



## Another great year at TANAT school

### High School News

#### General atmosphere

The year is coming to an end and the school is doing wonderfully well, as usual.

Many students are regular attendees, classes are running normally and the curriculums are almost completed.

Teachers in the examination classes and their students are working flat out in order to obtain the desired results. I am very strict with these students and I do not tolerate any absence or lateness without good reason.

I am very proud of the averages announced for those classes in grade two where the percentage of pupils achieving the average far exceeded those who did not. This bodes well for a bright future.

I want to give you some facts about what is affecting us:

This year we have experienced scorching heat with temperatures soaring up to 44°C. We have a critical lack of water because we are on the outskirts of the city.

To that must be added the high cost of food; we can safely say that each and every product has doubled or even tripled in price. Our daily questions are:

Will life always be like this?

Are we going to continue to live with this high cost of living?

What can we do?

*Rissa Mouhamadou : General Supervisor*



The 2022 school year is coming to an end. To improve teacher-support and performance, several measures have been put in place, ranging from supervision to the regular holding of meetings in which the teachers can discuss not only the official curriculum but also the content of the lessons, the methods and techniques of teaching. It emerged from these meetings that written questions should be set throughout the various sections and supervised homework be given at the end of each chapter interspersed with tests at the end of each term.

This year, one class stood out. This was Class 2C where all the students obtained an average greater than or equal to 11/20. This class is appreciated by the entire school staff both in terms of work and discipline, which is why we are giving it special attention; it is truly a model for all our pupils.

The tests for the last term started on 6/6/2022 with a total enrolment of 262 students, which signals the end of the year for all students without an exam. For those in 3rd and final grade, the BEPC and BAC exams have already started with sports events held on May

9 and 25 respectively. Good luck to our flag bearers!

In addition, the Regional Directorate of National Education of Tahoua organised a regional mock exam at the end of this year, at the end of which our school broke the following regional pass rate:

BEPC: 49%, BAC D: 33%, BAC A4: 93%.

Finally, let me tell you **the story of a father and his son.**

One day a father asked his son, a civil servant living in the capital, to send him money to rebuild the family house destroyed by bad weather. Worried, the child gathered the money together and sent him the requested sum. A few days later, the boy returned to the village to visit the family, but he found the house intact as he had left it a few years previously. He asked his father what had happened, the latter replied: when you were a student you swindled me out of a lot of money such as the day when you asked me for 20,000 FCFA to buy a "qualifier". Now it's your turn to be scammed.

*Moussa Samaila : High School Principal*

### Primary School: returning to a full school day

The 2021-2022 school year ends at TANAT private school on a note of general satisfaction. It closes its doors today with a complement of 217 pupils including 95 girls. The official teaching curriculum was 100% covered, with no disruption to the classes.

As part of the teacher-improvement initiative, inspections aimed at providing closer support were carried out by the school director, Abalak's IEP Inspector as well as the Pedagogical Advisor.

Throughout the year evaluations were organised. These made it possible to differentiate and identify students with learning difficulties. For these pupils, remedial sessions were organised by their teachers over the weekends. This school support programme has improved the level of pupils and enabled a significant number of passes to be recorded during the last evaluation which took place from June 1 to 3, 2022. The overall results of this are: 205 pupils, or 94%, moved up to a higher class while 12, including 3 girls, have

to repeat a year. Most pupils who repeat a year have difficulties, especially with reading. The school festival went well with the participation of many personalities from the city of Abalak who took the stage one by one, firstly to applaud the various achievements and then to offer words of wisdom to students and teachers.

The members of the parents' association are fully involved in the running of the school and it is they who contributed to the regular attendance of children in the extra classes. They are the ones who asked to return to the full teaching day like in the high school; the schedule now runs from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with two recesses. The little ones quickly got used to this new rhythm.

Alongside these school players, the School Board participated in all the tasks throughout the year. It ensured the cleanliness of the premises and the school environment with the involvement of all the pupils.

*Mohamed Ahmoudou : Primary School Principal*

### Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to offer schooling to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance the running costs of the school (class sponsorship). TANAT School needs you and your friends to give even more children the opportunity to take charge of their future.

