralegal she has just met, the trust a community leader places in a young jurist who has come to listen before she speaks.



"A right that cannot be claimed is not yet a right. Our work, simply, is to make rights claimable."



A YEAR OF TRANSLATING RIGHTS INTO REACH

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YEAR IN REVIEW

*Four offices. Three regions. Five program areas. Thirty-one activities.
One purpose: closing the gap between rights and reach.*

In 2025, CYJULERC delivered programming across the South West, Littoral, and Centre regions of Cameroon, with operational reach extending to the Far North through our Kousseri office. We executed 95.4% of a 134.4 million FCFA programme budget 128.2 million FCFA in total expenditure across thirty-one activities. The work was anchored by twelve funding sources, four offices, thirty staff members, nineteen named expert consultants, and a network of forty partner health facilities that grew from sixteen at the start of our flagship Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) project.



FOUR PROGRAM AREAS

Our 2025 expenditure was distributed across five interconnected rights-based programmes:

SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS (SRHR)

~46.2
MILLION
FCFA (36.1%)

Three SAAF cycles, two flagship public events (International Menstrual Hygiene Day; International Safe Abortion Day), reusable napkin production, and outreach to internally displaced communities

SGBV RESPONSE AND ADOLESCENT EDUCATION

~22.9
MILLION
FCFA (17.8%)

The 16 Days of Activism campaign, six new SRHR/SGBV school clubs, peer educator training, and adolescent sexuality education across high schools and communities.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

~21.6
MILLION
FCFA (16.9%)

Three-level NTFP processing, beauty product manufacturing for rural women, and two natural juice production workshops for out-of-school girls and sex workers.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND COMMUNICATION

~15.7
MILLION
FCFA (12.2%)

Health worker training, focal person identification and training in 36 communities, social media campaigns reaching over 848,000 people on Facebook alone, and influencer collaborations.



WHOM WE REACHED

CYJULERC's 2025 programming centred on people often missed by formal systems: internally displaced women and girls living in camps and host communities; sex workers in fifteen newly integrated communities; adolescent girls in high schools and out-of-school settings; survivors of sexual and gender based violence seeking medical and legal redress; rural women in Mamfe and surrounding areas; and the health workers, magistrates, paralegals, and community focal persons who serve them.

22,700+

Women and girls who visited our 40 partner health facilities in 2025



142

SGBV cases managed by our legal aid teams across SAAF Periods 6 and 7



17,641

Women and girls who receive family planning services



9,524

Persons reached through community focus group discussions



851

Women and girls who received safe abortion care

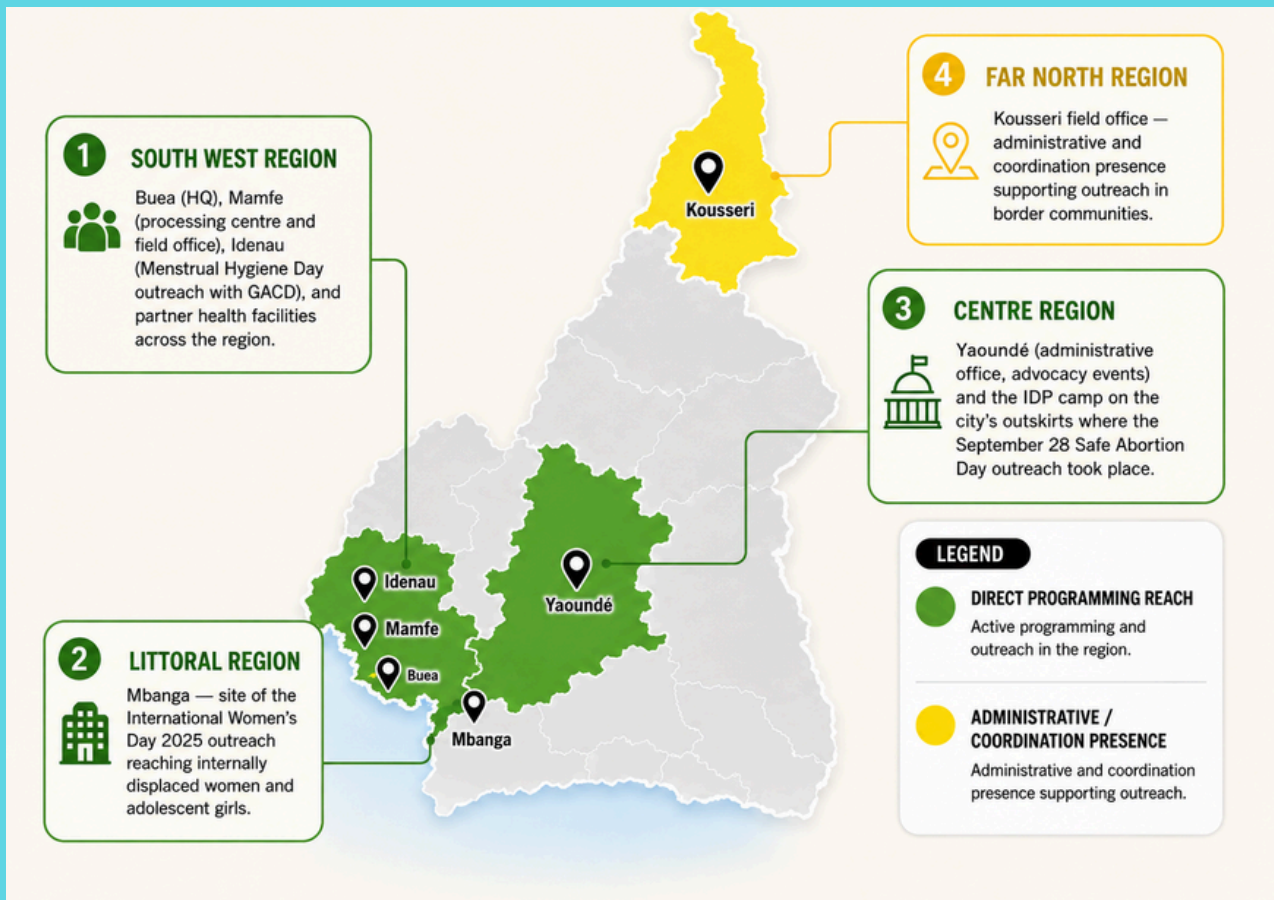


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Women and girls who received post-abortion care



