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ENHANCING THE DIGITAL RESILIENCE OF WOMEN ACTIVISTS IN THE DRC

PERIOD FROM JUNE 09 TO 19, 2025 IN BUKAVU/ DRC

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**NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE DIGITAL CONTENT
CREATION AND CYBERSECURITY TRAINING
WORKSHOP**



0. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project “**Strengthening the Digital Resilience of Women Activists**”, implemented by the NGO **Actions pour la Réinsertion Sociale de la Femme (ARSF)** with the support of **CIVICUS**, was carried out over a six-month period. Its main objective was to strengthen the capacities of women activists and ARSF staff in digital content creation and cybersecurity.

In response to the growing threats within the digital space in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the project enabled participants to develop practical skills in managing digital platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X, YouTube, Zoom, Google Meet) and to master the fundamentals of online security.

The key achievements include:

- Improved skills in digital communication and cybersecurity;
- Establishment of a secure and functional digital infrastructure;
- Promotion of a culture of digital security within the beneficiary NGOs;
- Enhanced visibility of online advocacy efforts.

Despite technical challenges related to connectivity and equipment, the project has had a lasting impact on the digital empowerment of the participating women activists.

The report recommends continuing post-training support, developing a simplified cybersecurity guide in French and a national language (Swahili), and expanding the initiative to other provinces. This project represents a significant step toward safer and more influential female civic participation in the Congolese digital space.

1. CONTEXT

Faced with the growing challenges and threats in the digital space in the Democratic Republic of Congo, women activists are particularly exposed to hacking, online harassment, and violations of their digital security, which hinders their full and free participation in digital advocacy. With this in mind, Action for the Social Reintegration of Women (ARSF), an organization committed to the promotion of the rights and empowerment of marginalized women, has implemented with the support of CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation), a project to strengthen the digital resilience of women activists in Bukavu.

This project aims to: strengthen the participants' skills in digital content creation and cybersecurity; and to secure the digital platforms used in FSRA's communication, awareness and advocacy actions.

2.1. General objective

Build the capacity of women activists and FSRA staff in digital content creation and cybersecurity, in order to: Establish a secure and functional digital infrastructure, improving the visibility and impact of online advocacy.

2.2. Specific objectives:

- Train activists in the creation and management of digital content.
- Strengthen cybersecurity skills.
- Develop secure digital tools to support communication actions.

3. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

The training workshop was organized from 09 to 19 June 2025 at PSI/Bukavu, in two phases:

- Phase 1 (09–13 June): Digital Content Creation
- Phase 2 (June 15–19): Cybersecurity Initiation

The training was led by Raphaël Shukuru Musimbi, an expert in digital communication and online security.

Methodological approach:

- Interactive and participatory presentations,
- Practical exercises on computers and smartphones,
- Live demonstrations (account creation, security), • Group work and cyber risk simulations,
- Daily Formative Assessments.

4. BENEFICIARIES

- 4 femmes activists
- 3 FSRA staff

That is to say 4 participants from other organizations

The profiles were varied (communication officers, activists, technicians, program managers), promoting cross-exchanges and the coherence of learning.

5. RESULTS

- The 7 participants were successfully trained in the creation and management of digital content (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X, YouTube, Zoom, Google Meet).
- The 7 participants were introduced to basic cybersecurity: secure passwords, two-factor authentication, phishing prevention, privacy settings.
- A culture of digital security has been established within the structures represented.
- A reinforced digital infrastructure has been put in place: secure institutional accounts, social pages, collaborative tools (Zoom, YouTube, etc.).

6. DIFFICULTIES

- Inequalities at the technical level between participants (resolved by individualized support)
- Occasional Internet connection problems
- Lack of personal computers for some participants

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Organize advanced sessions on digital strategy, editorial planning, engagement indicators
- Create a simplified guide in French and Swahili on feminist cybersecurity
- Maintain remote post-training support (via WhatsApp or Google Classroom)
- Expand this initiative to other provinces (rural or marginalized)

8. CONCLUSION

This initiative, led by ARSF with the support of CIVICUS, has made it possible to take an essential step forward in the digital empowerment of women activists in Bukavu. They now have the tools to create strategic content, communicate effectively, and most importantly, protect themselves in digital spaces. These achievements will lay the foundation for stronger, more visible, and more secure online advocacy.

