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EMPOWER MALI

Partnering for
Sustainable Growth



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**Partnering for Sustainable
Development and Building
a Brighter Future For Our
Young Minds in Mali**

Message from Marissa Coutinho, Board Member

Dear Empower Mali Friends,

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support in the fight against poverty and lack of access to basic resources in Mali. Despite the devastating impact of COVID-19 on communities around the world, Mali faced additional challenges with its shifting political landscape and heightened security concerns, along with closed borders, embargos and COVID restrictions. These difficulties were acutely felt by our rural communities, who faced a shortage of food, clean water, and other essential resources.

But in darkness, we found many angels. Thanks to amazing individuals and our partner organizations, we at Empower Mali were blessed to have support throughout the year which allowed us to make 2021 our best year yet for our many communities in Mali.

Your support allowed us to launch and complete projects that met the following community needs:

- Began construction on 9-classroom school building that will house Grades 1-9 grades.
- Completed a three-classroom primary school that will serve 150 children each year in the village of Siemen and surrounding villages.
- Three teacher housings in the community of Siemen, Moro Moro and Zekoun that would allow quality teachers to remain in these communities.
- Held the inauguration of our three-classroom primary school and a teacher housing in the community of Karagouan.
- Laid the foundation stone of a three-classroom middle school in the village of Pogosso
- Laid the foundation stone of a three-classroom preschool for children ages 3-5 in the city of Badalabougou, one of the most populous cities in the capital of Bamako.
- Laid the foundation stone of a three-classroom middle school in Sibiribougou, which is in the capital city of Bamako.
- Fed 1,200 families each having 8-10 members. Each month, in the region of Mopti, 50 different families in the community of Mopti, 20 families from the community of Socoura and 30 families in the village of Begnemato benefitted from 50kg of rice, 50 kg of millet, 5 liters of oil, 5 kg of sugar and powdered milk. These families have been displaced due to insecurity in Mali's northern Mopti region.
- Provided textbooks for the children in 3 of our schools: Karagouan Middle School, Siemen primary school and Moro Moro Middle School.
- Purchased our own well drilling rig to help us meet the growing demand for clean water in remote villages.
- Finished solar powered water systems in the communities of Kontoumoun Yanfolila, Madina, Sangarebougou Guereboukin, Moro-Moro, Oueléssébougou School, Quartier Mali Bamako, Badalabougou, Niena, Bandjougoubougou, and Oueléssébougou School. We also started new water projects in Dioila II, Samanko Kolondieba, Gouaranko Fakola Kolondieba, Oueléssébougou City Soccer Field

We feel so grateful to all of you who have helped us help the people of Mali. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of so many and creating a brighter future for generations to come.

Warmest Regards,

Marissa Coutinho

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EM Secretary



MISSION



Empower Mali believes that the citizens and communities of Mali have the right to become self-reliant.

The focus of the foundation is not to give a handout to these communities, but rather to work side by side empowering these communities to meet their own needs by sharing with them the resources and tools to get it done.

We commit our resources and efforts to affect change in the areas of:

- **Education:** Empower Mali supports education in Mali by building and renovating schools, providing school supplies and materials, and funding teacher salaries. The foundation also offers scholarships to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to education.
- **Healthcare:** Empower Mali partners with local healthcare providers to improve access to healthcare services in Mali. The foundation supports the building of clinics, training of healthcare workers, and providing medical supplies and equipment.
- **Clean Water:** Empower Mali helps to provide clean water to communities by building wells, water pumps, and water treatment systems. The foundation also educates communities about proper water management and sanitation practices.
- **Clean Energy:** Empower Mali supports the use of clean energy in Mali by building solar-powered systems for homes, schools, and clinics. The foundation also provides training on the maintenance and repair of these systems.