GEOGRAPHIC REACH



MAJOR MILESTONES

Four marquee public moments anchored the year: International Women's Day in Mbanga (March 8); International Menstrual Hygiene Day, including the partnership outreach in Idenau with Global Action for Community Development (May 28); International Safe Abortion Day, simultaneously delivered at St Joseph's College Afanayo and at an IDP camp on the outskirts of Yaoundé (September 28); and the 16 Days of Activism campaign (November 25 – December 10), which launched six new SRHR/SGBV clubs in two high schools and reached 2,400 students through a parallel research engagement at five universities.

LOOKING AHEAD — 2026 PRIORITIES

The year ahead will deepen, not diversify, this work. CYJULERC enters 2026 with a closing balance of 35.2 million FCFA carried forward, an expanded partner facility network, a documented evidence base (including university-level research that found 57.4% of students unaware of the legal status of abortion in Cameroon), and an expanded organisational footprint in Mamfe. Our 2026 priorities will be:



Expanding SRHR education to additional high schools and out-of-school youth groups, building on the six SRHR/SGBV clubs launched during the 16 Days of Activism.



Strengthening SGBV response by deepening the legal-aid case management cycle from complaint to investigation to prosecution, and by formalising referral pathways with partner health facilities.



Improving documentation and evidence gathering across all programme areas, including anonymized survivor case narratives, community focal-person reports, and impact data on economic empowerment beneficiaries.



Anchoring advocacy for the reform of Cameroon's abortion law in the documented evidence collected in 2025, including the multi-university student research engagement.



Increasing access to justice through continued judicial training, expansion of the focal person model to additional communities.



Growing partnerships, including the new collaboration with Women First Digital (WFD) on eHealth referral, and continued work with Safe Abortion Action Fund, German Cooperation, and Miva Switzerland.

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS



CYJULERC works to ensure that the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls already partially protected under Cameroonian law translate into actual services in actual clinics and communities. We do this through three quarterly cycles of the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) programme, which connects survivors and clients to a network of partner health facilities; through reusable napkin production for menstrual dignity; through community focal persons in 36 communities; and through public-facing events on International Menstrual Hygiene Day (28 May) and International Safe Abortion Day (28 September).

WHY THIS MATTERS

Cameroonian law permits abortion in narrowly defined circumstances including when the woman's mental, physical, or social state is in danger. In practice, that legal opening is rarely realized. Our 2025 university research engagement found that 57.4% of surveyed students were unaware of the legal status of abortion in their own country; 23.3% incorrectly believed it to be entirely illegal. The information gap is itself a policy outcome and the people who pay for it are women and girls forced into unsafe options when safe ones exist on paper.

Internally displaced women and girls are particularly affected. The Anglophone crisis has produced large displaced populations in towns including Mbanga, where over 4,000 internally displaced persons live among host communities. Sex workers face additional barriers: stigma, mobility, and intermittent contact with formal health systems. CYJULERC integrated 15 new sex worker communities into the SAAF programme during 2025.

CYJULERC 2025 Activities Implemented & Key Results

SAAF Periods 5–7 and major 2025 campaign events

1) ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2025








01 SAAF Period 5 Jan–Mar 2025	02 SAAF Period 6 Apr–Sep 2025	03 SAAF Period 7 Oct–Dec 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing quarter of the previous SAAF cycle Quarterly outreach visits Monitoring & evaluation (M&E) Audit closure International Women’s Day 2025 outreach in Mbanga reaching 86 young women and girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal support to survivors Medical supplies for abortion and post-abortion care Health worker hands-on training Identification and training of 18 community focal persons Outreach education and counselling reaching 4,585 persons in three communities Reusable napkin distribution to 200 girls Continuous social media presence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal support to survivors Medical supplies in high demand Identification and training of 18 additional focal persons Reusable napkin distribution to 160 girls Continuous social media presence Influencer-led Vox Pop campaign

2) FLAGSHIP 2025 EVENTS

<p>28 May 2025 International Menstrual Hygiene Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Flagship event 📍 Partnership outreach in Idenau 🤝 In collaboration with Global Action for Community Development 	<p>28 September 2025 International Safe Abortion Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👥 Two simultaneous events 🏫 St Joseph’s College Afanayo 📍 IDP camp on the outskirts of Yaoundé
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3) KEY RESULTS

Across SAAF Periods 6 and 7 combined

 <h1>>22,700</h1> <p>Women and girls reached through 40 partner health facilities <i>Up from 16 facilities at project start</i></p>		
 <p>851 Received safe abortion care</p>	 <p>292 Received post-abortion care</p>	 <p>17,641 Received family planning services</p>
 <p>3,326 Received emergency contraception</p>	 <p>1,805 Reached through formal referral systems</p>	 <p>1,086 Reusable napkins distributed across the year <i>Includes distributions during IWD Mbanga, the Idenau MHM outreach, and the Afanayo Safe Abortion Day session.</i></p>

FROM LAW TO SERVICE

CYJULERC – SAAF PARTNER HEALTH FACILITY, 2025

A student nurse shares her experience

A student nurse explain how she was welcomed in a partner health facility and finds care, not judgement. The quiet shift inside Cameroon's SRHR system, told in one moment.

The hardest part of CYJULERC's SRHR work is rarely the law itself. The law, in its narrow Cameroonian permission, already opens a door. The hardest part is what happens at the door. It is the look on the face of the person who is supposed to provide care. It is the silence that follows a request, or the lecture that replaces a service. It is the tone of voice that tells a young woman she should not have come.

