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The hangar of the Lycée Professionnel is under construction but the first plants are already there!



Allaye Pelou receives us with the women of Bombou.

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The mission of the *Foundation Dogon Education* (Stichting Dogon Onderwijs, SDO) is to contribute to the regional development in the Dogon area. We do that in close cooperation with the local non-governmental organization *Association Dogon Initiative* (ADI), which is executing projects. SDO plays a role in the selection and preparation of projects, advises on the implementation and raises funds to finance projects. The starting point for funding is always the possibility of having an important contribution by the local community - only what the community cannot do by itself, is eligible for our support.

> The stones arrive in Sogu Yaguem.

PREFACE

Last year 2015 had up and down. We celebrated our 20th anniversary! A lot of hands, in Mali and in the Netherlands, have carried out a lot of projects, that are still there as a visible expression of what we are aiming at: cooperation to what Mali, and in particular the Dogon area, needs. Meanwhile there are now over thirty schools, housing, healthcare center, a lot of water wells and moreover, a large number of restorations of the World Heritage have been carried out in the Dogon.

Cooperation is crucial in our working method. In Mali, our sister organization ADI (Association Dogon Initiative) is able to organize all these projects. In Europe there is more and more cooperation and integration of activities between our foundation and the partners in the Netherlands, Belgium and France.

Building, water, agriculture, energy, education programs, social cohesion - we are going more and more in the direction of an organization which supports an integrated area development.

Thus we cooperate closely with the Foundation Bloemendaal Dogon (SBD) and the Foundation Taalvorming to train a growing number of new teachers, who will become sources of inspiration for the almost five thousand students in the area. With the partners we are developing a new professional training program for the Lycée Professionel in Sangha, in this way SDO and ADI built not only the school in itself, but also provide an education program.

It was sad that Jacqti de Leeuw passed away. She was the inspiring and leading force of the Dogon Women Initiative (DVI) and the Green Desert Initiative (GWI), with which we cooperate

intensively and with which we started Solution Solaire Mali (clean offgrid light and energy solutions).

It is part of our mission to continue her work in whatever way.

We hope that this annual report gives you a picture of what we do, how your contributions have been used, and inspires you to contribute again to our projects or to projects of the other organizations we cooperate with.

The ultimate goal is to reinforce the local community and the local initiatives developed by them!



> Working-visit is good to transfer knowledge.



> The classrooms surrounded by the garden.

PROJECTS

Also in 2015, a large number of projects started, some are further developed or completed. Much information on the projects can be found on our website (www.dogononderwijs.nl); below you can find an overview.

Practical Lyceum in Sangha

In 2014 the construction of Practical Lyceum (Lycée Professionel) in Sangha started, a school where students can have a professional education. In 2015 the construction continued and the school is now ready to receive the students. This is not a project that just aims at the building, but especially at the possibility of offering to young people a training in practical skills that are needed in the Dogon area. In 2015, among other things six classrooms, toilets, offices and an hangar, including the furniture, have been realized. There is still much work that has to be done on the landscaping of the area; the wall around the Lyceum is almost ready and one part of the 5000 trees and shrubs has been planted. Also we work on the development and implementation of an inspiring teaching program (extension of theory lessons with lessons from craftsmen). Part of the program is the curriculum of “Water techniques and Hygiene”, which is related to the project Pompe Bleu (to see below).

SDO has made the design for the buildings and the landscape, has advised at the construction and contributes to the development of the teaching program.





> Extension of town hall in Sangha with meetings space and verandas all around.

Town hall Sangha

At the Town hall Sangha, an additional meeting space is under construction. We have made the design for this extension. The space is meant to support the local politics and is intended to be used for dialogue and cooperation between the 47 villages in the municipality.

SDO has made the design and advised during the construction. The government paid the largest part of the project. SDO makes a financial contribution of € 4.000,-.





> The satisfied school principal in Ogoudengou.

Ogodengou

In cooperation with the French organization Via Sahel, in Ogodengou a primary school with four teacher houses has been built.

SDO has made the design for the school and advised during the construction. The financial contribution was € 43.000,- which was financed by the French Organization Via Sahel.