In all these domains, Empower Mali works closely with community leaders and citizens to ensure that projects are sustainable and can continue even after Empower Mali leaves the village. The foundation focuses on empowering communities to take charge of their own development and to create a better future for themselves and their children.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



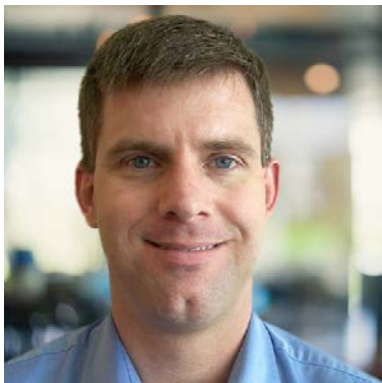
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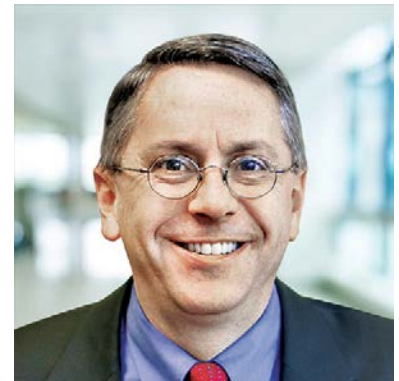
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Why focus on Mali?



69%

**OF THE MALIAN
POPULATION IS
ILLITERATE**

Access to education remains a serious problem. Lack of schools, poorly trained teachers and lack of supplies makes a good education a challenge for many children.



76%

**OF THE MALIAN
POPULATION LIVES ON
LESS THAN \$1.25/DAY**

80% of the Malian population relies on agriculture for their food and livelihood. Changing climates and markets have led to a lower income for many households.



< 1%

**POPULATION IN
THE VILLAGES
HAVE ACCESS
TO ELECTRICITY**

80% of Mali's rural population depend heavily on firewood and charcoal to provide energy needs.



66%

**OF DRINKING WATER
IS CONTAMINATED**

1/3 of Malians do not have access to clean drinking water and over 15,000 children die each year from diarrhea brought on by poor sanitation.



52 YEARS

**AVERAGE LIFE
EXPECTANCY**

In rural areas one doctor will serve about 20,000 people. Mali also has one of the highest infant mortality rates with 111 per 1000 births.



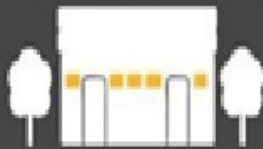
OUR PROGRAMS :

We are fighting against illiteracy, poverty and limited access to basic amenities. We emphasize working closely with the citizens in the areas we serve because when equipped with the proper tools and resources, they will have the power to help their whole family escape poverty and become sustainable



HEALTH PROGRAM

- * Train Healthcare Workers
- * Bring Healthcare Expeditions



EDUCATION PROGRAM

- * Build Schools
- * Train Teachers
- * Raise School Supplies



CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

- * Install Water Pumps/Tanks
- * Dig Wells/Boreholes



CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

- * Install Solar panels
- * Introduce Solar Lanterns & other clean energy solutions

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- Education
- Healthcare
- Clean Energy
- Clean, accessible water
- Leadership Training



Our Strategies to Empower Sustainable Development



1. LOCAL INITIATIVE

As part of our partnerships, we expect the Malian communities where we work to initiate the demand for the project and also to contribute to the project whether it is 20% of the cost of the project and/or land or labor.

2. EMPOWERMENT

We utilize the existing capacities and resources of the villages.

3. PARTNERSHIP

The collaboration with the government and community stakeholders ensures that our projects are adequately staffed and receive long-term sustained support.

By getting the communities involved in both the needs assessment and financial portion, the project becomes self-sustainable. The villagers are more likely to maintain the project because of their own investment and role in bringing the project to their community.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH MALIANS SINCE 2013