That is the front line CYJULERC works on. Through three quarterly cycles of the Safe Abortion Action Fund programme in 2025, our team trained more than 100 health workers cumulatively across the project, supplied 40 partner health facilities with abortion and post-abortion supplies, identified and trained 36 community focal persons across two SAAF periods, and supported 142 cases of sexual and gender-based violence through legal aid.

What that work produces is harder to count than cases. But occasionally it shows up in a single sentence.

*"I was scared **when** I got to **the** hospital, but **the** warm reception by medical personnel made me feel safe. **They** didn't judge me; **they** did not asked questions. **They** just cared for me. I felt respected and protected **when** I needed it most."*

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Training of Nurses and Midwives in Kumba, 2025

DIGNITY IN PRACTICE

CYJULERC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL ACTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (GACD)

Idenau, May

At a coastal border community on Cameroon's southwestern edge, fifty girls receive dignity kits – and two men step forward as allies.

On 28 May 2025, CYJULERC marked International Menstrual Hygiene Day with two complementary actions: a flagship public event, and an outreach mission to Idenau, a border community with Nigeria in the South West Region. The Idenau outreach was conducted in partnership with Global Action for Community Development (GACD). Fifty young girls – many of them teenage mothers – gathered for a session led by CYJULERC's Project Officer.

The session covered SRHR, menstrual hygiene management, contraception, and family planning. Each participant received a dignity kit; a bucket, reusable pads produced in CYJULERC's own workshop, disposable pads, soap, bleach, and hand sanitizer. The kits were not symbolic. In Idenau, where access to commercial sanitary products is intermittent and expensive, three years of reusable pads – the lifespan of CYJULERC's napkins – represents three years of school days a girl does not have to miss.

The most quietly significant moment of the day came from outside the participant group. A male representative from GACD and CYJULERC's Digital Manager – both men – publicly demonstrated proper use of the reusable pad. The act, small in itself, broke a taboo that defines much of the silence around menstruation in Cameroonian communities. Both were recognized that morning as HE4SHE champions. GACD had specifically sought CYJULERC's expertise in pad production for this collaboration, an external endorsement of the technical leadership our economic empowerment workshops have built.

“Working with men as allies, not gatekeepers, is part of how the silence around menstrual health gets broken. The young women in Idenau saw two men holding a pad and explaining how to use it – and they laughed, and they listened, and they took their kits home.”



MHM DAY Idenau, 2025

SGBV RESPONSE



CYJULERC works at the meeting point of sexual and gender-based violence and access to justice the place where most survivors are lost, and where law is supposed to provide protection but often does not. We support survivors through legal aid casework; we run the 16 Days of Activism campaign annually; we establish SRHR/SGBV clubs in high schools; we train peer educators; we work with school staff and community leaders on prevention and response; and we document — because documentation is the precondition of advocacy.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Sexual and gender-based violence in Cameroon is widespread, under-reported, and unevenly answered by the formal justice system. The conflict in the North-West and South-West regions has compounded the problem: displacement, military activity, and the economic pressure on host communities have produced patterns of violence including sexual violence against children that the courts and clinics have not been resourced to address. Even when survivors come forward, many cases stall at the prosecutor's desk; even when prosecutors act, the medical care that the law allows is not always delivered.





CYJULERC 2025 Activities & Key Results

SAAF Periods 6 & 7 | SRHR / SGBV Response and Advocacy



1. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2025

1



Legal support to survivors of sexual violence

Under SAAF Periods 6 and 7, CYJULERC managed **142 SGBV** cases through the full case-management cycle: complaint intake, investigation follow-up, prosecutor engagement, and execution of orders.

2



16 Days of Activism Against GBV

From 25 November to 10 December 2025, CYJULERC combined the campaign with adolescent SRHR/SGBV education across high schools and communities. This was the year's largest single activity by spend.

3



6 new SRHR/SGBV clubs

Established in high schools during the 16 Days campaign. The clubs serve as peer-led platforms for sexuality education, rights awareness, and reporting referrals.

4



University research engagement

Reached **2,400** students across 5 universities, surveying knowledge of the legal status of abortion in Cameroon and broader SRHR awareness. The evidence is intended to support advocacy for legal reform.

5



Capacity building and support

Teacher and school staff capacity building, peer educator training, and community-level support group sessions were implemented during the 16 Days campaign.

6



Cross-period legal aid

In SAAF Period 6, **31** health workers complied with prosecutors' orders in **14** facilities, showing the operational chain from court order to medical service.



2. KEY RESULTS



142

SGBV cases managed in 2025



69

oral orders granted by prosecutors

These orders allowed survivors to access legal abortion or post-abortion care.



30

cases initially rejected

22

survivors still received care through CYJULERC referral pathways.



6

SRHR/SGBV clubs established

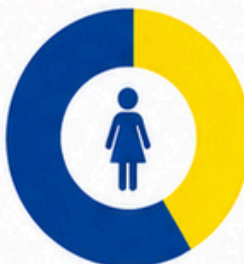


2,400

students reached

57.4%

unaware of the legal status of abortion in Cameroon



42.6%

aware of the legal status of abortion in Cameroon



31 health workers

complied with prosecutors' orders (SAAF Period 6)



14 facilities

provided services following court orders

30

initially rejected



22

still received care

19



BREAKING SILENCE

CYJULERC – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2025, MBANGA, LITTORAL REGION

Mbanga, March

An eleven-year-old girl who should have been in school. The reason CYJULERC’s 2025 outreach in Mbanga was not a celebration but a reckoning.