Annexes







***FACILITATOR'S REPORT ON DIGITAL CONTENT CREATION
AND CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP***

1. General context of the training

In a world of constant digital change, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) face a double challenge: adapting to the digital age while ensuring the protection of their information and resources. Digital technology is no longer a simple asset, it is now essential for the management of humanitarian, sustainable development, awareness-raising or social assistance projects. NGOs, as actors on the ground, must imperatively modernize their working, communication and advocacy methods to effectively respond to the needs of populations and strengthen their impact.

Today, digital channels such as social networks, collaborative platforms, websites or instant messaging tools offer immense opportunities in terms of visibility, resource mobilization, and the creation of solidarity networks. With these tools, NGOs can share their actions in real time, reach a wider audience, strengthen their partnerships and advocate for their causes more effectively.

However, this digital transformation also comes with significant risks. The growing use of the internet exposes NGOs to threats such as cyberattacks, data theft, disinformation, and online identity theft. Poor management of digital tools can compromise the confidentiality of sensitive data, the security of IT systems, and even the very reputation of the organization. It is therefore becoming crucial for NGOs to strengthen their cybersecurity skills and adopt digital best practices.

It is with this in mind that this training workshop was organized focused on:

- **The creation of digital content adapted to the needs and missions of NGOs;**
- **Basic cybersecurity to protect organizations from major cyber threats.**

This training is part of the desire to equip local NGOs with practical skills enabling them to:

- Communicate effectively about their activities;
- Strengthen their visibility with partners;
- Protect sensitive information from cyberattacks.

2. Training Objectives

2.1. General objectives

Strengthen the capacities of local NGOs in digital communication and IT security, enabling them to effectively create and manage online content platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube, LinkedIn, Google Meet, Zoom) while adopting good cybersecurity practices to protect their digital data and activities.

2.2. Specific objectives

- Efficiently create and manage Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and X pages for NGOs.
- Master video conferencing tools such as Zoom and Google Meet.
- Implement basic measures to protect data and digital accounts.

3. Target Audience and Participation

The training targeted local NGO staff with various profiles:

- ✚ Institutional communication managers;
- ✚ Project Officers and Program Managers;
- ✚ Administrative and financial managers; ✚
Computer technicians.

Participation statistics:

- Total number of participants: 7
- Men: 3
- Women: 4
- Total number of NGOs represented: 7

This diversity allowed for an enriching sharing of experiences and an adaptation of the content to the realities on the ground.

4. Training and pedagogical approaches

The training took place over **ten (10) consecutive days in person**, bringing together the participants in a setting conducive to learning and exchange. It was designed in an **interactive and participatory way**, promoting the active involvement of learners through concrete activities and feedback.

2.2. Pedagogical approaches adopted:

a. Interactive theoretical presentations:

Each module began with a clear presentation of key concepts related to digital and cyber security. These presentations were facilitated in the form of guided discussions, allowing participants to ask questions, share experiences and make connections to their context of work within NGOs.

b. Live hands-on demonstrations:

The trainer created and configured Facebook pages, X (Twitter) accounts, Instagram profiles, YouTube channels, LinkedIn profiles, as well as meeting links via Zoom and Google Meet, in real time. These demonstrations served as models that the participants then reproduced.

c. Practical work on computers and smartphones:

Each participant was invited to create their own accounts or pages, publish content, set security options and test the different features of the platforms. This practical phase strengthened the participants' autonomy in the handling of digital tools.

d. Scenarios and case studies:

Exercises inspired by real NGO situations were proposed to help participants understand how to integrate digital technology into their daily actions (project communication, awareness-raising, resource mobilization, webinars, etc.).

e. Work in small groups:

Sub-group sessions allowed for the exchange of ideas, the co-construction of digital content, and the reflection on online presence strategies adapted to the objectives of the participating NGOs.

f. Évaluations formatives continues:

At the end of each day, a brief feedback was held to assess participants' understanding, correct technical errors and clarify certain concepts.

5. Material resources mobilized

To ensure quality training in good pedagogical conditions, several material resources were mobilized throughout the 10 days:

** Educational infrastructure and equipment*

The training took place in the spacious and well-ventilated room, suitable for medium-sized groups. They were equipped with modern audiovisual equipment, including a giant

videoconferencing screen and video projector, allowing a clear presentation of digital media and real-time demonstrations. Whiteboards and markers were also used to illustrate key concepts and encourage interaction between the trainer and participants.