- 19 schools serving 150+ children each year built in the rural villages of Ferekoroba, Dongorona, Falla II, Katele, Dovong, Fanterela, Marako, Koumantou Banko, Moro-Moro, Zekoun, Ouelessebougou, Karagouan, Siemen, Pogosso, Badalabougou Pre-School, Oueléssébougou Primary School (1st-6th grade), Oueléssébougou Middle School (7th-9th), Sibiribougou
- 8 blocks of two-room Teacher housing for teachers and directors in the villages of Ferekoroba, Dovong, Fanterela, Dongorona, Siemen, Karagouan, Moro-Moro and Zekoun.
- As part of the food security initiative, six tractors to farmer co-ops in the villages of Beneko, Bougouni town, San town, Garalo, Sikasso town and N'Tentou
- Two Electricity generating playgrounds with battery packs and 40 solar lanterns in the villages of Fanterela and Ferekoroba;
- 200 Luci Lights and soccer balls distributed to the villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko, Kolena and Dovong
- 500 Days for Girls menstrual hygiene kits donated and distributed.
- 20 solar water pumps serving tens of thousands installed in the communities of N'Tentou, Ouelessebougou, Siblieni, Baguineda, Bougouni N'Godonina, Quartier Tripiano, Dioila, Sanakoroba, Gueriboubougou Sangarebougou, MoroMoro, Madina, Bandjougoubougou, Quartier Mali Bamako, Badalabougou, Kontoumoun-Yanfolila, Oueléssébougou School, Dioila II and Niena
- Textbooks in all subjects for six middle schools BYAW Academy of Ferekoroba, Micah Shea Watkins Academy of Dongorona, Coates Academy of Falla II, Peace Love Happiness Academy of Moro-Moro, Coates Academy of Siemen and BYAW Academy of Karagouan. Each school serves 150 students each year.
- 100 Tablets donated in 16 impoverished middle schools in Kalabancoro, Bamako.
- 20 four-year high school scholarships to the Wasatch Academy High School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah
- 1 three-year university scholarship to an Agricultural School at Fundacion Paraguay in Paraguay
- 4 English language Scholarships for Malian students to study English at Nomen Global in Provo, Utah
- A Conference Center in Ouélessébougou
- A water purification system for the village of Dongorona
- Funding for a Chicken Egg farm which has created jobs and a source of fresh food.
- A Basketball Court in KalabanCoura

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2021

The Foundation's income for FY2021 was \$1,158,753 not including In-kind donations.

REVENUE: \$1,158,753

EXPENSES: \$1,095,680

REVENUE

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



REVENUE

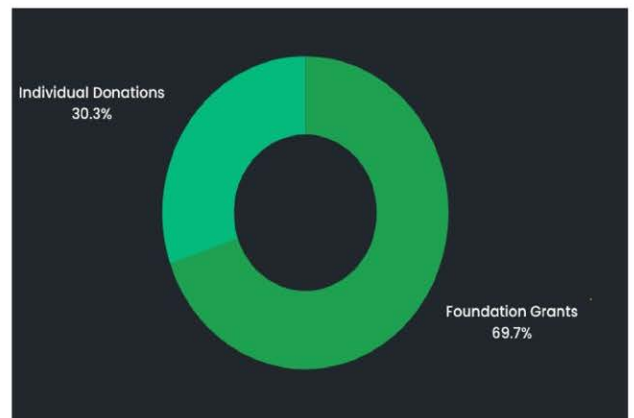
\$1,158,753.03



Foundation Grants: **\$808,000**



Individual Donations: **\$350,753.03**



EXPENSES

HOW WE USED THE MONEY



EXPENSES

\$1,095,679.55



Program Costs: **\$961,000**



Fundraising: **\$133,466.52**



Misc Expenses: **\$5,721.15**



2021 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



A generous donation from the **Peace Love and Happiness Foundation** allowed us to purchase a drilling rig to meet the growing demand of clean water in rural villages. The rig has the capacity to drill up to 1000 meters (3280feet). This rig will allow us to reduce the cost to dig boreholes. When a village receives a well that brings clean water, it is women and girls who often spend hours every day carrying water and the children who get sick from water borne diseases who benefit the most.

2021 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to a \$200,000 donation from **Matthew McConaughey**, we were able monthly donate 50kg bag of rice, 50kg of millet, 5 litres of oil and 5 kg of sugar to 100 different families in the communities of Socoura , Begnemato and commune of Mopti, where many displaced families are living having fled the violence in the region. Total impact for the year was 1200 families each with about 8-10 members.