On 8 March 2025, CYJULERC marked International Women’s Day with an outreach in Mbanga; a semi urban town in the Littoral Region that hosts more than 4,000 internally displaced persons from the Anglophone crisis. Eighty-six young women and adolescent girls attended a session on accelerated action for SRHR and comprehensive sexuality education as a human right. The session covered SRHR rights, speaking up after rape, and menstrual hygiene management. Each of the 86 participants received a reusable napkin pack designed to last up to three years. It was not a celebration.

Just days before the gathering, an eleven-year-old internally displaced girl in Mbanga had died. She had been raped. She had become pregnant. She had contracted HIV. She did not survive. Her death is not an anecdote in this report; it is the moral reason this report exists. It is the reason an outreach in Mbanga in March 2025 looked, in many of its quietest moments, more like a vigil than a programme launch.

Among those who came that day was a 33-year-old woman in Mbanga who had given birth to triplets as a result of rape and was living with a mental disorder. She sat with the others. She listened. Her presence was a record a living one of what years of denied SRHR access does to the bodies and the minds of women whose communities the formal system has not figured out how to reach.

“CYJULERC marked International Women’s Day in Mbanga in March 2025. We did not march. We did not celebrate. We listened. We distributed dignity. We documented what we found. And we left with a list of reasons to come back stronger.”

What CYJULERC does in places like Mbanga is not extraordinary. It is the ordinary translation of statutes into services for the people the statutes name and the formal system misses. In 2025, that meant 86 napkin packs, three hours of SRHR education, a documented case file, and a commitment to return. It meant treating an eleven-year-old’s death as both a tragedy and a brief - a brief for the legal aid team, the focal persons, the clinic partners, and the magistrates whose oral orders open the doors that lead away from the next preventable death.



RIGHTS IN ACTION

CYJULERC – 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM 2025 + ADOLESCENT SRHR/SGBV EDUCATION

Six clubs, 2,400 students, one law to change

Inside CYJULERC's 16 Days of Activism – and the research that will anchor a national push to reform Cameroon's abortion law.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence observed annually from 25 November to 10 December was CYJULERC's largest single activity in 2025. It was also the year's clearest demonstration of how rights-based education compounds across institutions: schools, universities, and the broader public sphere.

In high schools, CYJULERC launched six new SRHR/SGBV clubs. The clubs are not one-off interventions; they are designed to outlast the campaign as student-led platforms for peer education, rights awareness, and confidential referral. Teachers and school staff received capacity building. Peer educators were trained. Adolescent SRHR/SGBV education sessions were held across multiple communities.

CYJULERC RESEARCH ON ABORTION LAW AWARENESS IN CAMEROON

2025 STUDENT RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT | EVIDENCE FOR 2026 ADVOCACY



1 RESEARCH SCOPE



2,400
students reached



5
Cameroonian universities



Survey on abortion law awareness and broader SRHR knowledge

2 KEY FINDINGS



57.4%

were unaware of the legal status of abortion in Cameroon



23.3%

incorrectly believed abortion is entirely illegal in Cameroon



16.4%

correctly identified that abortion is partially legal under specified conditions

3 WHY IT MATTERS



These figures confirm a serious gap between Cameroon's reproductive rights framework and what many young Cameroonians actually know. CYJULERC sees the consequences of this knowledge gap daily in **clinics** and **courtrooms**.

4 EVIDENCE TO ACTION



The research will anchor CYJULERC's **2026 advocacy push for reform.**



Period 7 influencer-led **Vox Pop** campaign turned the evidence into public conversation.



442,747
people reached through a **single post**

LEGAL AID



CYJULERC operates one of the few feminist legal aid services in Cameroon dedicated to the intersection of sexual and gender-based violence and reproductive rights. Our young jurists, paralegals, and consultant magistrates take cases from the moment of complaint through investigation, prosecutorial decision, and where applicable the execution of medical care orders. We also train the system: judges, prosecutors, health workers, social workers, journalists, lawyers, and gender advocates. The goal is not only to win cases. The goal is to change what happens at the desk.

WHY THIS MATTERS

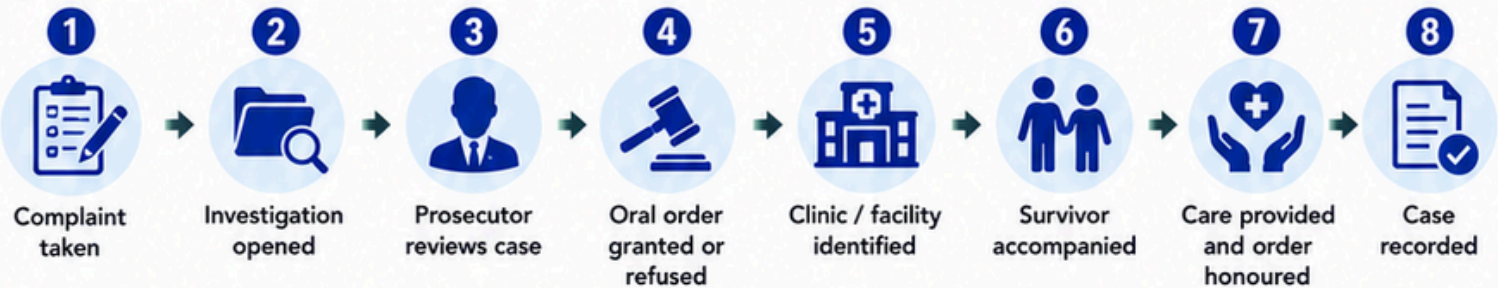
Cameroon's legal framework on sexual and gender-based violence and reproductive health permits more than is routinely delivered. A prosecutor's oral order can authorize a survivor to access medical care that the underlying law already allows. A health worker, presented with such an order, is required to provide that care. The system, on paper, works. The system, in practice, is uneven — and the unevenness falls hardest on survivors who have already been harmed once. CYJULERC's legal aid work targets that unevenness. We track every case through the full cycle. We follow prosecutors' decisions. We accompany survivors to clinics. We document outcomes. And when the formal answer is "no", we record that too because the gap between the law and the answer is itself the evidence we need to push for change.