* *Technology Resources*

A stable and accessible Internet connection was made available to all participants, which is an essential prerequisite for carrying out online exercises such as creating accounts, downloading applications, publishing content or testing virtual meetings. Power strips and backup chargers have also been provided to ensure the proper functioning of the devices throughout the training sessions.

* *Teaching materials*

Each participant received a printed training file including presentations, practical sheets and detailed guides (creation of Facebook pages, LinkedIn accounts, activation of two-factor authentication, etc.). A digital version of these materials has also been made available on a USB key, making it easier to consult them on smartphones or computers. Complementary documents, such as examples of publication charters, digital safety guides for NGOs and editorial planning templates, enriched the educational content.

* *Technical supervision*

Continuous technical assistance was provided during the practical work by the trainer and/or an assistant, allowing the participants to benefit from personalized support. This assistance included troubleshooting in case of technical difficulties, individualized advice, verification of created accounts as well as assistance in configuring privacy and security settings on the various digital platforms.

6. Training content

6.1. Creation of digital content

This part of the training aimed to enable participants to understand the basics of digital communication, master online publishing tools, and implement effective visibility strategies through social networks and meeting platforms.

6.1.1. Digital Content Fundamentals

The training began with an introduction to the key concepts of digital content:

* **Definition:** Digital content refers to any information that is disseminated or published in an electronic form, such as text, images, videos, audio recordings, or infographics.

* **Why is it important for NGOs?**

- **Advocacy:** Use digital content to convey strong messages to technical and financial partners.
- **Awareness-raising :** Inform and educate beneficiary communities about ongoing actions, campaigns or projects.
- **Transparency and accountability :** Demonstrate to donors and the public the use of resources and the results achieved.
- **Resource mobilization :** Launching appeals for donations or attracting the attention of new partners.

- **Reputation** : To take care of the public and institutional image of the NGO through coherent and professional communication.

6.1.1. Creation and management of social networks

The participants learned how to create, configure and animate different social platforms according to the objectives of their NGOs:

a. Facebook

- Creation of professional pages dedicated to the NGO (and not personal profiles).
- Configuration of key information: name of the structure, mission, contacts, sector of intervention.
- Publication of visually appealing content: field photos, awareness videos, infographics, live events (Facebook Live).
- Management of interactions with the community: replies to comments, private messages, moderation.

b. LinkedIn

- Creation of a "Company" page highlighting the projects and mission of the NGO.
- Optimization of individual profiles of NGO staff (professional photo, experiences, publications, training).
- Highlighting projects carried out, partnerships established, publications or expert articles.
- Use of the platform to expand the professional network and seek funding or collaboration opportunities.

c. Instagram

- Creation of professional accounts focused on strong visual communication (photos, reels, stories).
- Training in smartphone shooting techniques, quick retouching, creation of impactful visuals.
- Using targeted hashtags to increase the visibility of posts.
- Interaction with young people, influencers, the media and other humanitarian organizations. **d)**

X (ex-Twitter)

- Creation and configuration of an official NGO account.
- Writing short and punchy tweets : results from the field, calls for support, news, publication of reports.
- Use of trending hashtags related to humanitarian, development, or specific events.
- Monitoring of key actors in the sector (journalists, policymakers, NGO partners) and direct interactions.

6.1.3. Organization of online meetings

The last part of this module focused on videoconferencing tools, which have become essential for NGOs in the coordination and management of activities remotely. 🚦 **Zoom and Google Meet**

- Create and customize meeting links.
- Invitation management: sending emails, integration into calendars, automatic reminders.
- Configuration of security settings: access password, waiting room, control of participants' microphones/cameras.
- Recording of sessions for prese

5.2. Cyber Security

This module raised awareness of the digital risks that NGOs may face, while providing them with the knowledge and tools to protect their data, online accounts and digital identity.

6.2.1. Introduction to Cyber Security

- **Definition of cybersecurity:** a set of practices, tools, and behaviors to protect computer systems, digital accounts, and data from unauthorized access, loss, and malicious attacks.