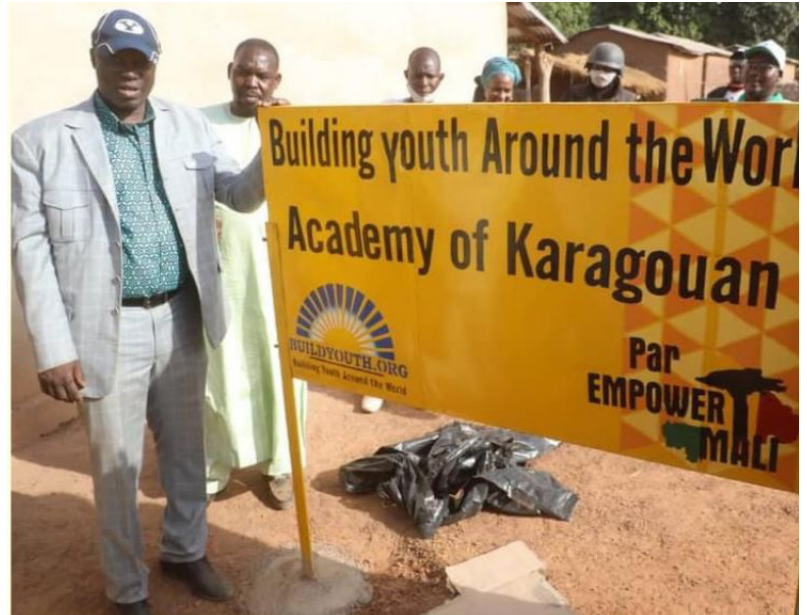


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A generous donation from **JPs Peace Love** and **Happiness Foundation** allowed us to start construction on a 9 classroom school in the city of Ouelessebougou, When completed, it will provide quality education for children from 1st grade to 9th and help alleviate the overcrowding in this fast growing community.



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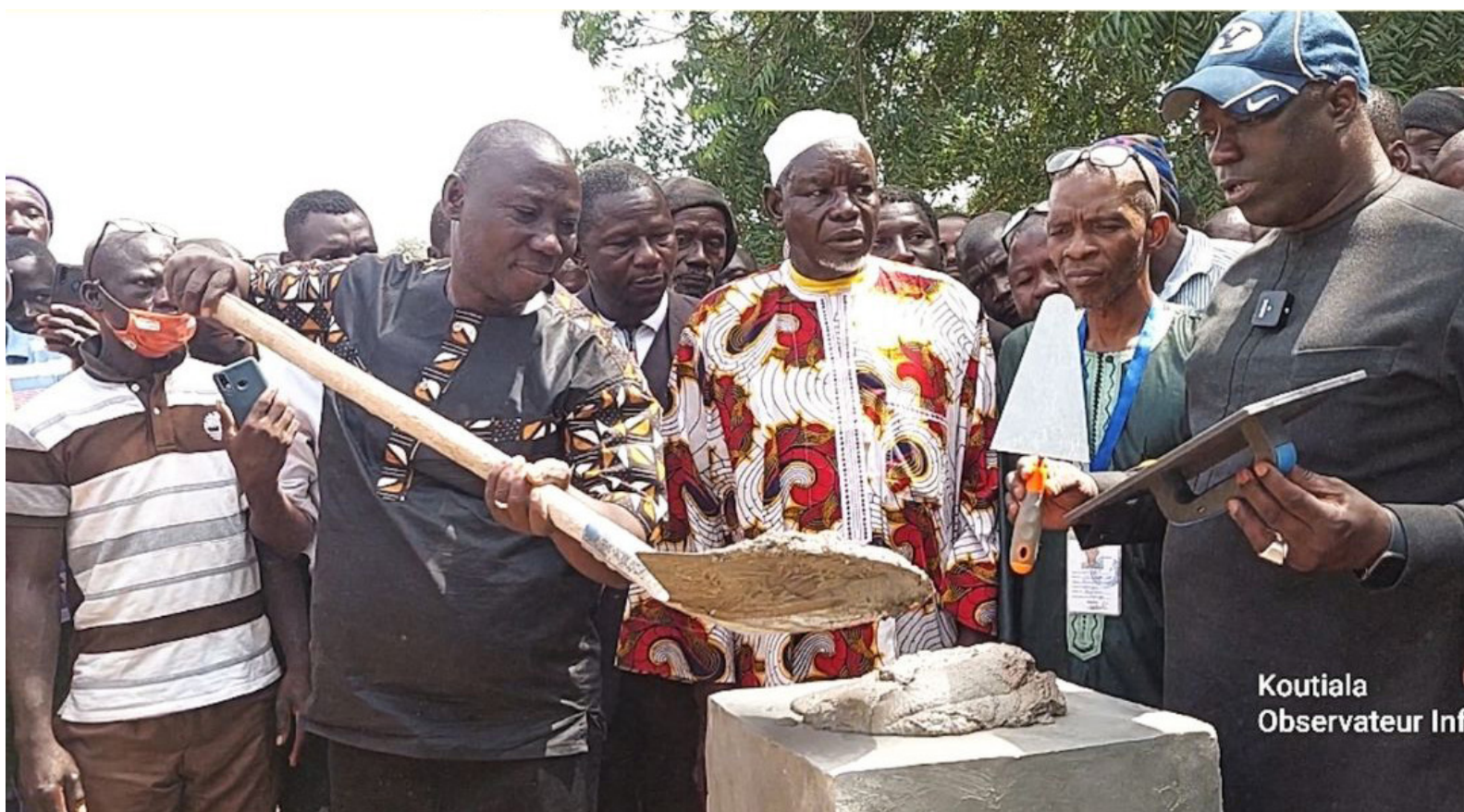


