



Newsletter notre soleil suisse Summer 2026

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Dear sponsors, dear friends of the sun, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued, generous support of our solar projects, together with our team in Africa: Ouédou Asso, CEO of the solar company (www.solafrique.org), Josias Ouattara, Technical Director of Solafrique in Bobo-Dioulasso, and Fatoumata Traoré, President of our partner organization "Notre Soleil." Our goal is for Africa to skip the carbon age and enter the solar age directly. Our projects aim to empower people to cope with climate change.

1. The political situation in Burkina Faso

The situation is and remains catastrophic. Alongside a military dictatorship, there are still frequent attacks by armed groups affiliated with the Islamic State. Public safety is almost inexistent. A son of Fatoumata, serving as a career soldier, died a few days ago as a victim of such an attack, which saddens us all deeply. Fortunately, however, all the projects we support are progressing well.

Development aid budgets are being cut worldwide – this scandal makes our projects all the more important.

2. The seven women's community gardens

Since June (the beginning of the rainy season), planting has been underway in the women's gardens. Literacy courses are continuing, with men also participating. We plan to open at least two more gardens this year.



Planting has started (Bana2)



In the school garden: the plowing team takes a break



A literacy course at the Rehobot school



The money for the literacy course has arrived!

3. Some new projects

Fatoumata teaches families at her school how to make soap so that the school children can wash before going to school



Learning how to make soap at the Rehobot school

The solar lighting project for the training center of the Swiss association "Samigne Laben" in Banzon (which trains young people in organic farming, horticulture, and other professions) is currently in planning.



A training course in Banzon



Our gardens are to be equipped with "KompoToi" composting toilets adapted for Africa. Jonas Konkobo is working on a prototype.

← A composting toilet for Africa

4. Solafrique

Solafrique doesn't just make lighting, solar pumps, and various irrigation systems. They have just completed a fish farm.

6. News of the Association

Our practical experience on the ground in Africa continually reaffirms how right our two main priorities are – community gardens and training and production in solar technology projects for solar energy – for sustainable economic development.

Your support is essential to our work, and we appreciate every donation and every contribution.

With sunny greetings -

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Tilapia breeding tank with solar pump from Solafrique



Solafrique – an installation team takes a break

For neighborhoods and remote villages without electricity, Solafrique has started developing solar power systems, including an energy distribution network, for a wide range of uses (not just lighting).

5. Solafrique – Solar Center in Bama

The plans for our solar training center are now being sent to a construction company in Africa for a cost estimate. A separate donation account for the construction of the center will be opened soon. We are still looking for a foundation or donor to finance this major project.

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