



SOLANGE RISING STAR: A STORY OF EVOLUTION AND PURPOSE



ABOUT US:

When Solange Rising Star (SRS) was founded in 2022, its mission centered on using talent and theatre to empower youth in advocating against social ills, particularly sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

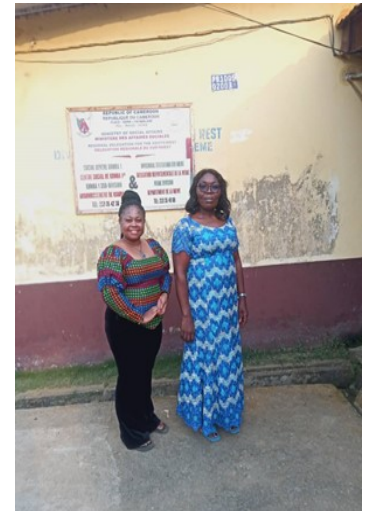
However, in 2024, a profound shift occurred. After sharing her personal story as a survivor at Kanthari Institute, India, Solange Ndip realized the urgent need to focus specifically on supporting survivors with the survivor led approach and breaking cycles of silence, stigma, and violence.

This led to a new vision, mission, and objectives, reflected in the updated registration, expanded team, and fresh interventions. With innovative strategies crafted alongside Kanthari catalysts, SRS now directly tackles SGBV through education, advocacy, rehabilitation, and survivor-led initiatives, filling gaps left by existing NGOs.

Now, **SRS is no longer just a talent show company it is a force for transformation, resilience, and justice**

Strengthening Alliances

We knocked on doors and they opened, Government officials, including the Delegate of Social Affairs, welcomed our vision. Partnering with REWOCAM and MEPEWIDA, two fierce NGOs, expanded our advocacy reach. Our volunteer team grew stronger with training pictures of team and stake holders.



Here is a look at our powerful strides From January-March. Buckle up it's an inspiring one.

A BUTTERFLY EMERGING IN MOTION

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Change-makers, Imagine standing at the edge of a vast ocean, looking toward a future where no survivor suffers in silence. This is the journey of Solange Rising Star (SRS) a movement of resilience, transformation, and impact. As we step into 2025, our wings are spreading wider, and our voices are growing louder. Through the power of community, advocacy, and unwavering commitment, we are turning pain into purpose.

You don't want to miss it



Inside Story Headline

Building an Inclusive Structure

With a commitment to female leadership, we established our Board of Directors 70% women strong we fine-tuned our legal and registration documents, ensuring we meet donor expectations.

The Challenge: FUNDING!

The biggest mountain? Financial resources. We need funding to map project sites in Kumba and expand our impact. Our team submitted proposals to the Haëlla Foundation and The Pollination Project, seeking much-needed support. we are actively looking for new donors. *Could you be the next champion for our cause?*

FEBRUARY 2025: STRENGTHENING OUR REACH

February was all about amplifying our voice and extending our hands to communities ready to embrace change.

Empowering Communities



Chiefs from local villages stood with us, recognizing the urgency of our mission. Land allocations for survivor-led cooperatives are in motion, creating paths toward financial independence. Economic empowerment remains key because survivors deserve more than survival, they deserve to RISE & SHINE LIKE STARS.



R.I.S.E Takes Off: Empowering Schools for a Safer Future

Despite limited funding, we took the initiative to launch the R.I.S.E. (Respect, Inform, Support, Empower) program in partnership with Zion Health Foundation (ZHF), aligning with their Health Club initiative. Our pilot session at Living Water Comprehensive College, Kumba, was a success, engaging over 400 students on gender-based violence (GBV), consent, and positive masculinity. Building on this momentum, we have developed a 33-page joint curriculum to guide the program over a full academic year. Moving forward, we aim to reach four schools annually (three rural, one urban), fostering safe spaces for learning and advocacy.



Together, we are shaping a future where respect and empowerment are at the heart of every community

Organizational Growth

Our constitution and policies got a much-needed refresh, aligning with our expanding mission. Board engagement remains a hurdle, but we are addressing it head-on with strategic solutions.

MARCH 2025: A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH.

