



## TOWARDS ABOLITION IN AFRICA

## CALL FOR PROPOSAL - CAMEROON

**Duration of the grant** 3 to 12 months maximum between May 2022 and May 2023

**Name of action** **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIRDS PARTIES FOR AWARENESS ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCES - SUPPORT TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY REGARDING ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

**Objective** General objective: provide support to civil society organizations working on human rights outside the capitals, to promote and raise awareness about abolition of the death penalty in their country, with the aim of strengthening national movements against the death penalty.

**Expected results**

- Raise awareness of local civil society for mobilisation within the national movement in support of abolition;
- increased capacity of elected members of parliament so that they get involved in the planned abolitionist reforms;
- improved conditions of detention on death row, notably through capacity building of judicial and administrative authorities;
- greater circulation of information concerning conditions of detention and trials.

**Target groups**

Prison administration;  
NGOs and others civil society actors;  
Judicial authorities;  
Parliamentarians;  
Universities;  
Regional and national media.

**Action**

Context  
Cameroon has applied a de facto moratorium on executions; no executions have been carried out since 1997. However, death penalty is still applied: 24 crimes are punishable by death in Cameroonian law. Since the numerous death sentences pronounced in 2015 (91 persons) and in 2016 (more than 160 persons), no death sentences had been reported the years after. However, Droits & Paix reported 4 death sentences in 2021. According to the Cameroonian Network of Lawyers Against the Death Penalty (RACOPEM), more than 250 prisoners were under capital punishment at the end of 2020, the majority of them for acts of terrorism. After the adoption of the 2014 anti-terrorism law, the scope of application of the death penalty has been extended to non-violent acts as financing of terrorist acts, laundering of proceeds as well as recruitment and training of person to ensure that they participate to terrorist acts. This new legislation is very concerning because it confirmed military court jurisdiction over civilians accused of terrorism. Moreover, the vague definition of terrorism hold out the threat of death on Boko Haram members but also on English-speaking separatists, journalists and opposition members. Conditions of detention and trials are alarming: 78% of death row prisoners interviewed during the fact-finding mission conducted by ECPM and Droits & Paix alleged having been threatened or having been subjected to torture. Though Cameroon observed a moratorium on executions, it has abstained to vote of the United Nations Resolution calling for a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty. Cameroon ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in 1984. It has not ratified the Second Optional Protocol on the abolition of the death penalty.

Action

Members of civil society in target countries, whether or not they are stakeholders within abolitionist networks, especially those based outside the capitals, often find it difficult to finance awareness-raising activities on the subject of the death penalty. ECPM and Droits & Paix will implement funding for third parties to support the work of civil society outside the capital, so that they can implement effective advocacy for the project's goals, targeting the emergence of new actors and boosting national movements in support of abolition.

**Localisation** Outside Yaounde, Cameroon

**Duration** 3 to 12 months maximum

The action may include one or more activities. Ongoing projects on October 2022 will have to include an activity for the World Day against the death penalty. Depending on the evolution of the covid-19 context, the activities planned in the project as well as the budget may be revised. Priority will be given to actions leading to capitalisation which can be distributed within a regional framework.



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<b>Type of activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- any activity to raise awareness and promote abolition of the death penalty with one or more of the target audiences;</li> <li>- training workshops based on the project publications (e.g. fact-finding missions as regards conditions of detention); capacity development and awareness for members of parliament, judicial and/or administrative authorities on the conditions of trials and detention for death row prisoners;</li> <li>- conferences, workshops, training to target the public about the reality of the death penalty in their country, notably as regards conditions of detention;</li> <li>- film festivals, screenings, live shows, production and distribution of audio-visual tools designed for universities and/or civil society;</li> <li>- campaign of support and advocacy in support of death row prisoners to strengthen the right to a fair trial and/or improve conditions of detention, including urgent action, providing legal advice, medical and/or psychological assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria for application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- civil society organisations or a group of civil society organisations, either formal or informal (a registered organisation or an entity with no legal character);</li> <li>- non-profit;</li> <li>- based outside capitals and/or evidence of significant activity outside the capital;</li> <li>- with a mandate to protect and promote human rights.</li> </ul>
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p><b>Application :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Narrative application form ;</li> <li>- Project budget (template) ;</li> <li>- Proof on non-profit status ;</li> <li>- Activity reports of the organisation from the last two years ;</li> <li>- At least one reference letter from a financial partner or a partner with whom activities have been implemented in the last two years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection:</b> The selection will be done by ECPM and its regional partner Droits et Paix.</p> <p><b>The project will be selected according to these criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the relevance of the activity as regards the target audience</li> <li>- its efficiency</li> <li>- possibility of capitalisation, reproducibility and distribution within the regional framework.</li> </ul> <p>The amount of the funding will be defined regarding the provisional budget</p>
<b>Action Follow-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Narrative and financial report</li> <li>- List of expenses</li> </ul>
<b>Amount</b>	3 279 785 francs XAF maximum
<b>Indicative timeline</b>	<p>Application deadline: <b>10 April 2022</b></p> <p>Review and selection process: Mid-April 2022</p> <p>Phone or video meeting with pre-selected applicants: week of 11 April 2022</p> <p>Communication of the selection: End of April 2022</p> <p><b>We reserve the right to extend the call and modify the indicative timeline in case of a lack of eligible applications.</b></p>
<b>Visibility</b>	<p>ECPM - Ensemble contre la peine de mort / Together against the death penalty</p> <p>Droits et paix</p> <p>With the financial support of the European Union and Norway</p>

**Proposals to be sent by 10 April 2022 to [mmillier@ecpm.org](mailto:mmillier@ecpm.org) and [nestor.toko@yahoo.fr](mailto:nestor.toko@yahoo.fr) under “Call for proposal 2022 – Cameroon”. We reserve the right to extend the call and modify the indicative timeline in case of a lack of eligible applications.**