Epicentre Sogu Yaguem

Also in Sogu Yaguem the work for the epicenter of our sister organization Dogon Vrouwen Initiative (DVI) has started. Design and construction preparation have been executed by SDO. For the epicenter and for the gardens of the women, we built a traditional well with a diameter of 1.2 meter and a depth of 57 meters.

In 2016 the epicenter will be finished. The financial contribution was € 7.500,-.





> This year we place around the school a fence for growing more trees.

Sono Ma

The old school building has been entirely renovated after the construction of 3 new classrooms in 2014. Now there are 6 full classrooms. The school area is fenced, in this way the cultivation of trees can start.

SDO made the design for the renovation, the extension and has also advised during the construction. The financial contribution was € 52.000,- with a contribution of € 20.000,- from the St. Antonius Foundation.



> The new porch at the renovated school.



> Pedagogical approach Les Mots Imprimés.



> Blue pump at the school in Senguembengou.

Pompe Bleue Mali

The Pompe Bleue (www.fairwater.org) is a Dutch hand pump that functions three times better than the pumps usually used in Mali: more durable, lighter during the use and with a better service. We (SDO/ADI) install these pumps at the request of local villages and on the basis of a contract. In this way a payment has been fixed, whereupon the community is the owner of the pump. This creates not only responsibility and involvement, but also makes the placement of the pumps feasible and payable.

In 2015, the first forty pumps have been shipped to Mali and they are ready to be transported to their final destination. Besides we closely work together with Dogon Vrouwen Initiative (DVI), that works with women groups in many villages.

Three pumps are placed in 2015: in Tanouan Ibi, Koundou and Sogu Yaguem.



> Blue pump in Tanouan Ibi.



> Blue pump in Sogu Yaguem.



Restoration projects in Yougo Dogorou

In 2014, the water basin has been renewed and in 2015 the new dam has been built. The existing small dam has been raised and a second dam has been constructed. Mud has been removed from the natural basin, so now the dam can contain 1200 m³ - at least as it rains. To bring water to the lower village there is now a walk from 5 up to 10 minutes, considerably less than the 40 minutes to the plain and back, which was before necessary. In Yougo Dogorou two family houses have been restored.

SDO worked on the dam this year, the village worked on the restoration of the houses. The financial contribution for the project was €6.000,-.