CYJULERC 2025 SGBV LEGAL AID PATHWAY & RESULTS

SAAF Periods 6 and 7 | From Complaint to Care

1 HOW THE LEGAL AID PATHWAY WORKS



i If an order is refused, the case is still recorded because each refusal becomes evidence for future advocacy.

2 PERIOD 6 SNAPSHOT (APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2025)



3 PERIOD 7 SNAPSHOT (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025)



4 KEY COMBINED RESULTS & SYSTEM STRENGTH



This is what an operational pathway from complaint to clinic looks like when it works.



Every granted order opens a route to care.
Every refusal becomes data for reform advocacy.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



In Mamfe and the surrounding South West Region, CYJULERC turns the natural resources of the forest into income-generating activity for rural women, out-of-school girls, and sex workers. We operate a three-level non-timber forest product (NTFP) value chain collection and drying, peeling and milling, packaging and marketing and three lines of beauty products developed in our processing centre. We did two training workshops in natural juice production in Yaounde.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Economic vulnerability is not separate from rights vulnerability. A woman without income is more vulnerable to violence; a girl without prospects is more vulnerable to early marriage and transactional pressure; a sex worker without alternative options is more vulnerable to every form of harm CYJULERC works to address. Economic empowerment is not, in CYJULERC's programming, a parallel track to our rights work. It is a continuation of it. In the South West Region, the protracted conflict has compressed both the formal economy and the informal coping strategies women use to survive within it. NTFPs bush mango (ndo'o), moabi, njansang, and others are the inheritance of the forest. Most are still extracted, processed, and sold informally, with the smallest margin going to the women who do the hardest part of the work. CYJULERC's value-chain approach captures more of that margin closer to the women who created it



FROM FOREST TO MARKETPLACE

CYJULERC – NTFP PROCESSING

From forest to marketplace

Bush mango, moabi, njansang. How CYJULERC turned the natural resources of the South West into income for rural women.

In 2025, CYJULERC's economic empowerment programme spent 21.6 million FCFA across activities and capital investments - the largest single year of investment in our Mamfe operations to date. The work moved across three connected fronts. The first was the NTFP value chain. We operated three levels of transformation, collection and drying; peeling and milling; and packaging, beauty product manufacture, and marketing. The output across the year included three lines of finished beauty products: a body cream, a face cream, and a body lotion, all formulated from local NTFP inputs and packaged for sale.

The second was training. CYJULERC delivered two natural juice production workshops in 2025, with out-of-school girls, and women working in sex work as primary participants. The workshops, were not standalone livelihood interventions; they were entry points. Participants left not only with technical knowledge but with formal connection to CYJULERC a relationship that, for many, opened access to SRHR services, legal aid, and the reusable napkin distribution channel.

“You cannot teach a girl her rights if she is hungry. You cannot ask a woman to leave a violent situation if she has no income. CYJULERC’s economic empowerment work is not separate from our rights work. It is the same work, on different terms.”

SAFE SPACES

CYJULERC – NATURAL JUICE PRODUCTION TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Two workshops, one open door

CYJULERC ran two natural juice production training workshops in 2025, designed specifically for two groups whom mainstream livelihood programmes routinely fail to reach: out-of-school girls, and women working in sex work. The workshop curriculum covered the technical fundamentals of juice production sourcing, hygiene, preparation, packaging alongside the operational basics of running a small enterprise.

The deeper purpose of the workshops, however, was not only the curriculum. It was the door. For many participants, the workshops were the first formal encounter with CYJULERC. That encounter then opened access to the rest of our programming SRHR services, legal aid in case of violence, reusable napkin distribution, focal-person referral. In several of the new sex-worker communities CYJULERC integrated into the SAAF programme during 2025, the entry point was not a clinic or a courtroom. It was a juice workshop.



COMMUNITY + COMMUNICATION



CYJULERC carries our programmes outward through three connected channels: focal-person presence in 36 communities; high-visibility public moments anchored to international SRHR and SGBV days; and a digital communications operation that reaches hundreds of thousands of Cameroonians a month. These channels are not separate from our SRHR, SGBV, legal aid, and economic empowerment work. They are how that work travels to the people who most need it and how the case for legal reform is built in public, in evidence, in the open.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Cameroon's information landscape on SRHR is fractured. Formal sex education is patchy at best in schools, absent in many. Adolescent girls in IDP communities, sex workers, and rural women are routinely outside the reach of urban-centred information campaigns. Misinformation about reproductive health and the law travels faster than accurate information. CYJULERC's communication and community-education work is built to reach where the gap is widest, in the languages and registers people actually use.



COMMUNITY PROTECTION

CYJULERC – INTERNATIONAL SAFE ABORTION DAY 2025

Yaoundé and Afanayo, September 28

Two settings, two audiences, one message: every girl deserves healthcare; her health, her dignity.

On 28 September 2025, CYJULERC marked International Safe Abortion Day with two simultaneous events. The contrast between them was deliberate. At St Joseph’s College Afanayo, every girl from Form 1 to Upper Sixth gathered with four members of staff three female teachers and one male biology teacher for a two-hour session on comprehensive sexuality education, safe abortion, contraception, and menstrual health. Each topic was framed as a right, not as a discretionary curriculum item. The session was led jointly by CYJULERC’s Project Officer (education) and Project Associate (a hands-on demonstration of reusable napkin use). Fifty dignity kits reusable napkins, soap, pegs were distributed to the most vulnerable participants, and a follow-up visit was committed for assessment and broader distribution.

Two Afanayo moments stood out. A Form 1 girl confidently demonstrated the use of a reusable pad, having been taught at home by her mother a small piece of evidence that intergenerational education is happening, where families have the information. The school’s Senior Prefect, by the close of the session, had publicly committed to becoming a champion of change in her school. The male biology teacher publicly endorsed the session and confirmed that he already introduces SRHR topics in his own classroom. None of these are large outcomes. All of them are the kind of small institutional anchoring that converts a single session into ongoing classroom practice.



