

LA FRANCOPHONIE AVEC ELLES

FUND



ORIGIN

In 2020, the pandemic had a negative impact internationally, particularly for women, who were the hardest hit.

On 9 July 2020, the Permanent Council of the Francophonie, acting on a proposal by the Secretary General of the Francophonie, established a solidarity fund for Francophone Women [*La Francophonie avec Elles*].

Initially planned for a four-year period, the project was extended following the adoption of a resolution at the Ministerial Conference of the Francophonie in Yaoundé in November 2023, focusing the project on the economic empowerment of women.



The Fund in action

The Fund supports practical projects launched by local organisations and benefiting tens of thousands of women in vulnerable positions in French-speaking countries.

These initiatives are aimed at increasing women's financial self-sufficiency and boosting their self-confidence and abilities, and offer multiple positive repercussions for their families and communities.



OBJECTIVE

The main aim of the Fund is to provide support for actions on the ground intended to bolster women's economic and social empowerment; with a view towards sustainable development.





Specific aims of the Fund



To improve the participation
and inclusion of women in economic
and social life (access to the labour market,
land and financing)



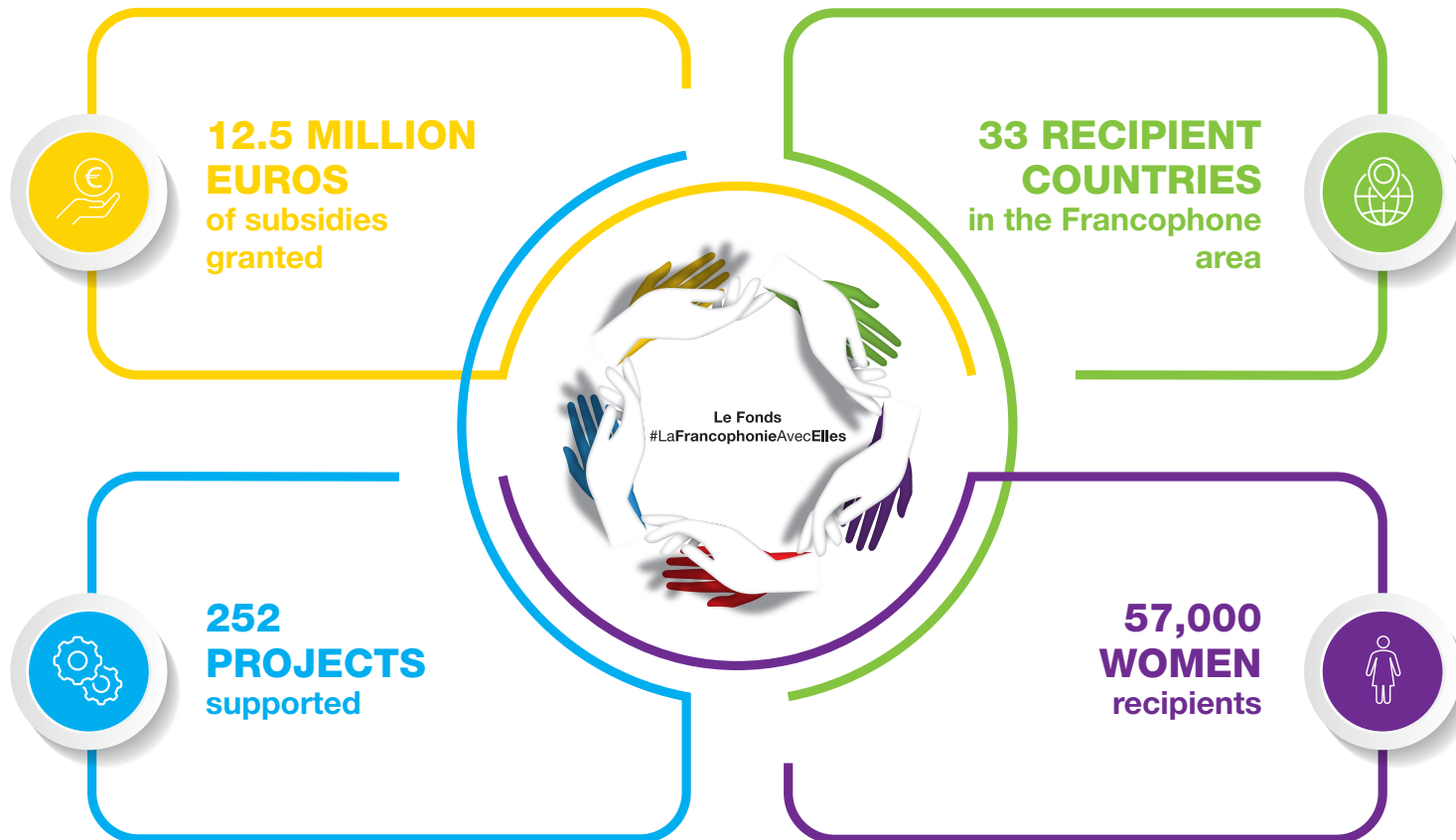
To improve women's access
to professional training