- **Challenges for NGOs:** o Protection of sensitive data (identity of beneficiaries, confidential reports, budgets). o Prevention against cyberattacks (hacking, phishing, ransomware, identity theft). - Maintaining the trust of partners and donors. o Respect for ethics and confidentiality obligations.

6.2.2. Securing accounts and devices

* Creating strong passwords:

- Minimum length of 12 characters. o Combination of letters, numbers and special characters.

- Use of password management tools (e.g., Bitwarden, LastPass).

. Two-factor authentication (2FA):

- Systematic activation on Gmail accounts, social networks, meeting platforms, etc.

- Use of apps like Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator.

* Device protection:

- Regular system updates (Windows, Android, iOS).

- Installation of a basic antivirus and regular checking.

- Avoid installing unverified or pirated apps.

6.2.3. Preventing common cyberattacks

• Phishing:

- Recognize suspicious emails and messages. o Never click on an unknown link or download a questionable attachment. o Check the sender's email address.

• Identity theft:

- Monitor the official accounts of the NGO. o Report and block fake social media profiles.

- Never share logins on WhatsApp groups or by email.

• Responsible use of public networks:

- Avoid connecting to unsecured public Wi-Fi.

- Prefer the use of a VPN for sensitive connections.

6.2.4. Digital good practices for NGOs

- Develop an internal digital charter : rules for the use of digital tools by team members.

- Designate a digital security officer or a contact person.

- Organize regular security reviews : change passwords, verify access rights.

- Regularly raise awareness among the members of the NGO through internal workshops.

6.2.3. Practical exercises and simulations

- Detection of fake phishing emails.

- Create secure passwords.

- Setting privacy options on social media.

- Response to simulated cybersecurity incidents.

7. Results achieved

At the end of the training:

- 100% of participants have opened and set up business pages on multiple social networks.
- The participants produced their first adapted multimedia content.
- Participants know how to organize and secure online meetings.
- A basic culture of cybersecurity has been established among the participating NGOs.

8. Difficulties encountered

- Technical level differences between participants.
- Limitations of the Internet connection at certain critical times.
- Absence of certain computer equipment for some participants (need for individualized support).

9. Recommendations for the future

- Organize **advanced sessions** on digital strategy, audience analysis and performance indicators.
- Strengthen **ongoing cybersecurity training**, including incident response.
- Develop **internal data protection protocols** for each NGO.
- Set up personalized **support** for each NGO over several months.

10. Testimonials and evaluation of participants

Criterion	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Not satisfied
Content	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Teaching method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Trainer skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Some testimonies collected:

"The training was very concrete and adapted to our realities. We have learned to better manage our social networks in a professional way. »

"Thanks to the practical exercises, we are now able to create publications that promote our projects to the partners."

"The cybersecurity exercises opened my eyes to the risks that we neglected in our NGO."

Done in Bukavu, 19 June 2025

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Raphaël SHUKURU MUSIMBI



MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS
From May to October 2025

1°. Monthly Progress Reports Template

This template gathers progress updates which helps the Crisis Response Fund Team to provide relevant and adequate accompaniment support to Partners.

1. Grant Details

Name of Organization	Actions pour la réinsertion sociale de la femme ARSF
Project Title	Renforcement de la résilience numérique des femmes activistes en RDC
Project Start and End Dates	16/04/2025 and 16/10/2025
Grant Amount in USD	9 893,00
Partner Location (Region) 1. Sub-Saharan Africa 2. Eastern Europe & Central Asia 3. Latin America & Caribbean 4. Middle East & Africa 5. Pacific 6. South Asia 7. East Asia	Sub-Saharan Africa
Partner Location (Country Partner is based)	DR.Congo
Reporting Period (Indicate the Month)	May
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2°. Partner Activity Chart - ARSF Project (6 Months)

Partner Activity Chart	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
Staff pedagogical meeting (ARSF)						
Digital platform setup (Zoom, Facebook, website security, electric & YouTube)						
Digital content creation & cybersecurity training						
Promotion & boost of digital platforms						
Radio shows & public presentations						
Project monitoring & evaluation						