A generous donation from the **Building Youth Around the World Foundation** allowed us to build a three classroom school and a three home teacher housings in the village of Karagouan. The village only had one primary school and were grouping 119 girls and 118 boys from grade 1-6 into 3 classrooms. The school will alleviate these overcrowding conditions. The teacher housing consists of 3 homes. Each home has two bedrooms and living room and will provide quality housing for teachers in this remote village.



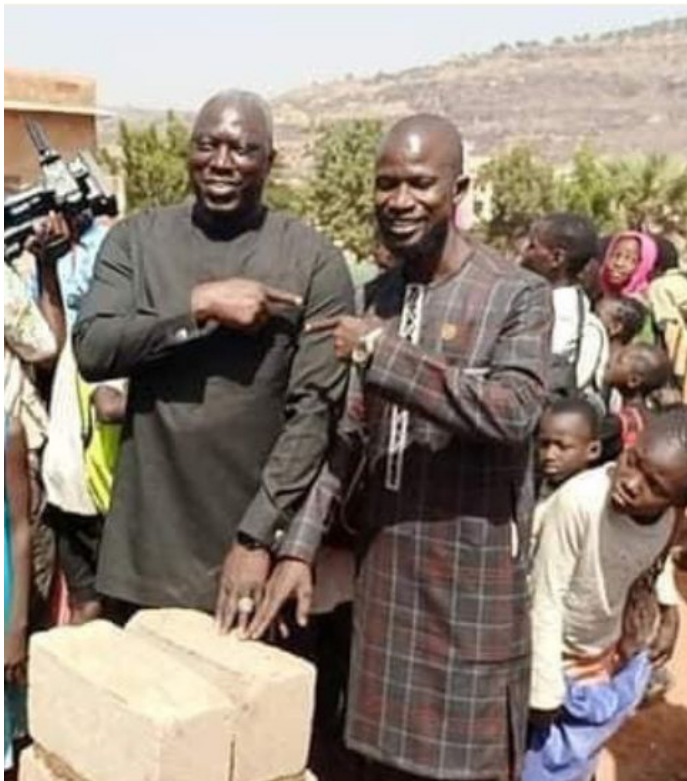
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A generous donation from the **B.H Roberts Foundation/Coates Family** allowed us to break ground on a new three classroom school in the village of Pogosso, a remote village 45Km from the big city of Koutiala. The school will have three classrooms that are fully equipped, a directors office and 6 latrines. (3 boys and 3 girls)



