



TANAT on the way of excellence



Idamane, Prime Minister of the Primary school pupils government

Events in Mali

“They will never succeed in tearing you away from our hearts”

“Yesterday Libya, today Mali, considerably destabilize the economy of Abalak district. Insecurity forces all Westerners to leave. This situation handicaps us, isolates us and spreads deep anxiety into us.

We miss tremendously our Westerner visitors and partners; day and night we pray for that this situation be settled as soon as possible.

To each friend, let us tell you that they can prevent us to meet you but they will never succeed in tearing you away from our hearts”

Bio Director of secondary school

For the first time since the start of the school, it has not been possible for TANAT President to go to Abalak. We had to make our February review together in Niamey.



Tanat primary school always so exemplary

Apart from the teaching staff, primary school is managed by a pupils government composed of elected pupils exclusively. This year, she is a girl, Idaman Salah from CM2, who was elected as Prime Minister and for instance Education Ministry, Ahmoudou Mouhamadoune from CM2, looks after the learning of lessons during the 20 last minutes of break.

Renewed end of 2012, APP (Association of parents’ pupils); AEM (Association of educating Mothers), MSDC (Management and scholar development Committee) are more than ever operational. APP and AEM meet every two months, MSDC each month. It is under that stride that they have introduced a 500 CFA Francs parent/month contribution to support pupils with learning difficulties (small gifts for teachers who give support lessons on Saturday), school outing, school party and healthiness sessions (cleaning up the area around the school).

A school outing was organized in February for CM2 pupils, they visited the « Farm of Hope » to be taught about operation and utility

of intensive breeding. It should be also stressed that through tuition on Practical and Productive Activities, in addition to vegetable garden, some pupils made nice drawings that now decorate TANAT classes.

On Monday February 18th, the primary school was visited by the director of private education inside Ministry of National Education. By the end of his visit, he let us know about his great satisfaction concerning the school running and its collaboration with district academic authorities.



General Meeting of Association of parents’ pupils



Ighlass secondary school keeper

Ighlass, green fingers of secondary school

New event in secondary school, school-yard is strewn with plants; several hundred trees have been planted.

So our secondary school will perhaps look like a vast forest before long thanks to

Ighlass work, Tanat secondary school keeper, who puts his heart with great perseverance into a permanent watering and upkeeping of all these plants.

Having known how to start the new vegetable garden through uprooting it three times to find the perfect place, through saving it from grasshoppers invasion in last November and through setting up little low walls to prevent it from sand sunk is another one of his merits.



Secondary school new vegetable garden

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 (teachers’ wages...) 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.

TANAT school teaches peace

Faced to a context of insecurity and endless conflicts in this region, TANAT school has decided to start, in accordance with its pedagogical project and within the frame of its activities, an education aiming at contributing to set up a culture of peace.

This teaching relies on a partnership with the Peace school of Grenoble. It is based on the involvement of pupils from CP to 5th level classes in 4 working sessions designed by this Peace school.

Working session 1 : Allowing children to place themselves in relation to other people, to accept them and to respect them.

Working session 2 : Pointing out the difference existing between opinions, prejudices, rumours, generalizations and the dangers to mix them up.

Working session 3 : Pointing out that mockeries, insults ... are not trivial behaviours and are generating consequences with others.

Working session 4 : Understanding how con-

flicts arise and the best way to settle them.

If possible, these working sessions will be also performed in the schools of the district.



Tuaregs' Wisdom

Within Tuaregs, we know that an introductory sentence precedes proverbs "People of word say" or "Tamasheq Kel say" to point out that proverbs are ascribed to ancient people, keepers of wisdom going back from the dawn of time.

« Even desert is never completely deserted.»

« So long that a winter night might be, sun comes after.»

« Better to walk without knowing where you go than staying seated doing nothing.»

« Make a love song from your moaning to be no longer aware that you are suffering.»

« Camels do not laugh mutually at their humps.»

« May the one who lives somewhere makes it possible that the one who walks down does not hold him in low esteem.»

« Man has invented watch, but God has invented time.»

« He who does what his father has not done will see what his father has not.»

« Living with a beautiful woman increases man's life duration.»

On earth's creation, God asked Man to choose between everlasting life without clothes and limited life but with clothes. Man opted for the second proposal.

This preference means that Man could not expect living without honour, since, with Tuaregs, clothes symbolize person's dignity. Being nude is the height of dishonour, and still worse, to be put nude. This helps understanding better role of men's turban and "veil-wearing on" that signifies womanhood's transition.



Speech from pupils government's Président

« Good morning everybody; I urge you to work. You should learn your lessons. You should clean classrooms and school so that our visitors can see our classrooms tidy and the yard also.

You should listen to your teacher's explanations to understand the lesson. Avoid violent games and bringing items forbidden by the school internal rule. Help our parents in order to become great men tomorrow. CM2 pupils, learn your lessons, your exams are approaching. And other ones learn your lessons to have good marks for the test.

Cheer up !

I thank you very much for my election to the position of Président »

Mouhamadoune



Mouhamadoune President of primary school pupils government

TANAT School Project

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

The TANAT pedagogic plan is :

- To welcome children, 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.

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