Nando

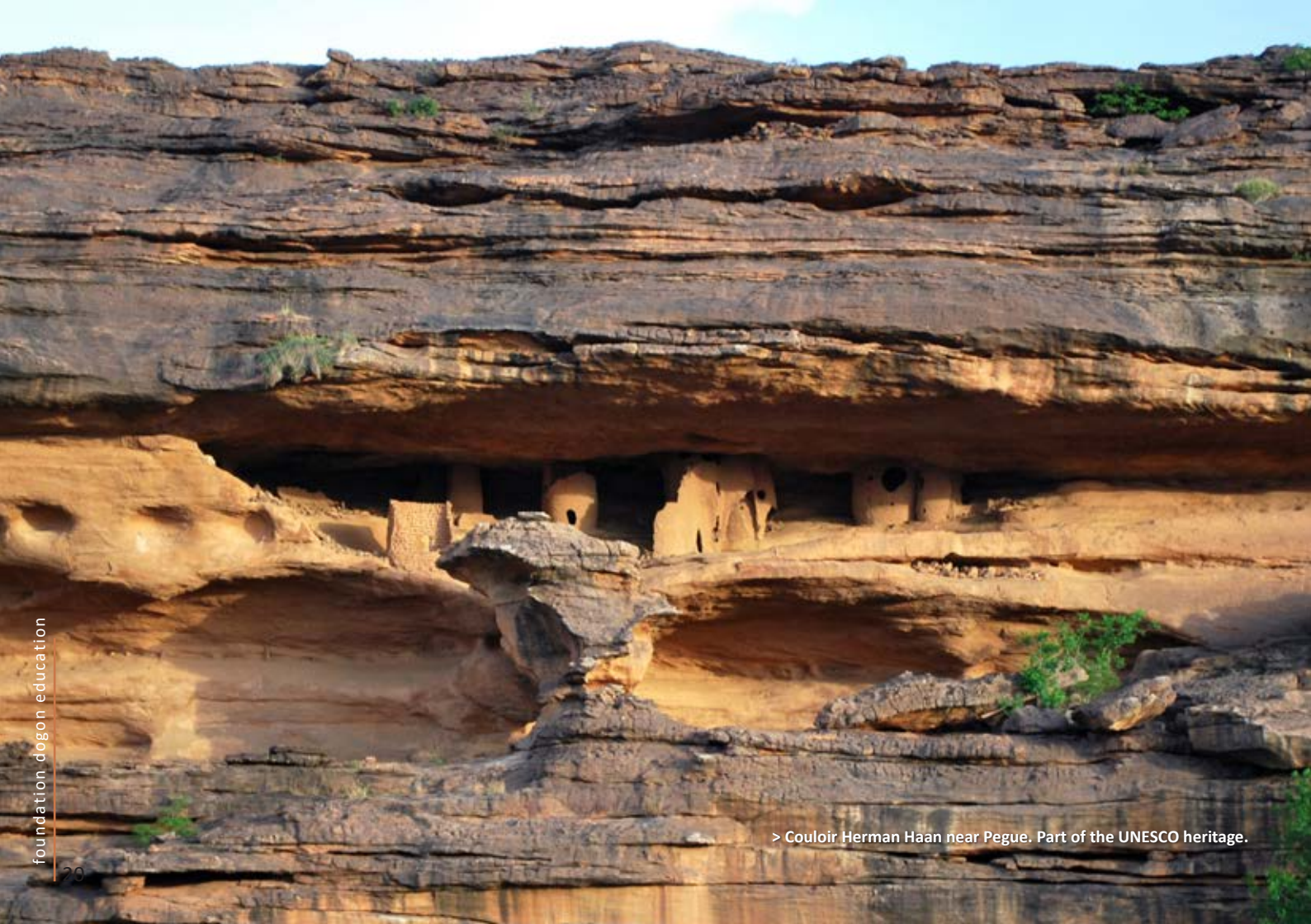
In 2015 in Nando the road and the water well have been improved. In order to make possible the restoration of three family houses, the road had to be improved. This had already been financed in 2014, when the work started. In 2015 thirty men were working on the project and it has been completed. In Nando the restoration of three family houses has begun. This work and the improvements of the water situation ask for considerable attention. This will be continued in 2016.



> The process of the restoration of the houses.



> The road to Nando.



The Toloy Cave

The local community gives a considerable value to the culture and the built heritage. Many old buildings are in a bad state. Due to the absence of tourists and the terrorism in the north of Mali, there is nearly no money for restoration. Also the knowledge of the traditional building methods is scarce and declining (mixing the clay with additions to make the façade water resistant). By supporting the renovation projects we reach a number of goals. For the young generation there will be some employment (reason to stay in their area of birth) and they can learn again how the heritage can be renovated and preserved. The money that they earn stays in the community and it can be used to invest in better sowing-seed and tools.

In association with the Initiative Dogon Culture, we work at the restoration of the UNESCO world heritage in the Toloy Cave. It concerns buildings from the 5th century BC and the 2nd century AD that are heavily damaged. The first step is to establish a small “brigade” from the local community, in this way they can keep an eye on this remote area and find the culprits. The second step is to establish a complete documentation, in which information and photos from the year 1954 till now are included, in order to get an idea of what will be the best approach for the restoration of this archeological site.

In addition to that we must find out how to protect the heritage and who can do that, in the form of a real team.

SDO made a plan of the work and made a complete documentation, on the basis of which the restoration can be executed.



> The damaged cave from 300-600 BC.



> Serou Dolo shows the possible site of a fragment.

PUBLICITY

In 2015 a huge number of newsletters has been sent and almost 1.000 people received our new year card.

On the 4th October we celebrated our 20th anniversary in the ABC Architecture Centre in Haarlem with the exhibition “*Two worlds, one idea*”. In this exhibition LEVS architecten reflects their work in the Netherlands and in Mali. The brand-new stone press machine, which produces the stones in Mali for the many construction projects which ADI implements there, was demonstrated. During the presentation our work and working method were presented, among other things with the metaphor of the Baobab. The branches symbolize the several initiatives which are active within the Association Dogon Initiative (ADI). The trunk keeps everything together, but is not possible without a strong root system symbolized by the foundations in Europe. They feed and anchor the tree so that it can grow and thrive.



