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## Dear DeafNET Friends,

As we approach the end of 2024, we celebrate our achievements that have occurred over this period. **Celebrating 19 years** in existence, we have made an impact by reaching out many beneficiaries in more than 40 countries. Building on the momentum, the management team reaffirms its commitment to empowering Deaf people on the African continent, including the Indian Ocean islands. We are looking forward to yet another fruitful and productive year.

The Board of Trustees would like to express its warm appreciation for the constant support extended by SVE and DSD throughout 2024 and rely on their strong collaboration for a fruitful 2025. We are grateful for the generous assistance.

As this year comes to an end, we wish all our donors, sponsors, friends, and beneficiaries a peaceful and joyous festive season. Thank you for being part of DeafNET's family.

**In this issue you will see more about our projects executed from July to December 2024 in Africa.** Feel free to reach out to us through our social media platform or by e-mail at [projectadmin@deafnet.org](mailto:projectadmin@deafnet.org). Thank you and enjoy the newsletter.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





## WHAT WE DO







## VISION

To be a world-class network of exchanging knowledge and expertise in the interest of Deaf persons and their families in Africa.

## MISSION

To build a network of the Deaf in Africa through particularising, capacity building, research and knowledge dissemination to improve the health and socio-economic well-being of Deaf people and their families.

## CORE VALUES





## A Quick Glance

### HIV AWARENESS RAISING

The objective of the workshop is to increase understanding of the HIV/AIDS impact and disseminate important information to the Deaf community.

**GHANA** 11 August 2024

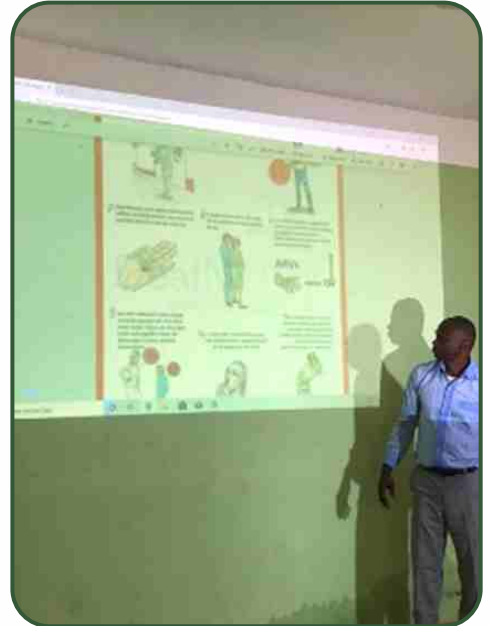
DeafNET organized an HIV awareness raising workshop in the conference room of the Kameshie region. The session was facilitated by Rev. Peter Wuni (Deaf) and Ms. Mable Adjei (Deaf). The workshop attracted 35 participants.





## GUINEA-CONAKRY 14 September 2024

The second HIV workshop was hosted at la salle de l'Ecole des Sourds de Boulbinet, Conakry. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Souleymane Soumah (Deaf) and was attended by 25 participants.







## TUNISIA 21 September 2024

DeafNET held an HIV awareness raising workshop at 08 Rue d'Espagne 1ère étage, Tunis. Mr Atef Boubakri (Deaf) facilitated the workshop. There were 25 participants who pitched up to the workshop.





## GABON 19 October 2024

In October DeafNET hosted a HIV awareness raising workshop at Association des Sourds Muets du Gabon, Libreville. Mr Pouna Bertrand (Deaf) facilitated the workshop and 38 people participated in the workshop.







## TANZANIA 2 November 2024

Mr Edgar Bwire (Deaf) from Uganda facilitated a workshop at Bukoba Deaf Youth Network, Tanzania, attracting 25 participants.





## SIGN LANGUAGE July - December 2024

DeafNET hosted four SL workshops across the Western Cape, in partnership with the Department of Social Development (DSD) and Stichting Vrienden van Effatha (SVE). It is an introduction to Basic South African Sign Language for NEET youth. The workshops were facilitated by Mr Eddie Tsubella and Ms Anneke Manual (Deaf) from South Africa.

### WELLINGTON 19-23 August 2024

A workshop was held at the Wellington main hall and was attended by 25 people.







## CROSSROADS 26-30 August 2024

DeafNET hosted another workshop at Ikamva Labantwana in Gugulethu, with 42 participants who took part.







## SARON 21-25 October 2024

DeafNET hosted another workshop at the Saron Library. The training was attended by a group of 24 participants.





## STELLENBOSCH 28 October - 1 November 2024

The workshop was held at the VGK Church Hall, Idas valley and attracted about 29 participants.







## BEEKEEPING

### RWANDA July-December 2024

In Rwanda, the strides of hard work and perseverance are starting to pay off with the Deaf beekeepers making its first-ever long-awaited honey harvesting in two years. Results were positive to see the Deaf community within the bee-keeping project scope eagerly embracing and expanding the project as a side business to supplement their income.







## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The purpose is to increase awareness and advocating for societal transformation to combat GBV in African countries specifically among Deaf women and girls.

**MALAWI** 17 August 2024

A GBV workshop was hosted at the Deaf Christian Church at Shalom Palace Lodge, Blantyre. Twenty seven participants took part and the workshop was facilitated by Mr Jimm Akimu (Deaf).





## ALGERIA 5 October 2024

Mr Reda Brahmi (Deaf) facilitated the workshop that was held at Rue Didouche Mourad, Alger. The workshop attracted 23 participants.







## MAURITIUS 19 October 2024

The GBV workshop was held at Ramdhur Building, St Jean Rd, Quatre Bornes and was facilitated by Ms Irani Jankee (Deaf). Twenty-nine people attended the workshop.







## SOCIAL COMPETENCE IN LEADERSHIP

The program aims to enhance the leadership skills of Deaf leaders to improve their ability to support their community. Also to enhance their skills of making a competent team.

### CHAD 4-8 November 2024

DeafNET hosted a SoCoMo workshop in partnership with Centre de Formation Professionnelle des Jeunes where a total of 25 attended. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Debby Shukuru (Deaf) and Mr. Djerandil Mbaindiguim (Deaf).





## MALI 11-15 NOVEMBER 2024

DeafNET in partnership with Association Mallienne des Sourds hosted a workshop in Bamako at École pour Déficients. A total of 25 people attended the workshop which was facilitated by Mr. Djerandil Mbaindiguim (Deaf) and Mr. Debby K. Shukuru (Deaf).







# START PREPARING FOR

## DeafNET Africa Conference 2026



The DeafNET Africa Conference serves as a diverse collaboration event and forum designed in uniting and establish connections with other members in the Deaf community and to showcase the latest innovative ideas and research work. The first announcement will go out in 2025. Please visit our website at [www.deafnet.org](http://www.deafnet.org) for more information.







## OTHER INITIATIVES

### CAMEROON 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

An Awareness raising was organised in Bafoussam, Cameroon to promote awareness raising regarding the significance of Sign Language. This initiative was led by Mr Innocent Djonthe (Deaf) and Ms Lucie Nadine Kembou (Deaf).





## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) 23-30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ANSCO (Association Nationale des Sourds du Congo), celebrated the International Day of Sign Language at Sultani Hotel, Kinshasa. This initiative was led by Ms Marie Louise Kanda and Mr Debby Shukuru (Deaf)







## MAURITIUS 20-26 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Deaf Association of Mauritius celebrated the International Week of the Deaf by organizing a fancy fair at La City Trianon. The event featured a variety of stalls offering an assortment of products, including pastries, sweets, and clothing items. Ms Irani Jankee (Deaf) led the initiative.



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