## Girls at TANAT school

The aim of the school is to reach parity, that is to say, as many girls as there are boys being educated at TANAT school.

At primary school level, we are close to the objective with 45% to 49% of girls depending on the year, but of course the newly registered pupils in the kindergarten or CI (Induction class) would be practically all boys if the Primary School principal did not reserve half the places for girls.

In college the percentage of girls is around 45% but it is in high school that this ratio drops to 33% because many girls cease their studies after their BEPC, except those who are sponsored and who all continue



## Niger: the education of girls - a priority goal

Despite a high rate of economic growth, more than 41% of the population of Niger still lives in circumstances of extreme poverty. A situation due to the population explosion in the country.

It is one of the fastest growing population rates in the world. In forty years, Niger has gone from a population of 4 million to 24 million, with an average birth rate that now exceeds 7 children per woman. This subject is being taken very seriously by the government which has just set up a "population office". This new organisation should make it possible to control the rapid growth in population which "undermines the savings capacity of families".

To remedy this situation, President Mohamed Bazoum has promised to enlarge the construction of boarding schools for young girls whose schooling will be fully supported by the State. The government has also launched an awareness campaign among traditional chiefs to combat early marriage, which remains a national scourge. According to Unicef, 76% of girls are married off by their families before the age of 18, including 28% before the age of 15, often for economic reasons.

There is no doubt that in attacking the education of girls, President Mohammed

Bazoum is on target. Numerous studies indicate that it is through women that we can effectively fight against poverty. They are the ones who take care of the household but also the finances. Experiments with micro-loans, for example, show that they manage to save far more than men.

However, the education of young girls is a major project in Niger that must be carried out over the long term and which requires a real commitment. Some families are reluctant, particularly in the countryside where they need their daughters to help them in the fields and to fetch water from the well. The few professional opportunities available, even for graduates, can also be a deterrent.

Despite everything, things are moving, even in rural areas. The advent of new technologies in the countryside, through cell phones initially used in agriculture, now allow young people a much greater window onto the world. With an average age of 15, the extreme youth of the population of Niger is certainly a problem both in terms of the available labour force as it is for hospital maternity services or access to education. But the youth also embody the future of the country and it is they who will change mindsets.

*Excerpts from a text by David Rich France 24*

## What are the girls of TANAT doing after passing their BAC in 2021

All the girls who successfully passed their BAC in 2021 are enrolled either in public universities or in higher education institutes, except one who must register in September.

This was possible thanks to the awareness campaign mounted by TANAT's school administrators with the support of promoter and advocate Billou. It was not easy to convince the parents who are always reluctant to let young girls go off on an "adventure".

Billou, Hassane and the parents' committee have conducted and continue to conduct awareness campaigns with the parents of our young girls.

And so, among those from Year 2021 we have:

- Saadatou Alassane BAC D: enrolled at the University Institute of Technology (IUT) of Tahoua.
- Malika Adamou BAC A: enrolled at the Institute for Information and Communication Technologies (IFTIC) of Niamey.
- Aichatou Hamed-Billou BAC A: enrolled at the Teacher's Training College (ENI) of Niamey.

- Saratou Chaibou Idi BAC A: enrolled at the Teacher's Training College (ENI) of Tahoua.

- Roukayatou Abdoukader BAC A: enrolled at ETEC of Maradi in AGO (Administration and Management of Organizations).

- Kadi Issa Tahirou BAC A, enrolled at the Niamey Higher Institute of Health.

- Ghaichatou Mohamed Almahi enrolled at the IPCSP of Tahoua for the training of a state-certified midwife.

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## TANAT School

Given the state of the education system in the Abalak region of Niger, residents banded together in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by Mayor Billou Mohamed Moctar, to create and run a school that would cater for pupils from nursery school to final year graduation, in partnership with the French TANAT association.

The educational aim of Tanat School is to:

- Welcome boys and girls regardless of social, cultural or religious background.
- Give young people entrusted to them not only a solid school education but relevant training to prepare them for life as responsible men and women.
- Maintain a family atmosphere that allows young people to feel loved, recognised, supported and listened to.