



## The Tanat school took a great start

### Congratulations from the bottom of Billou's heart



Fati of CI (Cours d'Insertion)

#### School Song

*Tanat Private school  
 The best nomadic school  
 A reference school  
 A better future  
 In this new era  
 Be welcomed  
 Be welcomed  
 Our beloved sponsors  
 In our beautiful school  
 Thank you, Thank you so much  
 For having thought of us  
 Nomadic little children  
 Tanat pupils  
 Hoping from you  
 An affective love  
 And your support to us  
 For this new school.*



Pupils singing the school song

This song was written by Issoufou, the teacher of CI.  
 You can hear it on our website:  
[www.associationtanat.fr](http://www.associationtanat.fr)

“On Sunday February 8th, the head of the primary private schools in Niger, Mr Oumarou Mahaman Rabiou, was eager to visit Tanat school accompanied by the primary education Inspector of Abalak department, Mr Saidou Abdou Zaberma.

We were congratulated since all that had been written in the application form for being authorized to open Tanat school has been actually fulfilled and well fulfilled.

First of all, I wish to deeply congratulate the Headmaster Rissa Mohamadou and all the school team who have been able to lead the school on a so great path, with devotion, enthusiasm and efficiency.

Then my thanks will come from the bottom of my heart to the donors and sponsors who have allowed us to finance all these pupils, these nice buildings and all the requested equipment and consumables to provide a high quality tuition in a pleasant environment.

My great dream becomes reality : offering to the children of Abalak and its region a higher standard of tuition in order to allow them to really grasp their future in their hands.



Billou is the head of ONODEP association managing the school

I know that the road will be still long ; however we have taken a great start thanks to all of you.

Thank you, Thanks to all” *Billou*

### Works for the october 2010 new school year have begun

A new building of 2 classes will allow to receive CM1 and CM2 classes.

A computer building will also be built in order to give data processing lessons to the

pupils. This building and the 22 new PC that will equip it, have been offered by the IB Remarketing company which is the French leader in the reprocessing of computer equipment.

### 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 enable balancing the 2009-2010 school year. However the school needs more sponsorships and more support for the coming years.



Isouffou , CI teacher

Issouffou, the new teacher for the C1 is 33 years old ; he is married and has 3 children. Issouffou has been trained in the normal school of Tahoua. He has been teaching in Abalak for C1 and CP classes since 2005.



Assa , CP teacher

Assa the new teacher for CP class is married and has an eight-month old daughter. He has been trained in Tahoua and has taught in CE1 and CE2 classes at Itrizmane.

## The school is getting itself organized

Since December, **English lessons** have begun, at the rate of one hour per week for CE1 and CE2 classes.



English lesson in CE2 class

In January, after the evaluation of the first quarter, every pupil has received his first school report.

Each sponsor of a pupil will receive regularly a copy of the school report of his godchild to be able to follow his schooling.

In the CE2 class, 13 pupils did not get fifty per cent, mainly because of a deficiency in reading. Rissa, their teacher, must give support to them with remedial classes for reading every Saturday morning.

The structures of Tanat school are setting up. Each class has a **class council**, consisting of three persons democratically elected, to administer its smooth running.

The **Association of Parents of Pupils (APP)** administers and takes care of all school problems. It consists of fifteen persons elected by parents' pupils. President Youssouf wishes APP to be very active and to be used as an example for the other schools. APP meets once a month with the aim, among others, to bring classes outside, to make pupils discovering what they never saw before, as fishing and intensive gardening along Tabalak lake located 80 km from Abalak.



First meeting of the pupils' parents association

The **Association of Educating Mothers (AEM)** bound to encourage the schooling of young girls and avoid early marriages will be set up very soon.

## Salads and flowers in the school yard

Within the scope of PPA (Physical and Practical Activities), a kitchen garden has been created by Rissa in the school yard. Salads, tomatoes, and gourds may be found. Many flowers have been planted along the administrative building and along the walls. Kaloula, who is the school keeper, helped by the pupils, ensures the daily watering and above all the protection of all these greenery against goats, birds and lizards.



Kaloula, the school keeper, waters a new salad seedlings



The administrative building in flower

### 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.

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