To support women wishing
to develop income-generating activities
and facilitate their access
to economic opportunities

THE RESULTS (2020-2023)

Thanks to their concrete results, the first four editions of *La Francophonie avec Elles* Fund confirmed the project's relevance and undeniable utility



FOCUS ON THE 4TH EDITION

The 2023 edition of *La Francophonie avec Elles* Fund sparked unprecedented mobilisation among civil society organisations; thus demonstrating the growing needs of women in vulnerable positions in French-speaking countries



**3,734 PROJECTS
SUBMITTED**
of which 554 eligible projects



**90 MILLION
EUROS**
in subsidy requests



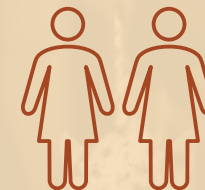
**53 WINNING
projects**



**3.1 MILLION
EUROS**
granted

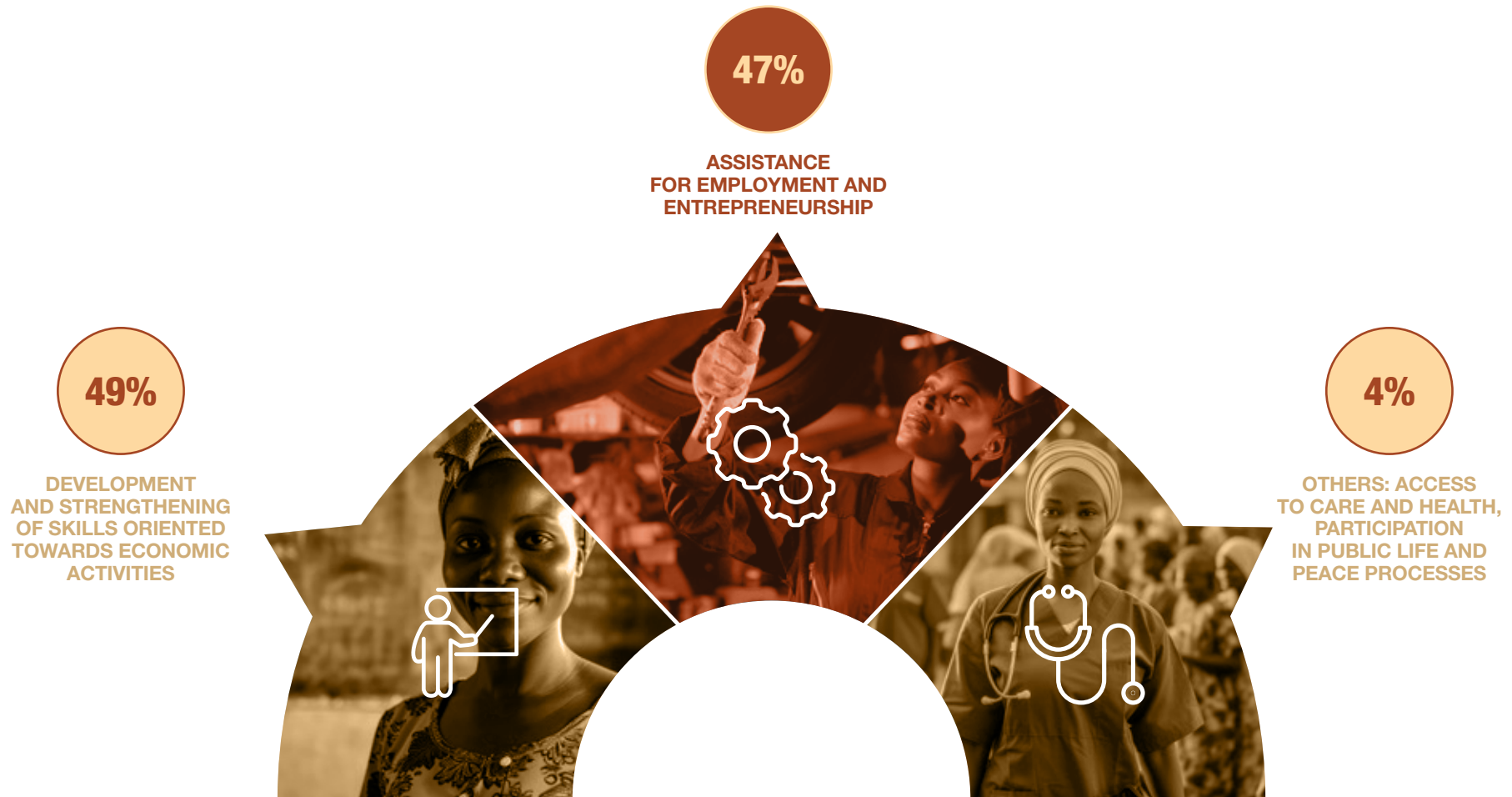


Implementation in
26 COUNTRIES



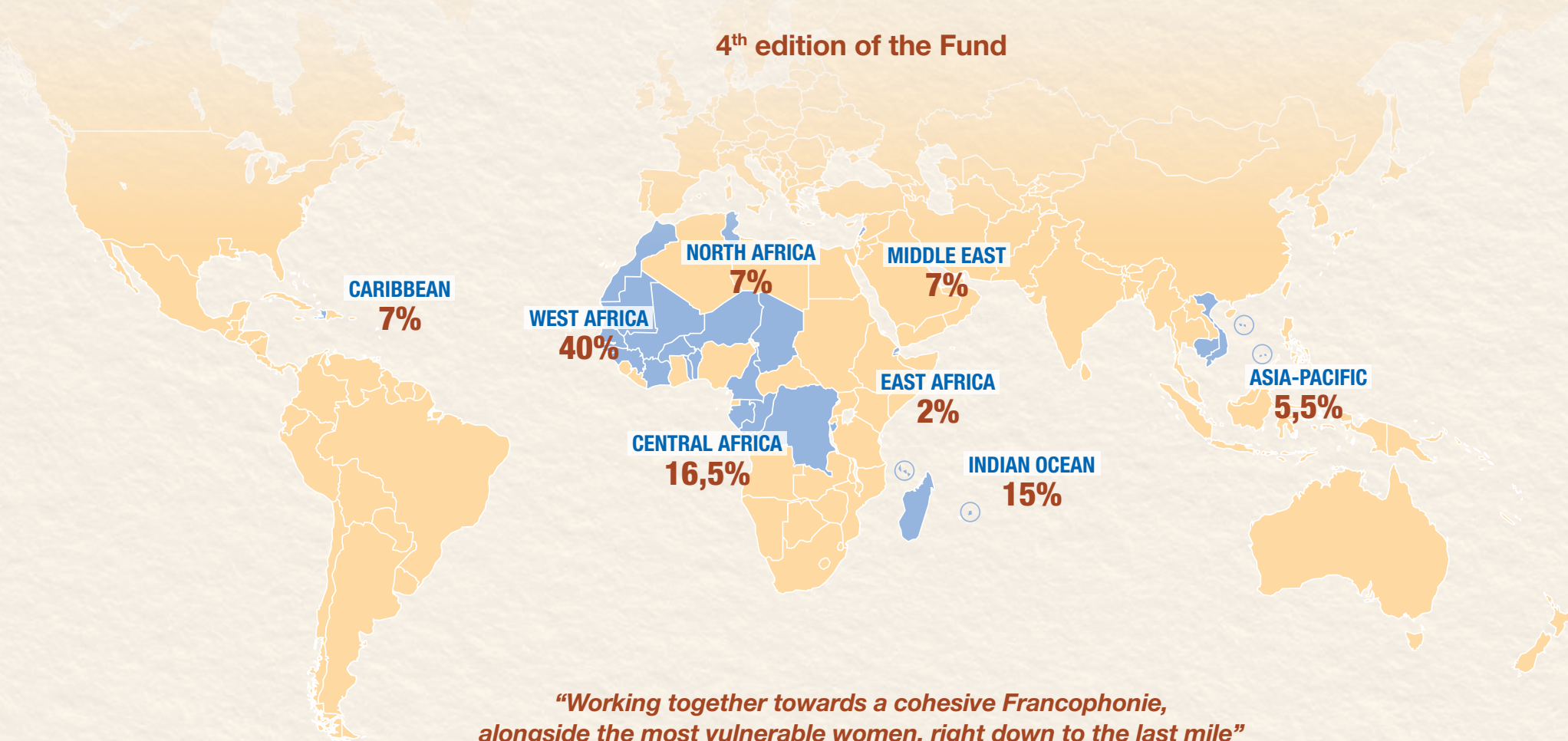
14,000 WOMEN
recipients

DISTRIBUTION PER AREA OF ACTIVITY FOR THE WINNERS OF THE 4TH EDITION



GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF LA FRANCOPHONIE AVEC ELLES FUND PROJECTS

4th edition of the Fund



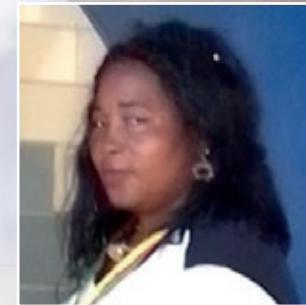
PORTRAITS



Eliane, a young mother of four, living in extremely precarious living conditions in Mutimbuzi, Burundi, trained in the off-season cultivation of chilli plants and brick making. She now has access to health insurance and manages to put some of her earnings aside.



Juliana, aged 22, is currently studying accounting, auditing and management control at Abomey-Calavi University in Benin. Her ambition is to set up her own photography and design company. Thanks to digital and multimedia training provided by the Benin Association - Théâtre Mayton Promo, she now has the skills she needs to make her dream come true.



Cécile Kenfack Tsopmo, born with a severe disability that affects her lower limbs, had to abandon her studies after obtaining her Primary Elementary Studies Certificate (CEPE). Thanks to a scheme run by the Belgian Association, Djâili Mbock ASBL, she did a course in pearl craftsmanship. Ever since, she has been producing pearl jewellery and decorative items that she sells to her neighbours.

**The *La Francophonie avec Elles* Fund
grows each day
among French-speaking women,
whose dignity and resilience
are the driving force
behind some remarkable achievements.**



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