At the same time, on the outskirts of Yaoundé, CYJULERC's Project Associate led a parallel session at an IDP camp. The audience was different boys and girls together and so were the issues that came up. One cultural barrier surfaced repeatedly: the fear, particularly among parents, that reproductive infections would cause infertility and that girls who developed such infections would be "sent back" by future husbands. The fear sits at the intersection of stigma, displacement, and economic precarity. Naming it openly was the first task of the session. The most quoted moment of the day, however, came from a young boy. He listened to the explanation that pads should be changed every four to six hours. He raised his hand:

“If girls should wear pads for only 4–6 hours, what about those who are schooling? They often spend more than 6 hours in school without a proper place to change them.”

The boy's question is, in itself, an advocacy brief. It identifies a WASH gap in IDP-adjacent learning environments that no amount of distribution-side dignity-kit programming will fully solve. CYJULERC has logged it. It will inform our 2026 programming on dignity infrastructure in displaced and host community schools and it will inform our advocacy with education and humanitarian partners on the same point.

PROTECTION PATHWAYS

CYJULERC – DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Where the conversation is

CYJULERC ran two natural juice production training workshops in 2025, designed specifically for two CYJULERC's digital footprint expanded sharply in 2025. Facebook grew from a Period 5 baseline of approximately 51,300 people to 707,038 in Period 6 and 848,446 in Period 7 a growth of over 797,000 people across the year, on a follower base that remained roughly stable at around 2,000. Organic Facebook impressions tracked similarly, rising from 102,609 (P5) to 805,669 (P6) to 965,629 (P7). Instagram followers grew by 31% across the year; LinkedIn organic impressions rose by 25.8%. The single most concentrated reach came from an influencer collaboration during Period 7: a Vox Pop research post on the legal status of abortion in Cameroon reached 442,747 people through a single piece of content

A linked Vox Pop public-survey activity reached 150,000 people directly and generated 409 substantive comments a real-time evidence base on what Cameroonians actually know and believe about the country's reproductive rights framework. In parallel, ten active WhatsApp community groups now connect 1,259 members across CYJULERC's programmatic regions. The groups are not broadcast channels; they are two-way infrastructure. Focal persons use them to surface emerging cases. CYJULERC uses them to push back accurate information into communities where misinformation travels fast.



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CYJULERC 2025 SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE

From Period 5 Baseline to Period 7 Results

1. FACEBOOK REACH

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
51,304	848,446
+1,553%	

2. FACEBOOK IMPRESSIONS (ORGANIC)

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
102,609	965,629
+841%	

3. INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
~137	180
+31%	

4. INSTAGRAM ENGAGEMENTS

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
~1,261	2,261
NEARLY DOUBLED	

5. LINKEDIN IMPRESSIONS

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
~12,050	~135,000
OVER 11X GROWTH	

6. WHATSAPP GROUPS (MEMBERS)

PERIOD 5 BASELINE	PERIOD 7 RESULT
7 GROUPS	10 GROUPS (1,259 MEMBERS)
+3 GROUPS	

7. VOX POP RESEARCH POST (SINGLE)

442,747 REACHED

FLAGSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our most impactful single post, driving visibility and engagement at scale.

DIGITAL MOMENTUM IN 2025

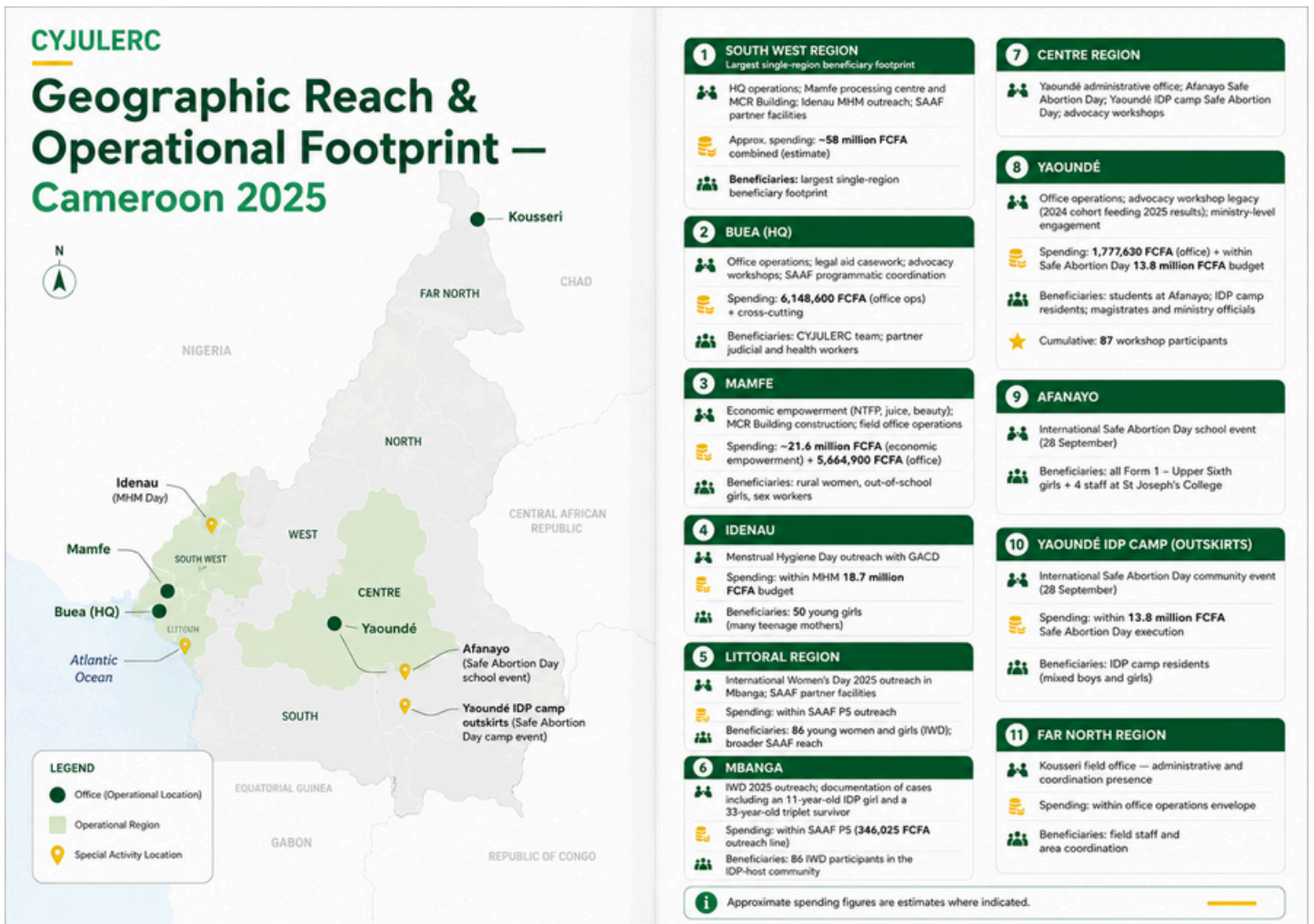
CYJULERC expanded audience reach, increased engagement, and strengthened community-based digital communication across key platforms.