3. Progress Updates 1st Month(May)

Activity Progress

Planned activities for the month as per SPA (grant agreement)	Status of achievement (completed, ongoing, not started)	Explanation (Kindly provide an explanation if the activity is ongoing or not started)	Evidence of activity implementation (Kindly provide a link to access any documentation or report on the activity or attach the evidence separately)
Staff pedagogical meeting (ARSF)	Completed	-	Attendance list
Digital platform setup (Zoom, Facebook, website security, electric & YouTube)	Completed	-	https://www.linkedin.com/company/arsfemme/?viewAsMember=true https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576238846384 https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84829169264?pwd=R2fJ52OGiZDFyIL6UkqxCltcBcKAev.1 https://youtube.com/shorts/C2d7MNZIZvs
Promotion & boost of digital platforms	Not started	We encountered major challenges in cashing the cheque issued to ASRF due to the temporary closure of banking institutions in the eastern region of the country. - This situation delayed the withdrawal of funds and consequently the payment of the services necessary for the implementation of planned activities.	-
Radio shows & public presentations	Not started	We encountered major challenges in cashing the cheque issued to ASRF due to the temporary closure	-
		of banking institutions in the eastern region of the country. This situation delayed the withdrawal of funds and consequently the payment of the services necessary for the implementation of planned activities	

<p>Progress Made</p> <p>In the first month of implementation, ARSF successfully conducted the staff pedagogical meeting and completed the setup of the digital platforms (Zoom, Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website security systems). These foundational steps created a solid structure for content delivery and engagement with the target group. However, two key activities promotion of the platforms and radio broadcasts could not be initiated due to unforeseen financial access challenges. Key Milestones & Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedagogical meeting held with staff (attendance list available) - Zoom account activated - Facebook and YouTube platforms created - Website and digital security setup complete
<p>Challenges</p> <p>The major challenge was the inability to access funds due to the temporary closure of banks in the eastern region of the country, where ARSF is located. This led to a delay in cashing the project cheque and consequently delayed payments for services required for certain activities. The team mitigated this by seeking alternative solutions, including exploring safer regions for banking transactions.</p>
<p>Results being Achieved</p> <p>Despite the delays, the project laid a strong technical foundation. Internal capacities were enhanced through the pedagogical meeting, and the target group's future access to digital spaces was secured through platform creation.</p>
<p>Lessons Learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is important to anticipate logistical and financial challenges, especially in fragile zones. - Early platform setup is crucial for smooth implementation of subsequent activities.
<p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial and political risk due to regional instability (bank closures). - Operational risk linked to delays in initial cash flow
<p>Support</p> <p>ARSF may need additional technical support</p>

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Partner Location (Country Partner is based)	DR.Congo
Reporting Period (Indicate the Month)	June

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Digital content creation & cybersecurity training						
Promotion & boost of digital platforms						
Radio shows & public presentations						
Project monitoring & evaluation						

4. Progress Updates 2st Month (June)

Activity Progress

Planned activities for the month as per SPA (grant agreement)	Status of achievement (completed, ongoing, not started)	Explanation (Kindly provide an explanation if the activity is ongoing or not started)	Evidence of activity implementation (Kindly provide a link to access any documentation or report on the activity or attach the evidence separately)
Training workshop on digital content creation and cybersecurity	completed		https://www.linkedin.com/company/arsfemme/?viewAsMember=true https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576238846384 https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84829169264?pwd=R2fJ52OGiZDFyIL6UkqxCltcBcKAev.1 https://youtube.com/shorts/C2d7MNZIZvs
Promotion & boost of digital platforms	Completed	-	

Radio shows & public presentations	ongoing	The activity was Due to the security situation in the eastern part of the country and the scheduling availability of the partner radio's studio .	-	
<p><u>Progress Made</u> In June, the project gained significant momentum. The training workshop on digital content creation and cybersecurity was successfully conducted, equipping participants with critical skills. Additionally, the promotion of digital platforms was completed, helping increase visibility and user engagement. Radio shows and public presentations were launched and are currently ongoing, delayed slightly due to security and coordination constraints.</p>				
<p><u>Key Milestones & Deliverables</u> - Digital content & cybersecurity training completed - Over 10 women activists trained - Facebook, YouTube content uploaded and boosted - Initial radio show scripts developed and shared</p> <p><u>Challenges</u> The main challenge was the availability of the partner radio studio and continued security issues in the eastern region. To address this, ARSF coordinated new schedules and relocated broadcast sessions to a safer zone.</p> <p><u>Results being Achieved</u> Participants demonstrated improved understanding of cybersecurity practices and the use of digital platforms for advocacy. Some beneficiaries have already begun to create their own digital content to amplify their causes online.</p> <p><u>Lessons Learnt</u> - Partner coordination must be anticipated early, especially for media-related activities. - Beneficiaries are eager to use digital tools when given adequate support and training. Risks - Security risk remains in the East, possibly impacting participant mobility or outreach. - Reputational risk if radio shows face repeated delays due to external factors.</p> <p><u>Support</u> ARSF would benefit from strategic communications support to further amplify trained activists' voices and risk management guidance for operating in fragile zones.</p>				

