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# Les Actrales

REGIONAL HUB:	Western Africa
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Performing Arts, theatre
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Association Arkadi Cultures
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	Togo
PROJECT DURATION:	08/2022- 07/2023 (12 months)
BUDGET:	40 416 EUR – EU FUNDING: 25 000 EUR (38 %)
WEBSITE:	N/A

The **Actrales** project has a twofold objective: firstly, to enhance the skills of artists and actors in the practice of organic theatre – an interactive theatrical performance using acting to encourage people to express themselves and reflect on a chosen theme. Secondly, it aims to develop the skills of performing arts technicians in stage design, cultural administration, directing, and acting to professionalize this sector in Togo.

To achieve these goals, five training and capacity-building workshops were organized. As a result, 5 set designers, 5 stage directors, 5 cultural administrators, and 35 actors from the 5 regions of Togo underwent training.

Subsequently, 5 shows were created in local languages, each representing one of the 5 regions of Togo. These shows drew inspiration from social issues affecting people’s daily lives, focusing on the theme of peace and social cohesion. Furthermore, a mobile stage has been established to bring these shows to urban and peri-urban areas, particularly to rural communities where cultural offerings are scarce.

Finally, a network comprising the various companies trained in each region has been established to oversee their activities in implementing «organic theatre» and to rejuvenate the art of theatre.