March was nothing short of electrifying Milestones were achieved, voices were heard, and barriers were shattered.

On march 5th our founder Solange Ndip, took center stage at our community symposium, delivering a powerful speech on breaking the silence around GBV. The event saw men, women, persons with disabilities, and survivors come together, proving that change is a collective responsibility.

During our Women's Day talk on supporting women and victims of gender-based violence, we highlighted the crucial role of community engagement in empowering women across different categories.



As a result of our outreach, we were able to register more than 20 of our beneficiaries at the sports who will go through our healing process while fundraising for their economic activities. Additionally, we encountered women with disabilities who voiced their struggles and called on us to extend our support to them as well. While engaging with the president of Meme Persons with Disabilities, we identified the urgent need to assist women with disabilities who are survivors of sexual violence, along with their girl children. This experience has led us to draft a project aimed at providing these women with better accommodation, financial stability, and a sense of belonging. We now seek support to turn this vision into reality, ensuring that no woman is left behind in our fight for dignity, protection, and empowerment



Before that, on **March 1**, our team set foot in Mabanda Village, reaching 78 individuals through a door-to-door awareness campaign. One door at a time, we are reclaiming voices and re-writing destinies.

The gears are turning we submitted the necessary documents to open our organizational bank account. We ramped up our digital advocacy efforts, ensuring that the world hears our message loud and clear.



ECHO Prison Rehabilitation Program FUNDING SECURED.



On March 21, 2025, history was made The Haëlla Foundation officially funded our ECHO Prison Rehabilitation Project.

Implementation: April – November 2025

Objective: Transform convicted offenders of rape into advocates against sexual violence.

Support: Prison authorities and government officials gave us their full backing

A Visit That Opened Doors: Expanding the ECHO Prison Rehabilitation Program

When we visited government officials to present the ECHO Prison Rehabilitation Program, we were met with overwhelming support. The Superintendent of Meme Prison welcomed the initiative wholeheartedly, recognizing its potential to transform lives. He not only endorsed the program but urged us to expand it beyond the initial group and number of beneficiaries for this project, believing that "change is contagious."

With the government's full backing, we are setting our sights on Fako Prison, which houses a high number of offenders. As we prepare for this expansion, we remain hopeful for more funding to widen our impact and break cycles of violence across more prison communities.

This is just the beginning ECHO is growing, and with it, the hope for lasting change. These are pictures of our meeting with the stake holders and at the sign board of meme principal prison Kumba.



KACHERKATAN: A SURVIVOR'S TRANSFORMATION

“Kacherkatan” means butterfly a symbol of transformation. Inspired by our founder’s journey, this initiative represents survivors breaking free from silence and rising as advocates. Solange Ndip, a survivor turned change-maker, use her name without shame to calls on others to rise like stars and shine against SGBV. Her training at Kanthari Institute in India has strengthened her resolve, shaping SRS into a powerhouse for impact.



UPCOMING PROJECTS & FUNDING NEEDS

To expand our reach, we seek funding for: R.I.S.E Program – Respect, Inform, Support, and Empower (School Club Initiative)

S.T.A.R Program – Support, Talent, and Resilience (Empowering Young Talents)

S.U.R.E Program – Survivors, Uplift, Restoration, and Empowerment

F.L.A.S.H Program – Fostering Leaders Against Sexual Harm

Goal: Expand beyond Kumba to all 10 regions of Cameroon and beyond!

How You Can Support Us:

Spread the Word – Share our mission with your networks.

Partner with Us – NGOs, government bodies, and individuals, we welcome you!

Donate – Every contribution fuels transformation.

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As we reflect on the journey from January to March 2025, one truth stands clear **change is happening**. From empowering survivors to transforming offenders into advocates, from breaking the silence on (SGBV) Sexual Gender based violence to expanding our reach into schools and communities, **Solange Rising Star is not just an organization; it is a movement.**

But we cannot do this alone. Every voice raised, every hand extended, and every resource given fuels the transformation we seek. **Together, we are rewriting stories, restoring dignity, and creating a future where no survivor suffers in silence.**

We invite you to stand with us. **Be the voice. Be the change.**

Be the rising star. With gratitude and determination,

Together, we are UNIFYING VOICES AND ENDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