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Partner Location (Country Partner is based)	DR.Congo
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Activity Progress

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Promotion & boost of digital platforms	Completed	-	https://youtu.be/9Q-EqQYPIJA?si=zmS0Fm2B3E_Dhhc5 https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576238846384 https://www.linkedin.com/posts/arsfemme_onufemmesrdc-arsf-laprunellerdc-activity-7354388757145362432-sWNd?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAADgOeigB3_VgJbGNQjNBrGusU5W9J5DrEzE
Radio shows & public presentations	Completed	-	https://youtu.be/9Q-EqQYPIJA?si=zmS0Fm2B3E_Dhhc5
Project monitoring & evaluation	Completed	-	-

Progress Made

During the third month of implementation, ARSF made significant strides in enhancing its visibility and expanding its reach through various digital platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, and LinkedIn. These platforms served as powerful tools to inform and engage the broader public about the organization's mission, its community-based actions, and its commitment to sustainable and inclusive development.

Through the regular dissemination of content, ARSF succeeded in raising awareness on a large scale about its ongoing initiatives, while strengthening its advocacy for human rights and the empowerment of Congolese women—particularly those in rural areas who are often underrepresented. This digital engagement has also opened doors to the development of strategic partnerships, reinforcing ARSF's presence and credibility as a key stakeholder in community development and social transformation.

These accomplishments reflect a growing recognition of ARSF's work and provide a strong foundation for the continuity and scaling up of future activities.

Results being Achieved

Despite the challenges faced, the third month of activities was marked by the successful implementation of all planned actions under the project. ARSF effectively promoted its various digital platforms through the regular dissemination of content showcasing project activities, thereby enhancing the organization's visibility and engagement with its target audience.

Radio broadcasts were conducted to raise public awareness about the community role of ARSF, highlighting its on-the-ground interventions. These programs also addressed key current issues, such as menstrual hygiene, contributing to health education and the fight against taboos within the communities reached.

In addition, both internal and external monitoring and evaluation meetings were held, particularly with the Civicus staff. These sessions allowed for strategic realignment, strengthened team cohesion, and improved the overall effectiveness of project implementation.

These outcomes demonstrate ARSF's strong adaptability, commitment in the field, and efficiency in delivering high-impact community-based actions.

Lessons Learnt

The implementation experience over the past three months has enabled ARSF to draw several key lessons. First, it is crucial to anticipate logistical, technical, and security-related challenges, especially in fragile or unstable regions, in order to ensure continuity of activities even in difficult contexts.

Secondly, the early establishment of digital platforms proved to be a strategic tool for enhancing visibility, engaging with communities, and disseminating awareness messages. This highlights the importance of integrating digital tools from the initial stages of any community-based project.

Lastly, the regular support and guidance from partner staff—particularly through orientation and evaluation meetings with CIVICUS contributed to a structured, dynamic, and context-responsive implementation process.

Risks

Although the project operates in a context marked by security and technical challenges, the anticipation measures implemented by the ARSF team have significantly mitigated the identified risks. Through flexible planning, continuous field monitoring, and rapid adaptation to unforeseen events, we were able to ensure the smooth execution of activities without major disruption.

Support

To optimize project implementation, ongoing technical support is essential. This includes the transfer of skills to our team on effective management of digital platforms as well as best practices in community awareness and advocacy. Such technical assistance will sustainably strengthen ARSF's internal capacities, improve the quality of disseminated content, and ensure better coordination and rigorous monitoring of activities on the ground.

