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## **Women at the forefront of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda**



# Focus on our organization

A.V.E.S is a non-governmental organization created in 2001 by multidisciplinary groups of development actors who were met to think on the development issues in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in Togo. Its aim is to fight against poverty by fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals axed on basic social services ameliorating, economy and self-promotion improvement and environment protection.

The main principles on which NGO AVES bases its mission are Emancipation, Equity, Inclusion, Participation and Empowerment.

## Its actions



- ☒ *Helping to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups by giving them better access to basic social services and helping them to meet their basic needs;*
- ☒ *Reinforcing the initiatives in environmental management;*
- ☒ *Promoting cultural exchange and international solidarity by strengthening young people's voluntary actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;*
- ☒ *Facilitating the sharing of information, ideas, experience and resources between other development structures.*
- ☒ *Strengthening the organization's skills and capacity in community and participatory development;*
- ☒ *Contributing to building people's capacity for self-promotion through the implementation of socio-community projects; raise their awareness of citizenship (children's rights, women's rights, social assistance, etc.)*

# Project for access to drinking water and the promotion and inclusion of women

The NGO AVES is helping vulnerable groups to gain access to drinking water, especially in rural areas where water shortages create a gender equity gap. To achieve this, installing water supply infrastructure and training are becoming a strategy for women's self-promotion.

- ☒ time spent fetching water is reduced,
- ☒ monitoring of young girls' menstrual periods is better managed



# **Project for women's contribution to food security through healthy agriculture**

The NGO AVES trains women in healthy agriculture in order to reduce poverty and economic insecurity. The women produce bio-inputs (bio-pesticides and bio-fertilisers). This enables them to develop their agricultural production in a healthy and environmentally-friendly way, especially market gardening, which is used directly in food production.



## **Project for women involved in restoring forest landscapes**

The NGO AVES is supporting women in the restoration of degraded land through the implementation of participatory agri-environmental governance plans. To implement these plans, women are actively involved in setting up tree nurseries, planting and maintaining reforested areas. They take part in agro-forestry campaigns and in promoting the use of non-timber forest resources such as bee-keeping, pepper picking, etc.



# Women's empowerment project for social and climate justice

The NGO AVES empowers and mobilises women to play an active role in environmental management. They take part in climate, social and environmental justice campaigns through public health, waste management and sanitation activities. They initiate public and community awareness campaigns to change behaviour in terms of keeping our cities clean



## **Prospects for the women's inclusion programme**

- building women's capacity to implement the 2030 agenda,
- contribute to the socio-economic emergence of women,
- supporting women's initiatives for socio-economic and ecological resilience in the face of climate hazards,
- empower women to achieve full autonomy,
- promote women's endogenous know-how in their social, economic and ecological environment
- strengthen partnerships to implement the strategic plan for the women's empowerment programme,
- bring the voice of women to local, national and international negotiations and decisions