Source: CYJULERC 2025 communication performance summary

Geographic Spread

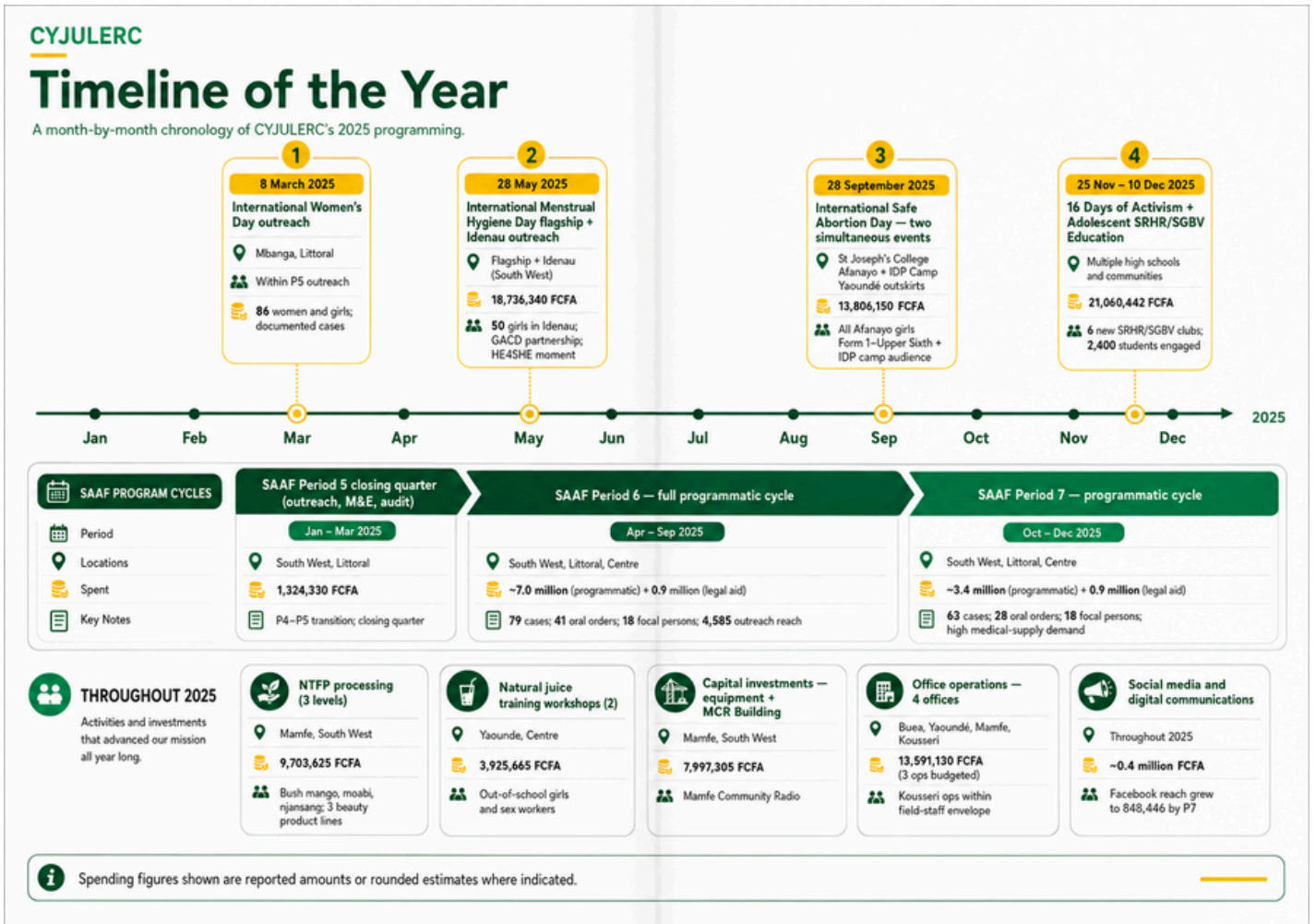
Three regions of programming, four offices, dozens of communities.
The map of CYJULERC's 2025 work.

CYJULERC delivered programming across three regions of Cameroon directly in 2025. South West, Littoral, and Centre with administrative and coordination presence in the Far North through the Kousseri field office. Headquarters remain in Buea, with operational anchors in Yaoundé (administrative office and southern advocacy presence), Mamfe (economic empowerment programming), and Kousseri (border-region coordination).



