

TANAT school in the spotlight!

Hassane's words, secondary school Headmaster



Award ceremony of the prize of excellence in Tahoua

Prize of excellence of the Tahoua district for Zoua and Ramlatou

The Ministry of the National Education of Niger and the governor of the district of Tahoua have awarded a prize of excellence to the girls of the district having obtained the best marks last year.

This prize is awarded to the three best talented girls by level of the district on the basis of the school reports for the year 2016-2017. It is thus that Zoua Khamed is first ranked of the district for the level of the 2nd class and Ramlatou Echeffer is ranked second for the level of the 3rd class .

All our congratulations to our two talented pupils who thus participate in the good reputation of the TANAT school institution .



Electricity lesson in 4th class



« My pleasure is always great when I start writing to you. In this beginning of New Eve, I take the opportunity of that moment to wish you, you members of the Association and to your families, a good and an happy year 2018. May this year bring us all that 2017 has not been able to provide us, for the good. I also take the opportunity of this letter to thank you for all that you do and keep on doing for our school. On my behalf, on behalf of the school team and administration, on behalf of the pupils sponsored or not, I say to you thank you and I wish that our partnership, our friendship will be still greater, stronger.

The school has been praised through an official testimony of satisfaction for the compliance, by the institution, with "environmental, pedagogical and technical standards during the year 2016-2017 having allowed getting convincing results". This testimony has been possible, we must admit it, thanks to your numerous and multi-faceted helps, first through the library, your pedagogical supports, the provided trainings, and overall your rigorous follow-up of all that is carried out in the secondary school (without fol-

low-up, no step forward, no progress, no development).

Three days after this testimony, I have accompanied two (2) of our girls pupils to Tahoua to the awarding of the 2017 prize of excellence.

Generally speaking we can say that the secondary school goes well. Teachers and pupils work in harmony. No problem has been reported as of today. The two additional classrooms have permitted to relieve the classes. All feel at ease and take their place in their respective classes peacefully. The library and the computer room allow pupils to make searches, to prepare presentations and to help each other, especially when a teacher is out or when the class is on free time.

At the time being Abalak is in the dry season, with dust every day. The home-grown population being used to it is not worried. It is the season for putting on properly one's turban and for attending one's daily activities. The other ones are obliged to do the same or to endure the hardships of the wind. »

Hassane Moumouni, secondary school headmaster

Official testimony of satisfaction awarded by the Minister

Mamane Sani Abdourhamane Minister for the secondary teachings in Niger awarded on October 27th an official testimony of satisfaction to TANAT secondary school.

The text of the official testimony is the following :

« The Minister of the secondary teachings has the honour to award an official testimony of satisfaction to the Nomadic Organization for a Participative Development (ONODEP) founder of the private school complex of secondary teaching TANAT for the following reason: **the good compliance of environmental, pedagogical and technical standards during the 2016-2017 year having allowed getting convincing results .** »

Congratulation to Hassane Headmaster of the institution and to all his team for this testimony that rewards the excellence of their work and of their involvement .



Hassane Mounouni Headmaster of secondary school receiving the official testimony of satisfaction

Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to provide scholarship to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance operating expenses of the school (class sponsorship). Tanat school needs you to receive more sponsorships and supports to offer more children the possibility to take in charge their future.



Drought still there !

The district of Abalak is a pastoral zone where cattle breeding, the main activity, is today faced to serious problems further to persistent droughts. Water becomes a rare commodity. It is necessary to dig 140 meters deep wells so that men and cattle are able to get water. And to draw this water it is necessary to have a dipper hooked to a 150 meters long strong rope that men themselves are going to pull or being helped by animals (donkeys or camels) .

Cattle die further to diseases due to lack of pasture. It is why the purchasing power remains too limited. Cattle breeders are at despair .



Tuareg wallet

Medical check carried out for the first time by doctors from Niger

By the beginning of November, Ahmad originated from Abalak, in 6th year of medicine in Niamey and Almansour, one of his classmate, came to Abalak to perform free of charge the medical check for the new school year of TANAT.

It is important that pupils suffering from sight troubles or hearing problems to be rapidly reported to the teachers so that they take it into consideration.

A certain number of diseases, frequent in this season and in this area, have been noted such as pneumopathies, otitis, gastroenteritis, episodes of malaria, delayed growth rate, many decays, wounds, gastrointestinal disorders for which treatments and prescriptions have been provided.

This medical check was carried out till now



Ahmed during the medical check

by members of the French association TANAT, it is the first time that it was achieved by doctors from Niger .

The solidarity between families originated from Abalak is a strong reality and promising for ensuring the continuity of the good practices of TANAT school .

Handicraft and blacksmiths within Tuaregs

Daily life as well as pastoral works require a relatively elaborated equipment that the Tuareg society manufactures itself, using in the best way the products of the natural environment. If some current items may be produced by anybody, as soon as the work requires a tooling and a skill more sophisticated, craftsmen are called on, inappropriately referred to as "blacksmiths", since their skill is not limited to working on metals but exercises also on leather and wood .

Leather is the material available to all cattle breeders. In each family, women take care of the hides of slaughtered animals. Hair of most hides are removed before tanning through dusting ashes of tree bark and wood of certain trees. Another technique uses a decoction of *tezaq* leaves crushed and mixed with urine of cow and with dried and crushed grasses .

If the preparation of hides is made at domestic level by women of any condition, dying, stamping, manufacturing (cutting and sewing) of the various objects as well as cutting in thin straps or weaving are reserved to wives of specialized craftsmen families.

Leather is used to manufacture most various containers: bucket that draws water from the well, goatskin used to contain water or sour milk, bags used to stock cereals, the small

saddlebag that contains helpful things for the traveler, the wallet worn around the neck by men, richly decorated cushions, essential ropes for drawing water up from wells

Wood is found everywhere in the Sahelian zone, mostly used for housing where it provides the mobile hardware associated to the nomadic way of life; masts, pegs, furniture, bed... Wood also provides various containers hollowed out in the core of a tree trunk: mortar, milk bowl, dishes, bowls, leather-covered boxes... Transportation equipment also requests wood: packsaddles for goods, saddles ...

Finally blacksmiths are also goldsmiths and without setting up the inventory of all jewels of which they have the secret, one must insist on the social-economic role they bear in the Tuareg society. The most shaped metal is unquestionably silver, jewels are mainly worn by women who receive them since their early childhood from their father, then from their husband, but men do not scorn either, whatever their age, rings and talisman holders .

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TANAT School

Faced with the condition of the educative system in the Abalak department of Niger, inhabitants gathered in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by the mayor Billou Mohamed Moctar, to open and manage a school from nursery to high school, with the support of the French TANAT association.

The TANAT education plan is :

- To welcome boys and girls, irrespective of social, cultural and religious background.
- To give the young entrusted to TANAT school on top of a sound academic education, human training to prepare them for behaving in life like trustworthy men and women.
- To foster a family atmosphere that allows young people to feel loved, accepted, supported and valued.