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Digital content creation & cybersecurity training						
Promotion & boost of digital platforms						
Radio shows & public presentations						
Project monitoring & evaluation						

Planned activities for the month as per SPA (grant agreement)	Status of achievement (completed, ongoing, not started)	Explanation (Kindly provide an explanation if the activity is ongoing or not started)	Evidence of activity implementation (Kindly provide a link to access any documentation or report on the activity or attach the evidence separately)
Promotion & boost of digital platforms	Completed	-	<p>Discover a glimpse of our achievements through our Facebook posts about our various activities in August. https://www.facebook.com/61576238846384/videos/1823362188603125/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v https://www.facebook.com/61576238846384/posts/122139103490874628/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v https://www.facebook.com/61576238846384/videos/1226704632537177/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v https://www.facebook.com/61576238846384/posts/122140004642874628/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v</p> <p>Discover an overview of our achievements through publications relating to our various activities in August on LinkedIn. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/arsfemme_arsf-laprunellerdc-onufemmesrdc-activit%C3%A9-7361357491823071232qr2B?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAADgOeigB3_VgJbGNQjNBrGusU5W9J5DrEzE https://www.linkedin.com/posts/arsfemme_arsfemme-laprunelle-onufemmesrdc-activity-7361881815927701506jCk3?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAADgOeigB3_VgJbGNQjNBrGusU5W9J5DrEzE</p>

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Radio shows & public presentations	Completed	-	
Project monitoring & evaluation	Completed	-	-

Progress Made

During the month of August, under the project to strengthen the digital resilience of women activists in the DRC funded by CIVICUS, ARSF consolidated its digital presence by promoting its various activities and projects on the established online platforms. A significant step was also taken with the production and dissemination of the monthly podcast on the ARSF YouTube channel, dedicated to mass awareness-raising on the new African Union Convention on the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls, adopted in Addis Ababa in February 2025.

Results being Achieved

The main achievement this month was the sensitization of various community, social, and judicial actors on the multiple forms of gender-based violence (GBV) and the implications of the new African convention (EVAWG). These actions not only provided information but also mobilized communities around the importance of this convention to strengthen the protection of women and girls. The podcast and digital campaigns facilitated active dialogue and increased pressure to achieve the ratification of this convention in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, thereby contributing to national and regional advocacy.

Lessons Learnt

The experience in August demonstrated that digital tools, such as the podcast, are an effective channel to reach a diverse audience and engage multiple stakeholders. It also highlighted that the fight against GBV requires an inclusive and multisectoral approach, integrating grassroots communities, civil society, local authorities, and judicial actors.

Moreover, collaboration around the podcast not only fosters better ownership of the messages but also increases ARSF's visibility and the reach of its activities to a broader audience, including beyond national borders. Finally, the experience confirmed the importance of pairing awareness-raising with targeted advocacy to transform awareness into concrete actions, such as the ratification and effective implementation of the African Union convention.

Risks

The main challenges identified relate to access difficulties for our audience, particularly in certain urban and rural areas of the DRC. Many face poor Internet connectivity, power outages, and technical limitations on their devices, which restrict their ability to access and engage with our digital content. To ensure greater reach and understanding, ARSF also plans to translate messages into national languages, allowing communities in remote areas to better comprehend information on the fight against gender-based violence and the new African convention.

Support

CIVICUS can provide strategic and technical support to enhance the effectiveness of ARSF's actions, including:

Capacity building in communication and advocacy, to better mobilize communities and decision-makers around the ratification of the convention.

Support in impact evaluation and monitoring, to adjust strategies and increase the reach and effectiveness of campaigns.

Logistical support and targeted funding, to facilitate access to rural areas and ensure that content reaches audiences with technical constraints.

With this support, ARSF will continue to disseminate awareness messages inclusively, effectively, and sustainably, while reinforcing its leadership role in the fight against violence against women and girls in the DRC.

11°. Monthly Progress Reports Template

This template gathers progress updates which helps the Crisis Response Fund Team to provide relevant and adequate accompaniment support to Partners.