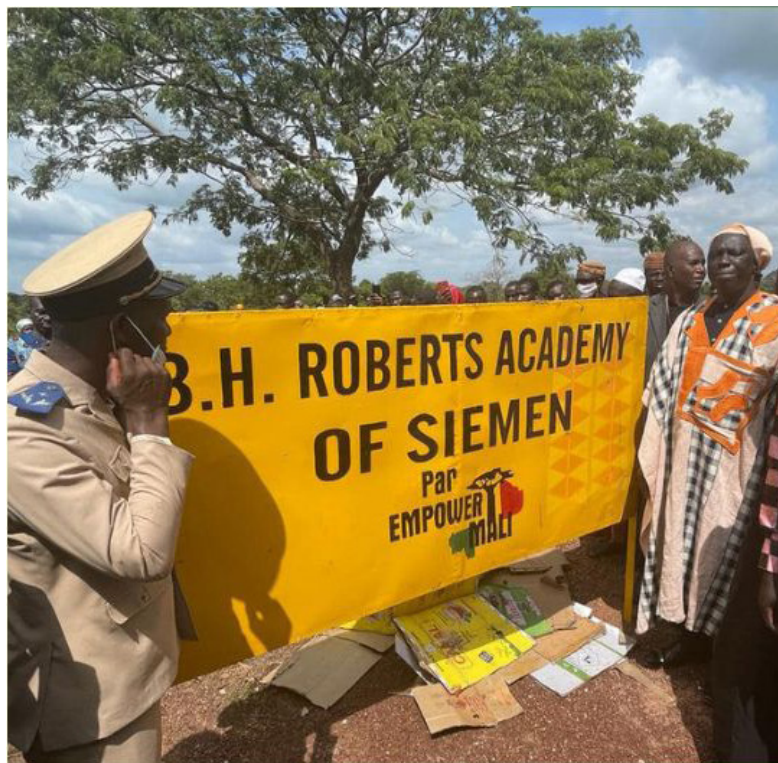
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A generous donation from the **Building Youth Around the World Foundation** allowed us to break ground on a new three classroom school in Sibiribougou. This is our first middle school in the capital city. The classrooms in Sibiribougou are so overcrowded that there are 304 students in 7th grade, 142 in 8th grade and 145 in 9th grade. The school will help reduce the overcrowding by adding three classrooms that are fully equipped, a directors office and 6 latrines. (3 boys and 3 girls)



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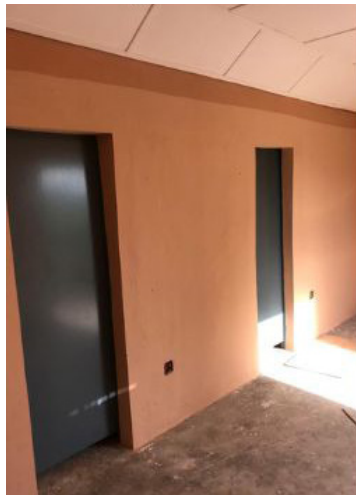
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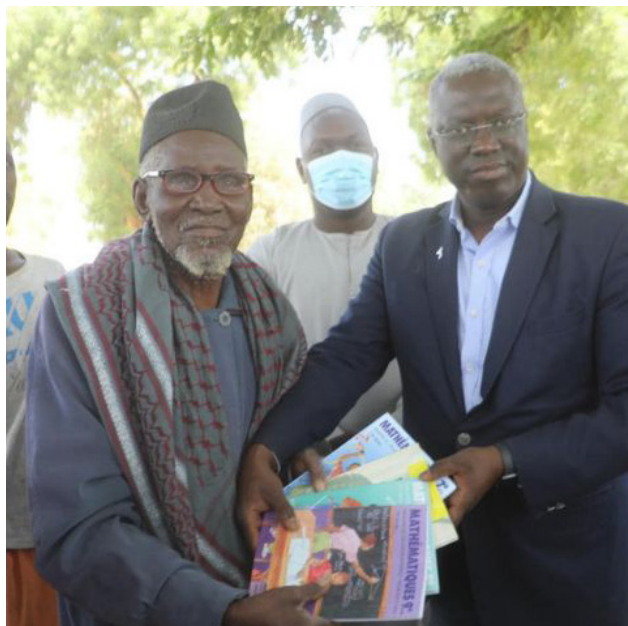
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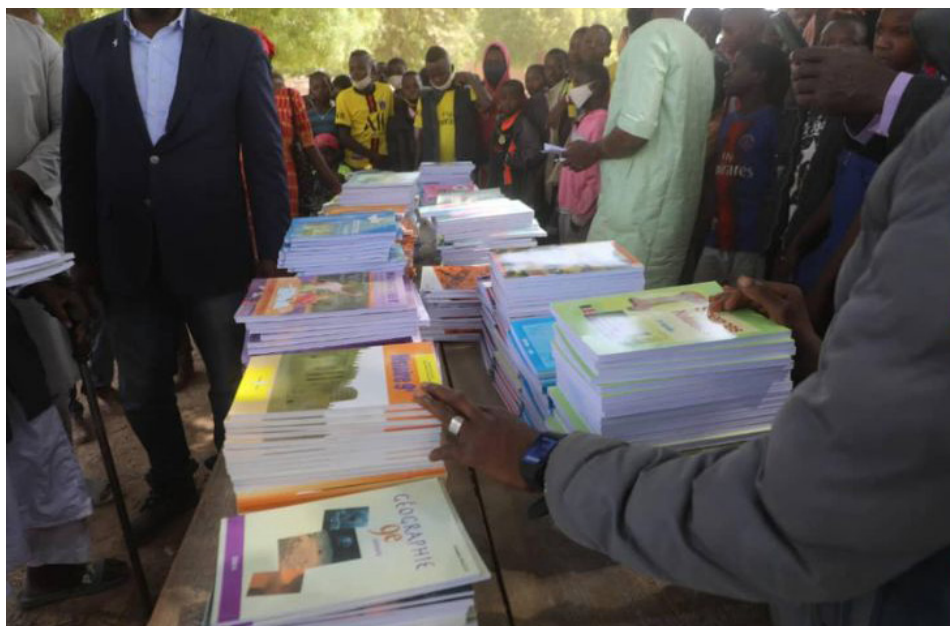