Timeline of the Year

A month-by-month chronology of CYJULERC's 2025 programming.



ABOUT CYJULERC

CYJULERC - Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Centre is a predominantly feminist nongovernmental, nonprofit organization working to promote women's and children's human rights, legal consciousness, social justice, sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender-based violence response, advocacy, access to justice, and the empowerment of marginalized communities in Cameroon. The organization was founded in 2003 and formally registered on 3 May 2005 in Limbe under Registration Number 236/G.37/D.14/VOL.8/T/OAPP. Headquarters are located in Buea, South West Region. CYJULERC operates additional offices in Yaoundé (Centre Region), Mamfe (South West Region), and Kousseri (Far North Region).

MISSION

To translate Cameroon's legal frameworks on women's rights, children's rights, and reproductive health into actual services accessible by women, girls, children, and marginalized communities through legal aid, community education, advocacy, capacity building, and partnership.

VISION

A Cameroon in which the rights of every woman, girl, and child are not only written into law but reliably claimable in practice in clinics, in courtrooms, in classrooms, and in communities.

SAFEGUARDING & ACCOUNTABILITY

CYJULERC works with children, adolescents, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and other persons in situations of acute vulnerability. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of safeguarding. Programmatic engagement with minors is governed by consent protocols. Survivor interactions are confidential. Documentation of cases is anonymized for any external publication, and individual identifying details are not used in fundraising, advocacy, or media activity without express, informed, and written consent.

CYJULERC is accountable to the people we serve, the partners who walk with us, the donors who fund us, the staff who deliver the work, and the public. Our 2025 financial statements were certified by Cabinet TEKSONS & Friends. Our governance structure separates the Board of Directors (strategic and fiduciary oversight) from the Executive Committee (operational leadership) and the staff team (programme delivery). Conflicts of interest are recorded; substantive financial decisions require multi signatory authorisation.

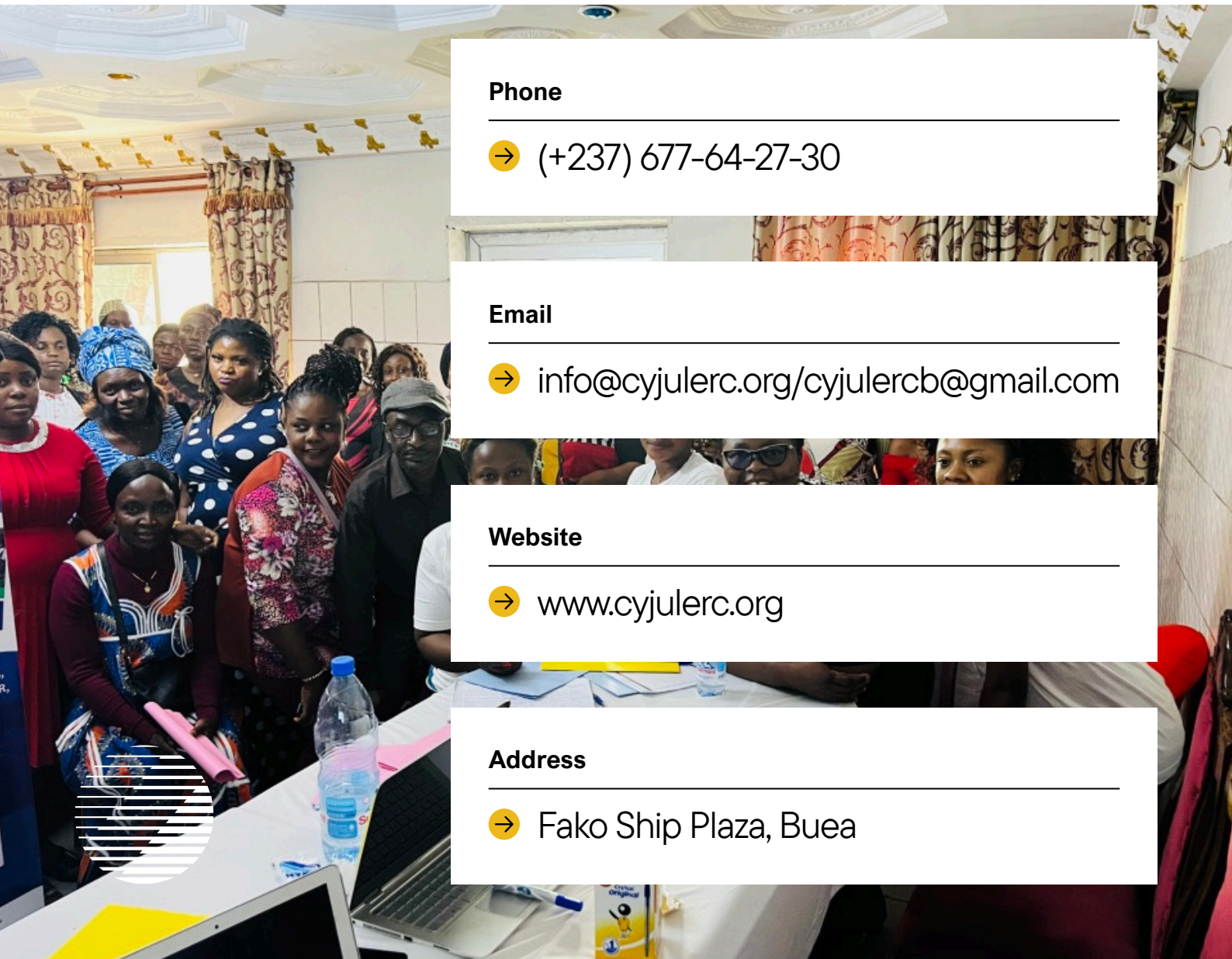
A right that cannot be claimed is not yet a right.
Our work, simply, is to make rights claimable.

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