



AFD AND Justice

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20 projects
financed since 2016

€255.2 million
committed over 5 years

Nearly **2.500**
legal professionals
trained by 2023

Since it integrated the justice sector among its subject matters in 2016, AFD's aims to promote access to justice and rights for all, while developing a secure legal environment for goods and people. The projects implemented take into account the entire legal sphere and are developed in close cooperation with the partner countries.

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STRENGTHENING the Rule of Law

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Supporting institutions in reforming public policies regarding justice

Ensuring access for all to a court that administers justice implies the existence of institutions capable of drafting legal texts and ensuring their application through actors trained to defend and enforce them. To this end, AFD supports the professionalization and specialization of judicial personnel and legal professionals while strengthening the capacities of central and decentralized administrations of justice departments.

This includes in particular:

- Initial and continuing education of legal professionals - especially with respect to the development and specialization in the law.
- Building or renovating infrastructures (courts, judicial schools, etc.) and support in the definition of the appropriate tools.
- Sharing internationally recognized French legal expertise.
- Modernizing the law (tools and working methods, *e-justice*).

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Informing citizens and making them aware of their rights

Due to a lack of knowledge, lack of trust in institutions, and/or difficulty in accessing infrastructure, many people do not or cannot assert their rights.

AFD contributes to the implementation of awareness campaigns and information tools, especially digital tools (platforms, websites, etc.), especially for «vulnerable» people: women, children, and prisoners.

It also supports various types of local organizations (legal clinics, law and justice centers, etc.) that inform and guide people about their rights and how to access justice. Support for certain specific types of services (protection of minors, women, etc.) also makes it possible to improve special care and the customization of sentences (promoting alternative sentencing, monitoring of cases, etc.).

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Supporting the implementation of criminal and penitentiary policies

In compliance with human rights and international regulations, AFD helps national authorities develop programs to improve prisoners' living conditions and promote their reintegration into society. In addition to the facilities themselves (particularly hygiene and sanitary conditions), maintaining links with the outside world, vocational training and income-generating activities are all guarantees of successful reintegration into society after imprisonment.

At the same time, AFD is supporting the training of prison guards in order to guarantee safe and dignified care for inmates. These activities are carried out in the framework of the definition of prison policies that aim to comply with international human rights standards.

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A sustainable, cross-cutting approach

The field of justice is unique in that it is a sovereign sector that is governed differently depending on the legal traditions of the countries whose reforms in the various fields, sometimes over a long period of time, must be taken into account to measure the impact of these reforms.

AFD also applies a "multi-faceted" approach, involving all areas of the law, actors and institutions while remaining mindful of societal changes. In particular, it offers a new type of support for strengthened environmental law and access to justice for everyone in environmental and climate matters.

This approach is combined with a regional approach that varies depending on the administrative organization of the country. Considering these regional dimensions makes it possible to adapt the implementation of targeted or larger-scale projects to specific needs or to a wider sector by ensuring the sustainability of the initiatives carried out.