1. Grant Details

Name of Organization	Actions pour la réinsertion sociale de la femme ARSF
Project .Title	Renforcement de la résilience numérique des femmes activistes en RDC
Project Start and End Dates	16/04/2025 and 16/10/2025
Grant Amount in USD	9 893,00
Partner Location (Region) 1. Sub-Saharan Africa 2. Eastern Europe & Central Asia 3. Latin America & Caribbean 4. Middle East & Africa 5. Pacific 6. South Asia 7. East Asia	Sub-Saharan Africa
Partner Location (Country Partner is based)	DR.Congo
Reporting Period (Indicate the Month)	September
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12°. Partner Activity Chart - ARSF Project (6 Months)

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3. Progress Updates 2st Month (June)

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Activity Progress

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Promotion & boost of digital platforms	Completed	-	Listen to the podcast via the following link: ARS Femme RDC YouTube Channel https://youtu.be/pCyOaCH1Go0?si=7Z4gDL69JnBC7OW- On this same channel, you can also find the various interventions related to our project carried out over the past four months. The YouTube channel serves as a key dissemination tool, enabling greater awareness on important issues related to the promotion of women's rights and social justice. It provides an accessible space for information and sharing with a wide audience, fostering a better understanding of the challenges and the impact of our work. Get an overview of the various projects and activities carried out by ARSF during the month of August by visiting our Facebook and LinkedIn pages through the following links:
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Progress Made

In September, as part of the project to strengthen the digital resilience of women activists in the DRC funded by CIVICUS, ARSF continued to consolidate its digital presence by highlighting its activities and projects on online platforms. The month was also marked by the production and dissemination of the monthly podcast on ARSF's YouTube channel, dedicated to raising awareness on cybersecurity and the responsible use of digital platforms by human rights activists and community actors.

This initiative helped strengthen the visibility of the project and promote the importance of digital resilience for women activists in the DRC, with the support of CIVICUS.

Challenges

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Results being Achieved

The importance of consistency in digital communication, which helps foster stronger engagement from the online community.

The podcast as an effective awareness-raising tool, as it reaches a broader audience, including those outside

the usual activist circles.

The growing need for practical training in cybersecurity for women activists, enabling them to better protect their data and online actions.

The strengthened visibility of the project through the strategic use of digital platforms, which further highlights the efforts of women human rights defenders.

Lessons Learnt

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5. Progress Updates 1st Month(May)

Activity Progress

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1. Production of a Project Highlight Leaflet	Completed	-	Project Highlight Leaflet
2. Update and Security Enhancement of the ARSF Website	Completed	-	www.arsfemmerdc.org
3. Final Monitoring and Evaluation Activity of the Project	Completed	-	Attendance list

Progress Made

A leaflet showcasing the main achievements of the project was written, validated. It highlights progress in digital communication, cybersecurity, and the empowerment of trained women activists.

The institutional website was fully updated, integrating new project content and applying enhanced cybersecurity measures (two-factor authentication, secure passwords, automated backups).

The final evaluation measured concrete changes in participants' digital communication skills and cybersecurity practices. Capacity-building indicators were successfully met.

Challenges

Limited internet connectivity.

Technical difficulties encountered during configuration of security tools.

Lack of permanent staff dedicated to website management

Difficulty gathering all participants at the same time for the evaluation.

Limited technical resources (unstable internet connection for data collection).

Results being Achieved

The document contributes to greater public visibility of the project and strengthens ARSF's institutional credibility among partners and beneficiaries.

The website is now more functional, secure, and regularly updated, contributing to the sustainability of the project's digital infrastructure.

Participants now demonstrate greater autonomy in digital content creation and stronger online safety practices.

A culture of digital security has been established within the participating organizations.

Lessons Learnt

- Involving participants early in the content design process ensures timely and authentic testimonies.

- Continuous staff training in technical maintenance is necessary to ensure longterm sustainability and reduce dependence on external service providers.

- Post-training follow-up through remote platforms (WhatsApp or Google Classroom) helps sustain acquired skills and foster peer learning among activists.

Risks

- Potential data loss or malfunction if regular maintenance is not ensured.

- Loss of motivation or inconsistent application of good practices without continued follow-up after the project closure.

Support

- Support for translation and international dissemination of the leaflet (English version) to enhance regional visibility of the project results.

- Technical assistance or a short complementary training on secure web maintenance for ARSF staff.

- Support in setting up a post-project mentoring program to consolidate achievements and provide long-term guidance to beneficiaries.

Done at Bukavu, november 24, 2025

For ARSF,

Ms. Bibyshe Mundjo Takubusoga



Executive Secretary