



Newsletter notre soleil suisse Winter 2022

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Dear sponsors,
Dear friends of the sun,

A big thank you to all of you for supporting our solar projects. Fatoumata Traoré (photo), the president of our partner association «notre soleil» in Burkina, also asked me to convey her gratitude.



Three community gardens for women

In the meantime, thanks to your donations, the Rehobot school house in Borodougou now has drinking water for the school children. A successful well drilling ("Forage") in June on the school grounds made it possible to create a large organic school garden (1ha). Recently, fences of the community gardens have been installed in all three sections of Notre Soleil, also in Nasso (photo Emilie) and in Koumi (photo Elizabeth). Planting of vegetables, fruits and trees can now begin, also in Every 30-50 women have a regular income, can pay their children's school fees and are no longer dependent on support.

2. An energy kiosk for Songo2

Our second project, kiosk no. 7 in Songo 2, developed in cooperation with the FEM-UNDP in the south of the country, was also successfully completed before the end of 2021. The kiosk was built near the large community garden of the women's association Ti you tii wingnam. (Photo fridge) The fish from the breeding tank can now be frozen straight away. Our idea that the kiosk should function as a meeting place for all villagers and be versatile has come true. Mr. Luc Kasagabou, the "conseil communal" had already organized a literacy course for young people there (photo literacy). Thanks to solar light, this will now also be possible for adults in the evening.





3. Solafrique and an important visit from Switzerland

Solafrique has been independent of financial support for almost two years now and is extremely successful. I was therefore able to withdraw from the company and handed over my shares to Mr. Heini Lüthi last autumn. He's just the right person for it. He has recently invested heavily in the company. In addition to solar material, he was also able to fulfill director Ouédi Asso's dream and invested in a well drilling machine complete with truck and trained staff (photo truck). Since then, the machine has hardly stood still a day.

4. Solar Center for Training and Production in Bama

Heini has been on a project trip in Burkina for almost three weeks now. He also visited our terrain for a solar center including a water tower with Fatoumata Traoré and Asso. We are planning a collaboration, a partnership between Solafrique and the Notre Soleil association. We don't just want workshops for Solafrique, we also want to build accommodation for the apprentices and students, the staff and guests on the 5 hectares of land. A partly solar kitchen, a canteen and a large organic garden including a summer house are also planned. The campus should be as self-sufficient as possible. Sustainability, earth compatibility is important to us. In Fatoumata, we think we have found the right person, the right association for the hotel, garden, etc. part of the project.



We are urgently looking for 1-2 members for the board of notre soleil suisse. Our cashier, Hans Leu, wants to leave us after six years of service to reorient himself. At this point I would like to thank him on behalf of the association for his valuable work. Who would like to help with this important project or can put someone in contact with us?

I very much hope that you will continue to remain loyal to us. Attached you will find a payment slip for a possible donation. Of course, I am also happy about every new member. I was already able to fix a date for the 2022 AGM; as always in the "Lokal" neighborhood meeting place in Zurich-Fluntern on Voltastrasse. 65, on Thursday 25 August 2022 at 6 p.m. A corresponding invitation with all necessary documents will be sent separately in good time.

With sunny greetings

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