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### **BIOGRAPHIE OF WORK ON MARGIN GROUPS**

Sociologist, I'm a consultant. Since 2001, my professional activities are mainly based on research and plea at national and international level to improve programs against HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups as orphan and vulnerable children, street children, sex workers, Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and lesbians.

But in national level, the existence of the MSM is denied or ignored. So, I'm the first Consultant in my country who have realised studies on the MSM. In September 2003, I realised an explored study on the MSM as the consultant of Burkina Faso in associated with the Professor Cheick Niang for the program MAP of the World Bank « *targeting vulnerable groups in the multi-country HIV/AIDS program (MAP) for the African region: the case of men who have sex with men* » (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Gambia ).

This study revealed that the MSM are highly stigmatised, haven't access to prevention or treatment of IST/HIV/AIDS and than, very vulnerable to HIV infection. This study also revealed the urgency to improve the access of MSM to prevention messages targeting them, and their access to the non discriminated treatment of STI/HIV/AIDS.

So, with two associations which take care of PLWHIV, we organised the meeting with the MSM to give to them informations on HIV/AIDS, help them to get condoms or HIV testing. In 2005, I collected medical informations about the MSM testing results. On 200 MSM, 19% are infected by HIV more than the prevalence of AIDS at 2% in national level.

I also publish results of studies and do presentations at scientific meeting on MSM, participate to several regional workshops and international conferences on MSM.

During this year, I have been a speaker for the Pre-Conference: The Invisible Men: Gay Men and Other MSM in the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic to the 2008 International AIDS Conference in Mexico City (1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>st</sup> August 2008) and the Midday NGO Workshop: Yogyakarta Principles: Human Rights, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference of UNESCO (3<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>st</sup> September 2008 – Paris)

I'm in permanent contact with the MSM and lesbians. I help them to access to prevention and treatment against AIDS, and plea in institutional and political level to improve projects against AIDS for them. Together, we organised meetings to find the way to resolve many problems of health or stigma. I continue to share with them informations on STI/HIV/AIDS and life skills.

The association "Action Volontaire" that I'm the President gets expertise in many domains such as the support for the poor peoples, the psychological support to persons living with HIV/AIDS, the reference of the patients to the voluntary counselling of HIV/AIDS testing and to the structures taking care of PLWHIV. However, the interventions relate primarily to the social mobilization of the specific groups (younger, MSM and lesbians, sex workers) for the prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS.

Nowadays, our association's objective in the domain of fighting against all form of marginalization, is striving to promote the access of MSM to the prevention and treatment of STI/HIV/AIDS.

In this topic, I elaborated three projects: The first is a training project for the MSM leaders on STI/HIV/AIDS, the second to increase the permanent accessibility of MSM to condom protectors at a very low price. The third is a project for several African counties (Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mali, Burundi, Cameroon and Niger). This project is an analytic study of social, cultural and political

representatives of homosexuality in Africa: The African response of the vulnerability of MSM to STI/HIV/AIDS infection. But any project isn't yet carried out because of lack of financing and institutional partnership. So, we need to establish a partnership with international institutions fighting against AIDS to carry them out.