Defying the odds of internal displacement

Recurrent terrorist attacks in several areas of Burkina Faso have claimed victims and caused displacement waves to urban areas. With her four children, Ms. Kadi Guiré fled to the city of Kaya to the North Center region of the country. Together with women in the community, she is tilling the land, and the fruits are evident. Read her story here: [FR, EN]

Meet Ms. Adidjé Kerala – the woman leading the Stabilization Committee at Guitté, Chad

In Guitté, a locality in the province of conflict - hit Lac in Chad, Adidjé Kerala heads the Stabilization Committee – a core part of local efforts to ensure that communities live in harmony in post - conflict settings. The very first woman at the helm of this work, in a conservative society, Kerala embodies progress, and hope. In her words "I urge women to get to work and assert themselves, just like men. If they are asked for a job, let them do it, without hesitation, and without any complex." Discover her story: [FR, EN]

Seizing opportunities in the creative economy

In the Ivone Studio of the São Paulo neighborhood of Guinea Bissau, Ivana Gomes, and 30 young women are sewing and dyeing material for traditional weaving bags, fabric computer holders, backpacks, dresses, pouches, men's shirts and more. This is thanks to training received to hone their skills. Their story confirms the promise of the creative economy – at a time when the United Nations marks 2021 as the International Year of the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. Read more: [EN]

“Where there is life, there is hope”: how women in Mozambique brave the onslaught of cyclone devastation

Mozambique’s Cecilia Chata Valentim, a young mother, and the seven children under her care were resettled to Mandruizi site following the devastation of cyclone Idai. The support she received on entrepreneurial skills in agriculture and managing a business empower her to look after her family, and to spread hope to the community. Find out how: [EN]

Where entrepreneurship meets social commitment – Mariama Camara

In the town of Fria, 140km from Conakry, Mariama Camara applies her triple talent as a seamstress, dyer and soap producer, promoting social engagement, cohesion and resilience. She is sharing her skills with women in her community and her NGO - the Association for the Protection, Promotion and Inclusion of Young Girls - works to ensure that women in her community maximize their talents for economic and social empowerment. Read more: [FR, EN]