

Association Culturelle

Pensons à Demain

TimSueJohn Centre

Annual Report

2016

During 2016 we continued with our usual activities, namely:

Bogolan training,
Painting,
Literacy,
Educational discussions,
Music and Dance

We worked with around 177 children this year, of which 57 received full board and lodging at the centre during their training.

TRAINING FOR THE CHILDREN

Our activities focus on training vulnerable children to help them move towards social and economic integration into wider society.

We achieve this by providing a diverse range of learning opportunities alongside training to produce traditional bogolan mud cloth, which is easy to learn and for which the raw materials are readily available.

We would like to be able to offer a higher level of monitoring and evaluation of our activities through increased follow up of our graduates. We'd also like to open a workshop where former students could work for themselves to produce and sell bogolan to help them to become increasingly self-sufficient.

Mali has a low literacy rate and this is why we include literacy in the activities we offer, alongside dance and theatre as complementary activities.

Education is universally acknowledged as a right for all children but the children we work with do not benefit from this right, which is why we decided to do what we can to fill this gap and give them an opportunity to learn.

We also offer a range of other activities including painting, the making of musical instruments and dance and choreography during the school holidays, when other children living locally also join in. This mixing creates solidarity

between the children and promotes the message that no-one should be excluded and forced to live on the margins of society

- **Lodging**

We can only provide full board and lodging for a limited number of children, these being the ones considered to be most in need.

We make the selection on the basis of social assessments and the number of places available.

Provision of board and lodging is an expensive item in our budget, which is one of the reasons we have to limit the number, combined with the fact that our two small dormitories only have beds for 15 children.

- **Hygiene and Sanitation**

Hygiene and sanitation are essential elements to help the children remain in good health. We need to ensure that the centre and its furnishings and equipment are kept clean so this year we have employed a cleaner who is responsible for making sure the centre is kept clean at all times.

- **The project workers**

This year one of our bogolan project workers left us to further his career. This is Mr Badra Aliou SOGODOGO who benefitted from 3 years professional social work training funded by MDG. The conditions for his training were agreed between him, PAD and MDG.

However, his departure has not affected the smooth running of programme activities. At the Annual meeting of the management group it was decided to recruit two new project workers to fill the gap and to increase the level of activities.

- **Presentation of Certificates**

As usual, students completing a training course received their certificates. This year two graduation ceremonies took place at the TIMSUEJOHN Centre.

As usual the ceremonies were attended by representatives of the various Ministries responsible for children's affairs: Children's rights, Social

development and Promotion of Children and the Family. The local Commune Authorities and some international child protection organisations were also present, alongside representatives of the two local Police Commissariats and local leaders, all bearing witness to the activities to support vulnerable children at the TIMSUEJOHN Centre.

- **Facilities and equipment**

Concerning the improvement and upkeep of our premises, this year we have totally redecorated the inside of the building and completed a number of small repair jobs.

We have also enlarged the available working space to offer new training in sewing and design to young mothers. We have started to increase the height of the surrounding wall and will then renew the thatch of the hanger roof, so insuring a secure work space.

The construction of the hanger was made possible by collaboration with two associations in France: MALIANCE and ABAMA. The hangar enclosure was funded by ABAMA and the roof by MALIANCE.

MALIANCE made us a gift of two sewing machines and ABAMA also gave us some sewing machines and clothes for the children.

Running parallel to our collaboration with MALIANCE and ABAMA, we have worked with SAMU SOCIAL MALI.

SAMU-SOCIAL MALI has given financial and material support which has strengthened our capacity by providing supplementary raw materials and enabling us to increase the salaries of our personnel and enrol some of them in the National Insurance scheme.

- **Other Donations**

We have internet access thanks to Orange Mali.

ABOVE ALL WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSTANT AND REGULAR SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT FROM MDG BECAUSE IT IS THIS NOBLE ACT THAT HAS ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO APPROACH US.

WE CAN ONLY THANK MDG AND ALL ITS PARTNERS.

Today we receive many requests concerning our activities, be it bogolan, literacy, dance, musical instrument making etc....

We have relaunched our collaboration with Caritas Mali and COFEM (Malian Women's Collective).

All these Associations and women's groups and children's centres participate in PAD activities.

PAD's CURRENT CONCERNS

Our second-hand computers that are used by the President, the treasurer, the secretary and the project workers are all worn out and in poor condition.

We have received two laptop computers but they have a small capacity (one Giga) so don't enable us to store our archives as we'd like.

We need:

- A new desktop computer, which costs 450 000 F CFA at IBM bureautique in Bamako and we also need a black and white printer.
- New work tables and tools such as brushes, scissors etc
- To replace some damaged beds, mattresses and children's cupboards
- To enrol the remaining project workers in the National Insurance scheme.

We'd like to ask if you would be able to increase our budget in 2017 to help meet these needs.

In reality our main concern is to reach more children, adolescents and girl-mothers to mitigate to some degree their suffering.

CONCLUSION - THANKS

WE THANK VERY SINCERELY OUR MAIN FUNDER M.D.G AND ALL ITS PARTNERS : TYMOTE ; JOHN, ANDY AND LUCK ... WE THANK OUR ADVISOR MME SUEZAN UPTON AND MME VIOLETE DIALLO AND ALSO TANTI OF JEUNESSE ET DEVELOPEMENT.

We also want to thank our French partners who are ABAMA, ANGERS, MALIANCE

We also thank our local partners and all those of good will who help us and support us.

We also address our real thanks to the local authorities: the Mairie, the chefs de quartiers, the police etc.....

We hope that 2017 will be even better.

Thanks to everyone and good luck for 2017!!!

Financial Report

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Annual Budget Summary 2016

PERIOD	AMOUNT
1 st Quarter 2016	3 856 000 FCFA
2 nd Quarter 2016	4 003 500 FCFA
3rd Quarter 2016	4 210 000 FCFA
4th Quarter 2016	4 555 000 FCFA
TOTAL for 2016	16 624 500 FCFA

For the financial year of 2016, our expenses amounted to **SIXTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FRANC CFA.**

The Treasurer Administrator:

TADJOURDINE BELLO DIT TAHIROU

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