



# Newsletter n°1 - April 2009

## Creation of TANAT School in Abalak becomes real !

### Primary School funding is mostly committed

Thanks to everybody's generosity, more than 70 000 € have been already gathered :

- **Subscriptions** issued by the end of 2008 : 35 000 €

- **Companies sponsoring**, including CFAO Solidarity Fund : 38 000 €

### Building works for the primary school started

Building works for the primary school started early March, on a well located site in the center of Abalak.



An entrance on the street was made to allow the delivery of sand and concrete.

Before the end of July, two buildings for two classes will be built in conformity with the standards of schools in Niger and lavatories will also be provided. The old building standing on the site will be renovated to be used as the administrative building.



Due to heat and dryness, once produced, it is necessary to water parpens during a week.



Setting up a building using Pythagore theorem.



First building meeting with Billou, the bricklayer and the Director of Rural Engineering for Abalak Region .



The first building of two classes comes out of ground .



A new chance will be granted to the children of Abalak region.

### The TANAT School Creation Project

Faced to the educational system of the region and aware of the stakes of education for their children's future, ONODEP Association, whose Billou is the Chairman, launched in 2008 a big project for the creation of a community school in Abalak, Niger.

**2009 – Stage 1** : opening in October of the primary school with 4 classes : CI, CP, CE1, CE2 and then CM1 in 2010 and CM2 in 2011.

**2012 – Stage 2** : opening of the secondary school.

**2013 – Stage 3** : opening of the High School

Necessary investments for primary school amount approximately to 100,000 € and then to 150,000 € for the Secondary School and High School.



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**Parrainez un élève de l'école TANAT**



**Offrez-lui de prendre en main son avenir !**

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## The primary school will open in October 2009, as expected

The start of the primary school (first level) will take place in October 2009, with four classes, as expected in the project. CI (Insertion class equivalent to our high nursery school), CP, CE1 and CE2.

The school will receive registrations of the pupils within a three-month period (from July to September 2009). In order to ensure a good quality of the education, the maximum number of pupils will not exceed 30 per class. After registration, each pupil and his parent will sign a commitment of good behavior and compliance with the regulations of the school.

Pupils will be wearing the school uniform.

## Hiring and Training of the Teachers

The hiring of four local qualified teachers who will ensure tuition for this new school year is proceeding.

Billou has already received several applications.

Billou as well as the teacher in charge of the "academic management" of the school will come in August for training in Grenoble within the framework of a pedagogic and technical partnership set up with the Bayard School in this city.

## Launching Sponsorships for the Most Underprivileged

School running expenses are covered by schooling fees paid by the pupils. However, approximately 30 % of the total number of the pupils is reserved to pupils, mainly nomadic, whose families cannot bear such costs. These children are selected according to their merits by a committee where are represented : ONODEP, the children's parents, the Abalak City Hall, and TANAT school. The schooling fees of such pupils are taken in charge by sponsorship for which we require as from now your help and your friends' help (please refer to the enclosed sponsorship form) .

## 30,000 € still needed to balance the funding of the primary level

In order to complete the works and investments planned for the primary school, with the start of the **CM1 in October 2010** and of the **CM2 in October 2011**, around 30 000 € financing remains to be found. Anyone who wishes to carry on supporting this fine project may send a cheque to the order of TANAT Association .



There will be a maximum of 30 pupils per class in order to ensure a good quality of the tuition.

## Languages spoken in Niger

Because of the colonization, the official language in Niger is the French one. The national languages, around ten, are the following :

Haoussa (56 %), an afro-Asian language spoken in West and Center Africa ;

Zarma or songhai (22 %), a nilo-saharian language,

Peul or fulfuldé (8 %), a niger-congolaise language,

Tamajeq or tuareg (8%), an afro-Asian language,

Kanouri (5%), a nilo-saharian language  
Dialectal Arabic (1%), an afro-Asian language.

Gourmantché, toubou and boudouma should be added also, but these languages are spoken by a very small portion of population.

In Abalak region, Tamajeq is the mainly spoken language .