> Meeting with all the foundations in Haarlem.



> Africa exhibition in Copenhagen with Tanouan Ibi.



> Exhibition of LEVS architecten in Haarlem.

ADI

Our partner organization in Mali, Association Dogon Initiative (ADI), is connected to us in two ways. ADI, formed by people from the area, knows the needs and whether we can support a project. On the other hand, ADI does the implementation and monitoring of projects. The organization works together with the Foundation Dogon Education (SDO), the Dogon Women Initiative (DVI) and the Green Desert Initiative (GWI). Also the foundations with which we cooperate (Foundation Bloemendaal Dogon, Via Sahel) have ADI as a partner in the projects. ADI has now 10 employees.

ADI has spent € 273.532,- in 2015 on projects and little more than € 21.000,- on the organization, material and transport.



MISSION

In 2015 we went to Mali four times to monitor the progress of the projects and to present, together with ADI, propositions for new projects: in March, May, June and December.

We continue to do it, even though we prepare differently due to the safety problem in Mali.

In June Jurriaan and Jacqti visited Mali. It was the last trip of Jacqti de Leeuw, who passed away on 14 august 2015. This travel was the farewell to the team. She has seen how strong the team has become and how well the team members and the different projects of SDO and the Dogon Women Initiative reinforce each other.



> The first tree at the Lycée Professionnel planted by Jacqti de Leeuw.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In total the foundation received in 2015 € 423.704,- as donations. In total € 401.466,- has been spent, therefore there is still some money left.

For 2016 there are commitments of funds for € 168.000,-. SDO hopes to be able to make some long term agreements to create a solid base for the different projects.

The contribution of Toguna Agro Industries for the housing in Kamba and for the Lycée Professionnel in Sangha (around € 75.000,-) goes directly via ADI in Mali, which also includes direct supplies like the transportation of soil.

We would like to emphasize again that we find it very important and stimulant to have a wide circle of sponsors and financiers with large and small contributions. They form a firm basis for our foundation.



> Meeting with Saidou Nantoume in Bamako.



> Meeting with the team of ADI and the Mayor of Sangha.

Inkomsten	2015	geraamd 2016
		stand 1 maart 2016
Gonny van Stigt-Amesz	€ 30.000,00	€ 30.000,00
fam. Hofkamp-Essed	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00
Fam. van de Velden	€ 3.000,00	€ 3.000,00
fam beekwilder	€ 15.000,00	€ 5.000,00
fj eerhart	€ 2.000,00	
stichting eben heazar	€ 2.000,00	
St. Antonius Stichting	€ 20.000,00	
St. AF. Jochnick Found	€ 150.000,00	
Prins Claus Fonds	€ 6.000,00	
global heritage fund		€ 25.000,00
Stichting Bloemendaal Dogon	€ 32.534,00	€ 30.000,00
Via Sahel	€ 25.000,00	€ 15.000,00
Impulsis/Edukans		€ 20.000,00
Aqua for All	€ 100.800,00	
Donaties via acties en vaste donoren	€ 32.370,00	€ 35.000,00
Subsidie aanvragen/projecten water		€ 220.000,00
TOTAALinkomsten	€ 423.704,00	€ 388.000,00
financiële positie 31-12-2015		
Saldo ING Nederland lopende rekening	€ 62.764,00	
saldo ING Nederland vaste rekening	€ 121.293,00	
Beschikbaar budget ADI/ overlopende post.	€ 24.286,00	
beschikbare middelen	€ 208.343,00	

uitgaven SDO	2015	voorlopig begroting 2016
overboekingen naar ADI projecten en kosten *	€ 255.000,00	€ 245.000,00
Reis- en verblijfkosten vanuit Nederland	€ 4.219,05	€ 4.500,00
Kosten org., salaris/belasting personeel Nederland.	€ 8.957,69	€ -
transport en materieel	€ 41.113,14	€ 7.500,00
aankoop pompen en transport pompe bleu Mali	€ 84.765,00	€ 85.000,00
overige	€ 4.568,16	€ 4.000,00
belastingen	€ 2.057,00	€ 250,00
Bankkosten	€ 785,49	€ 450,00
totaal SDO 2015 /2016	€ 401.465,53	€ 346.700,00
* ADI is een onafhankelijke stichting met eigen bestuur en jaarverslagen. Er is een verloop in betalingen over het jaar heen vande projecten, daarnaast word een deel van projecten ADI lokaal betaald door oa Toguna Industries. De bijlage staat van ADI is een verantwoording van bijdragen SDO aan ADI		

