



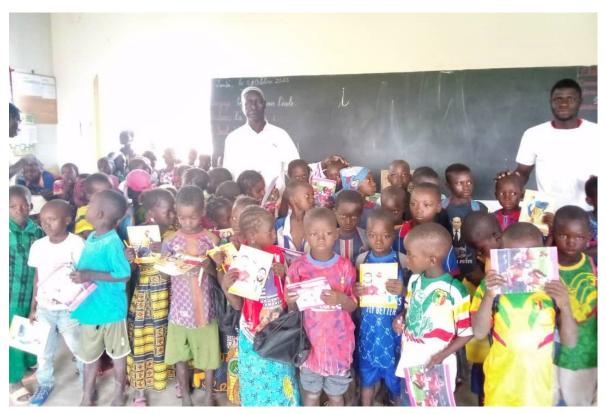
The new school year in Djamballa

9th October 2023

On October 9th, 2023, the new school year has begun. On the first school day, teachers distribute school supplies to each child. It is announced who has been admitted to the next school year and who will have to repeat the previous one. The classes are formed.







three operational classrooms with 98 pupils







classrooms composition

First school year
20 pupils, 12 boys and 8 girls
Enrollment for the first year ended on the 31st of October.
Second school year
39 pupils, 20 boys and 19 girls.
third school year
39 pupils, 20 boys and 19 girls.

To date, students' performance is very good, since only two children have dropped out of school, and there is a few numbers of pupils who have to repeat the previous school year. Four children who last year attended school in Bamako, enrolled this year at the school of Djamballa.

teaching

The classes are led by two teachers in double shifts. The first and second years are run by Monsieur Sidi Koulibaly, 40 years old. The third year is run by Monsieur Lamine Bafing Diarra 53 years old, who is also the director.

Teachers follow the official Malian school program for the six-year elementary cycle.

The classes last 30 minutes per subject and are held in two stages, morning from 8 am to noon and afternoon from 3 pm to 5 pm. The program, in addition to basic subjects such as language and math, includes lessons in drawing, civics, acting, singing, and sports.

Every month, the school director sends a detailed report of the school's progress to C.A.P., Centre d'animation pédagogique. C.A.P. monitors the performance of all schools in the district.



better place

The school of Djamballa, compared to the state city schools, provides a better standard with

- wider class sizes
- contained numbers of pupils per class
- presence of a drinkable water well in the school area
- latrines gender separated built to standards
- teacher room and well-equipped library
- wide outdoor space for school activities
- solar panels system that provides a good ventilation system and light in the classrooms.



classroom in Djamballa



classroom in a public school, city of Kati, November 2023

The school of Djamballa has an amphitheater. The amphitheater is not only a space to serve school activities but also a meeting place for the entire village.



sustainability

The most complex goal of a school village project is its sustainability. At the end of the funding, the village should be able to independently manage the annual school's expenses.

village contribution

Each student pays an annual fee of 7.5 euros.

The contributions are accumulated in the *savings school box* kept by the school committee.

Two years ago, the village began cultivating a 1-hectare sesame field. Proceeds from the sale of the harvest went into the savings school box as well.



The sesame field has grown to three hectares.

This self-financing activity won't be sufficient and needs to be implemented. The project will encourage and support resource-based microcredit activities in the village to strengthen its economy, starting this year.