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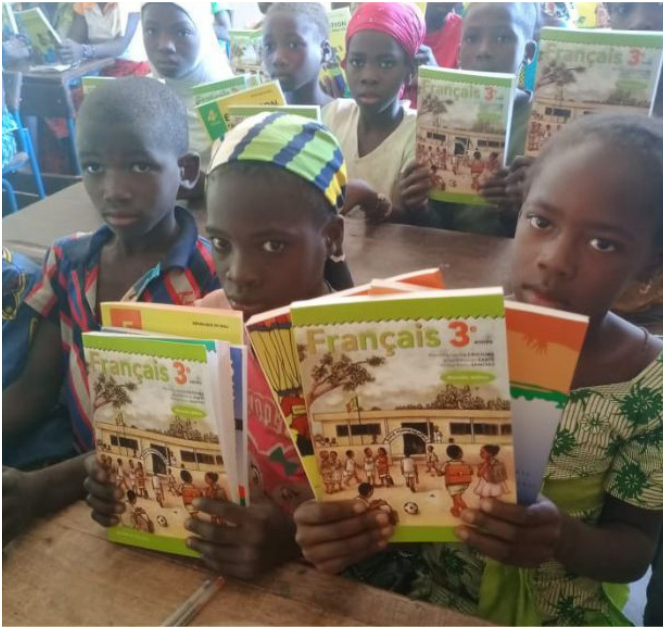


A generous donation from the **Garbett Family Foundation** allowed us to provide 150 students with textbooks at our school in MoroMoro. The textbooks will be overseen by the education committee in the village and used by students year after year.

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**STARTED SOLAR
POWERED
WATER SYSTEMS
IN COMMUNITIES
OF**



- Dieila II
- Gueléssébougou City
- Samanko Kolondieba
- Guaranko fakela



2021 INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



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MADINA



**KONTOUNGON,
YANFOLILA**



**SANGAREBOUGOU
GUERIEBOUKIN**



BADALABOUGOU



NIENA



**GUELESSEBOUGOU
SCHOOL**



BANDJUGCUBOUGOU



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**COMPLETED SOLAR
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Thank You



Thank you

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS AND WE ARE SO PROUD TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO YOUR KINDNESS. WE PRAY AND HOPE THAT WE CAN ANSWER THE NEEDS OF MANY MORE MALIANS IN 2022.

YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE A REALITY!! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF ONE. IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU

WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN 2022!!