Verantwoording ADI uitgaven	ADI 2015	ADI 2016
personeel	€ 5.435,98	€ 6.000,00
organisatie	€ 7.869,33	€ 8.000,00
materieel en transport	€ 7.705,39	€ 7.500,00
projecten totaal ADI *	€ 252.521,53	€ 262.500,00
uitgaven ADI 2015 / voorlopig 2016	€ 273.532,21	€ 284.000,00
* het project overzicht geeft de uitgaven aan in 2015 door ADI maar sluit niet aan op de overboekingen.van SDO in 2015. er is een overloop in posten		

projecten overzicht ADI	2015	2016
Sono Na	€ 1.147,50	
lycee sangha *	€ 130.890,28	€ 75.000,00
school ogendengou	€ 41.601,47	€ 2.500,00
vacinatie post ziekenhuis		€ 7.500,00
gemeentehuis Sangha		€ 4.500,00
Onderwijs programma AMI	€ 20.055,32	€ 25.000,00
onderwijzers SDO	€ 6.885,00	€ 7.000,00
onderwijs programma lyceum		€ 10.000,00
onderwijs programma cultuur		€ 5.000,00
school Bombou (Peul Dogon)	€ -	€ 30.000,00
pompe bleu plaatsing pompen	€ 9.669,60	€ 65.000,00
Watervoorzieningen Nando	€ 5.875,20	
Water voorzieningen Yougho	€ 3.442,50	
water put maternite koundou	€ 5.775,75	
WaterputKoundou Dogomo	€ 1.568,25	
Waterput Dinguebara	€ 2.195,55	
waterput Sogou Yagem	€ 10.098,00	
stage	€ 3.825,00	€ 3.500,00
diverse renovaties en onderhoud	€ 7.197,12	€ 7.500,00
nando	€ -	€ 10.000,00
yougho restauratie	€ 2.295,00	€ 2.500,00
sogu yagem hangar	€ -	€ 7.500,00
<i>* bijdrage Toguna Industries apart geboekt €75.000,-</i>		
projectkosten totaal	€ 252.521,53	€ 262.500,00

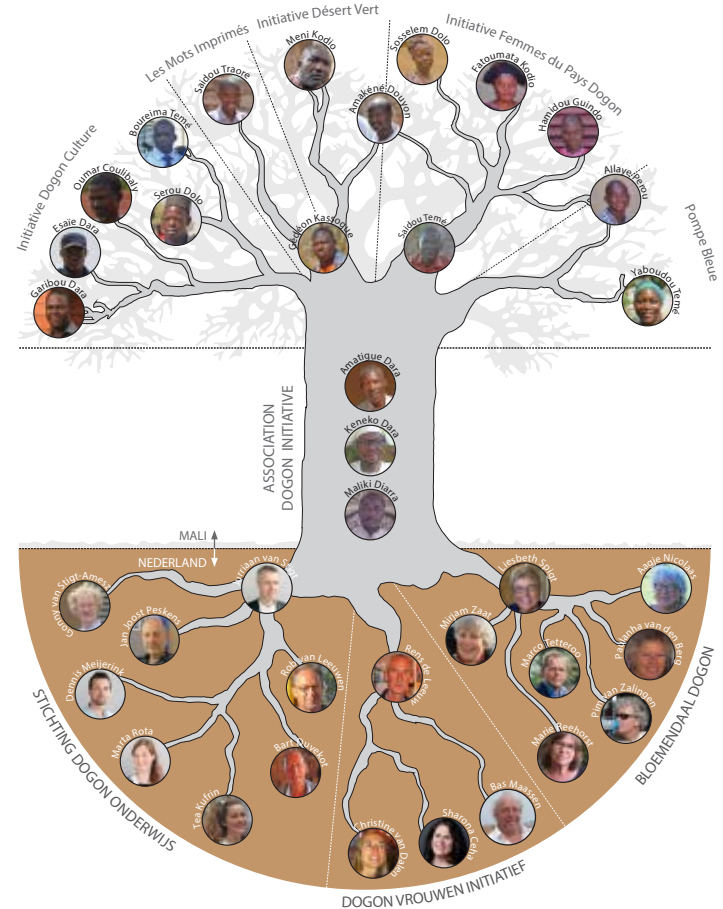
We thank everyone for the wonderful contributions in 2015 and hope to be able to count on you and many others in 2016 in order to be able to realize a growing number of projects in the Dogon.

