



## A first school year thoroughly successful



### The results for moving up to upper classes :

CE2 : 28 pupils out of 30 move to CM1; CE1: 27 pupils out of 30 move to CE2; CP : 27 pupils out of 30 move to CE2; CI : all 30 pupils move to CP.



Pupils during the school party

### The Tanat pedagogic plan

- 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.



The new computer building

### Assessment from Rissa, academic director of Tanat school

« The school year passed off quite properly, the curriculum is achieved at 100% since mid-May.... Everybody is very proud of the good feeling, the mutual understanding and the good behaviour, either from the teachers or from the learners.

The teachers are guided by the desire to do well to achieve success, the pupils by the longing or the greed for knowledge or discovery...

In terms of attendance, the school started with 120 pupils who never or almost never have been absent. The annual school attendance percentage is over 98% and no one gave up...

The classrooms are very comfortable, mostly during April and May heat waves. Cleanliness is a service provided by everyone to produce a neat school environment, more specially as the whole is embellished with nice flowers from Europe and trees.

I shall conclude with the sentence of the Head of the private schools in Niger who said : "Tanat school is one of the best private schools in Niger".

Thank you, while hoping you will be satisfied."

*Rissa Mohamadou, academic director of Tanat school.*



Rissa and the team of teachers the day of the school party

The english teacher Hassane Moumouni took notice in his assessment :

" I have been teaching English in secondary schools for seven years but I have never seen pupils assimilating so fast than these CE1 and CE2 Tanat pupils... This is the place to thank the school management run by a "wise man" without the assistance of whom the school would not be such a great success."

### Everything ready for starting the new school year in october 2010

A new building of two classes to receive CM1 and CM2 classes and a computer building equipped with new PCs offered by the IB Remarketing company, the French

leader in reprocessing of computer equipment, to start computer courses.

Finally more than 200 youth literature books were given by the French association ADIFLOR.

### Sponsor a class or a pupil

Sponsorships are essential to balance the operating expenses of the school even though around 60 % of the families pay approximately 100 € per year for the scholarship of their child.

This is the average cost requested in Niger for the private schools and this represents approximately a one-month wage of a civil servant. However the wages of the school team added to the expenses and consumables amount to a cost of 180 € per year and per pupil.

Up to now, the sums received from the sponsorships enabled balancing the 2009-2010 school year. However the school needs more sponsorships and more support for the coming years.

## The big party for the end of the school year



Pupils' representatives thanks parents and all who are present to share with them this moment of joy.



Parents and authorities attend the school party.



Pupils are playing an "educational play".

**Two « educative plays » have been performed by the children and were a great success.**

The first one tells the story of a mother who wants her daughter to sell doughnuts on the market but after she complains to her father this one calls his wife to order and then she agrees to give priority to school.

The second one is the story of a father wishing to marry his daughter to an old man because he owns she-camels but her mother successfully rebels against that, thanks to the support of a father's friend, and his daughter may carry on going to school.

A big party for ending the school year was organized on Saturday June 5th. Television of Niger was there to make a report on this event.

The local traditional and the administrative authorities, Prefect, Mayor, technical service of Abalak, and academic inspector, all were attending. Daddies parents of pupils were present from 8 a.m till 10 a.m and then, great premiere, thanks to efforts of AEM (Association of Educating Mothers), mummies parents of pupils, for the first time in Abalak, came here, from 10 a.m till 1 p.m.

The Prefect in his speech congratulated the actors of this good project and underlined that "it was the best investment which could exist"

The Inspector of primary education in Abalak expressed thanks to the teachers for their well done work and asked Tanat to carry on with providing high quality education.

Youssouf, President of the Association of Parents of Pupils, asked the Inspection to continue with its full support to Tanat so that it remain and abide a school of excellence and reference beyond Abalak borough.



Speech of Mummies' delegate to thank the teaching team and all the partners of the school.

## Drought and starvation in Niger in 2009 - 2010

With a GNP of approximately USD 340 per inhabitant and a poverty rate estimated at 59,5% in 2008, Niger is among the poorest countries in the world.

The structure of its economy is still ruled by agriculture ( 40% of GNP) which employs 85% of active population. Moreover, the very high demographic growth (3,3% per year ) leads to continuous parcelling of lands under cultivation and decreasing yields.

The lack and bad distribution of rains during the 2009/2010 harvesting season brought significant cereal and fodder shortages. The cereal production for 2009/2010 was estimated down 31%. Concerning the fodder output it has suffered a record deficit of 67% of the national herd needs.

Access to water is a matter of major concern, the lack of rains in 2009 having caused rapid depletion of water points.

The grazing conditions which were especially

difficult this year have significantly contributed to reducing the budget of pastoral households.

The prices of animals went heavily down. These households are unable to obtain food for cattle, the price of which is twice as much as a year ago.

Analysis of the current food security of households in Niger shows that severe food insecurity hits 22,2% of the population, that is to say 3,3 million people while moderate food insecurity affects 25,5% of the population i.e. 3,8 million people.

The most concerned regions by food insecurity, ranking by % of its population, are the following : Maradi (29,3%), Tahoua where is Abalak (24,5%), Tillabéri (24,0%).

Excerpts from the survey on food security of households in Niger (April 2010).

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### The plan of Tanat School

Taking into account the condition of the educative system in the Abalak department of Niger, inhabitants gathered within the ONODEP association chaired by Billou Mohamed Moctar, deputy mayor, to open and manage a school.

The French TANAT association is dedicated to support this project.

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

**2012 - stage 2**: Secondary school opening.

**2013 - stage 3**: High school opening.

The necessary investments for the primary level represent approximately 100 000 € and thereafter 200 000 € for the secondary school and the high school.

A pedagogic and technical joint venture has been set up with Bayard School in Grenoble.

Sponsorships take care of the most underprivileged pupils and balance the operating expenses.