The complete annual account and assessment 2015 can be found on the website of the foundation and is drafted this year by the accountancy firm Atripel in The Hague.

TEAM

In 2015 the support of the SDO board (Jurriaan van Stigt President, Jan Joost Peskens secretary and Gonny van Stigt-Amesz treasurer) has been extended. In March 2015 Rob van Leeuwen joined the team. His experience as a landscape architect, engineer from Wageningen, traveller in Africa and publicist can be handy at tasks such as programming the technical school in Sangha, or writing reports and raising funds. In September Bart Duvekot joined us as well. He visited our work area in 2009 and he has a passion for Mali. His common sense and hands-on approach is something that our team can use.

Marta Rota is looking after all correspondence and practical matters, such as regulating transports, for four days a week. Besides that she provides the necessary technical drawings and takes care of the requests of the foundation. Tea Kufryn, architecture student in Croatia, will remain to take care of the excellent translations in French. Dennis Meijerink continues to support us with, among other things, the website. For 2016 the extension and the strengthening of the foundation are again on the agenda. The team is part of what we call: the Baobab, a tree with as many branches as roots. The roots symbolize the supporting organizations in Europe, while the branches the executive organizations in Mali.



> Baobab of the organization.

PARTNERS AND DONORS

We have been able to do our work in Mali thanks to a lot of large and small donors. Without donors it doesn't work and it also inspires us to get so much support. For this reason we are grateful for the large amount of funds, but equally happy with 25 euro from friends. With the collaboration of all of you, we will continue in 2016 with finding new and effective ways in the cooperation with all the Dogon people, who work hard and motivated for a better future.

We hardly have overheads costs. Each euro goes to the projects in Mali. Also participate this year please; your money is well spent directly on schools, education, cultural heritage, water and green desert. In short it is for an integrated social and economic development of the Dogon.

Phone or mail us, if you want some explanations about the projects and our idea of cooperation. [info@dogononderwijs.nl].



> Working visit of the Af Jochnick Foundation.



> New projects in 2016: Vaccination Post and Information Centre.



FUTURE PLANS FOR 2016

In 2016 a lot must happen to start really well the Practical Lyceum in Sangha: setting up the education program, purchase of the material for four practically-oriented education curricula, and starting up training programs for the team and the teachers. The appointed director is working hard on this. The first students, approximately 120 - 150, will start on the 1st October 2016. The construction of the school, the houses and further the planning of the area will be a large part of the education program. 2016 becomes also the year of the breakthrough of the blue pump. There are 2 appointed employees now in Mali that accompanied the program and we hope to install a minimum of 25 pumps, of course with contracts! Further we will build the epicenter in Sogu Yaguem where the women of DVI can come together and the vaccination post, public space, road improvement and education program. The town hall also gets a public space, which is important to reach the whole region of 40,000 inhabitants. Further on the agenda, there are schools, restorations, again a part of road improvement and especially much cooperation with Dogon Bloemendaal for the education program. 2016 still has a lot of promises but we have to focus especially on finishing the finance of the many possible projects. We suggest everyone also to have a look at the annual report of ADI, which can also be found on our website. We will continue in 2016 with Facebook and our website. You will hear from us this coming year and we will hopefully hear from you.



> Visit of the Peul village of Bombou for a school where both Peul and Dogon will go.





> On the school site in Sangha.

In 2016 too, Foundation Dogon Education (SDO) will continue its work in Dogon country.

To be able to do so, donors are indispensable. For that reason, we hope that also in 2016 we will receive your support in the shape of gifts and of initiatives. We are always prepared to come to you and to explain you the philosophy of the Foundation. If you wish to support the work of the Foundation, we invite you to visit our website: www.dogononderwijs.nl or to transfer a contribution to bank-account number NL27INGB0004538261.



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