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ACTIVITY REPORT 2023



SUMMARY

For this year, PAD has made great progress in carrying out our activities and supporting people in difficult situations.

At the beginning of January 2023, about twenty children in difficult situations were registered and about twenty girls registered for the activities of the center, namely: bogolan, literacy, cutting and sewing, reproductive health, hygiene and living skills.

The bogolan training lasts 90 days, or three months for the initiation, which ranges from 3 to 4 months to better learn the bogolan technique.

Cutting and sewing lasts 10 months for all learners and a one-month internship in a sewing workshop to allow them to see other techniques and also promotes teamwork and the sharing of know-how before the issuance of certificates.

After this course, they return to the center for another 3 weeks with the trainers to conclude the training.

Afterwards, PAD organises a day of presentation of certificates in the presence of the parents and friends of the learners and also the partners of the centre and the local authorities.

Each one has a starter kit to make it easier for them to install.

We cooperate with the SAMU-SOCIAL/Mali for health follow-up, care, etc.

This is a partnership that has been in existence for a few years now, often with the delivery of donations.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

PAD trained and supported in 2023

- Twenty (20) girls in Cutting and Sewing and Bogolan;
- Forty-five (45) children from all parts of the North who are displaced by the war.
- Ten (10) family returns

Sometimes, what goes back to the family come back for some time to visit and meet the new learners.

Just like the U.S. Embassy, which four years ago has been following PAD's activities with interest thanks to MDG, which gave us the name of an American named **Julie** who worked with PAD during her stay in Mali at the U.S. Embassy.

It opened doors for us to exhibit the work of young people and to have donations and work materials. This gesture continues to this day with PAD thanks to the support of the MDG group in England.

In the activities of PAD, we had to propose activities that we carry out at the **Bolé Woman Detention Center**, that is: Bogolan, Painting and Collage.

MDG has appreciated and funds these activities at the Bolé Women and Minors Detention Center.

Bolé is 20 kilometers from PAD and it was not easy at all to go back and forth to do animations and workshops of 4 hours for 3 times a week.

There was a lot of difficulty in ensuring fuel, food and maintenance of the bike.

When the problem was brought to the attention of MDG, who immediately agreed, the inmates had the pleasure of thriving in the prison to learn a profession with a future when they were released from prison.

PAD is now delighted to have completed this training in Bolé, which will facilitate integration thanks to the partnership with MDG.

When we asked for this support for the different workshops, Bogolan, Painting, Collage etc... For Bolé, the MDG group (Mali Develops Group) reacted favourably to this proposal for the Bole detention centre.

PAD started the activities in Bolé in collaboration with its prison administration, which successfully ensured the working conditions, as well as the provision of fuel and food.

Fuel and food were provided at 10,000 francs per workshop day for 3 times a week, i.e. 30,000 francs

During his workshops, we had to make 200 canvases of painting and bogolan collage made by the inmates and other volunteers.

The German Katrin and Lauro provided their support to accompany the project.

In October, PAD, along with inmates and volunteers, made a selection of paintings.

Thus, 120 paintings were chosen to prepare an exhibition.

During this preparation, we thought about the administration, Katrin who gives Yoga classes to the inmates, how we are going to organize ourselves to deal with the exposure.

The framing of the canvases for the day of the exhibition, the drink, the cakes, the water, but also the appetizers such as peanuts etc...

We sent a letter to the German embassy asking for support for the exhibition, explaining the project and how we got to this point.

We explained that the project, thanks to the support of the MDG group in England, which finances the integration project for children in difficult situations and girls in precarious situations by taking charge of the entire training but also the granting of a starter kit.

On the way back, the German Embassy donated 2,000 Euros for the entire organization in Bolé. They asked us for the last three activity reports to read and understand our activities.

After reading and understanding the reports accompanied by pictures of the workshops conducted in 2005-2006 in England in the prison where Jhon Edg worked, they were reassured that PAD has experience in the field of the integration of children and young people in prisons.

Afterwards, we approached the CNPM, the National Council of Employers of Mali, to ask for their support.

They appreciate the project of integration, training and exhibition.

If possible, they call for the project to be extended to the central prison.

At the moment, their support has not yet arrived for Bolé 2024.

They also pledged 2,000 Euros to help the Bole project.

When they come forward, the money will be paid directly to Bolé for continuity.

We did the exhibition at the Palace of Culture for a month.

After the exhibition, we evaluated the sale of the paintings. Out of 120 paintings presented, 20 paintings were sold in addition to the donations from visitors.

Bolé has benefited from 500,000 FCFA which will be used to ensure the continuity of the various workshops for 2024 in food, health, clothing and others.

All this happiness of integration, empowerment and self-assurance is offered by MDG to vulnerable people such as children and girls who are out of school and in precarious situations.

The entire Bolé team, PAD and volunteers would like to thank MDG for its assistance, support and availability to help the underprivileged in Mali.

For this year 2023, PAD has not had any major difficulties in achieving its objectives.

We have benefited from PAD's own machines thanks to MDG.

We don't have any more worries about that, thank God.

Thank you also to MDG for the seven (7) machines donated for the empowerment of young girls.

This year, we are making progress in achieving our goals.

For this year 2023, PAD has trained a dozen people with disabilities in collaboration with ONDC in the field of bogolan, the assembly of canvases for a period of three months at the TIMSUEDJON center.

People living with disabilities have spent time learning Bogolan.

The theme was: **Painting in Silence**, a subject that talks about the trafficking of people living with disabilities.

The participants created works under the supervision of the facilitator Yacouba KEITA, Kader KEITA (PAD) and the president of Angasi (Announcement press release) and other people from Senegal.

Learners were taken care of morning and evening in addition to a sum of 5,000 FCFA per day as transport costs.

The works made by the participants were exhibited at the National Museum of Bamako.

The exhibition lasted for a month from January 2nd to the dropout.

Other participants had to make sales during the exhibition and this amount goes back to them to continue their production.

At the beginning of this exhibition, we had some difficulties related to children in difficult situations or girls in precarious situations.

- Difficulty communicating;
- Lack of self-confidence;
- Difficulty in cooking;
- Verbal abuse;
- Difficulty in moving;
- Difficulty spreading soaked fabrics.

With courage and self-sacrifice and above all patience, the main facilitator, Yacouba KEITA was able to overcome the difficulties to achieve a positive and satisfying result.

In Bolé, the difficulties are different.

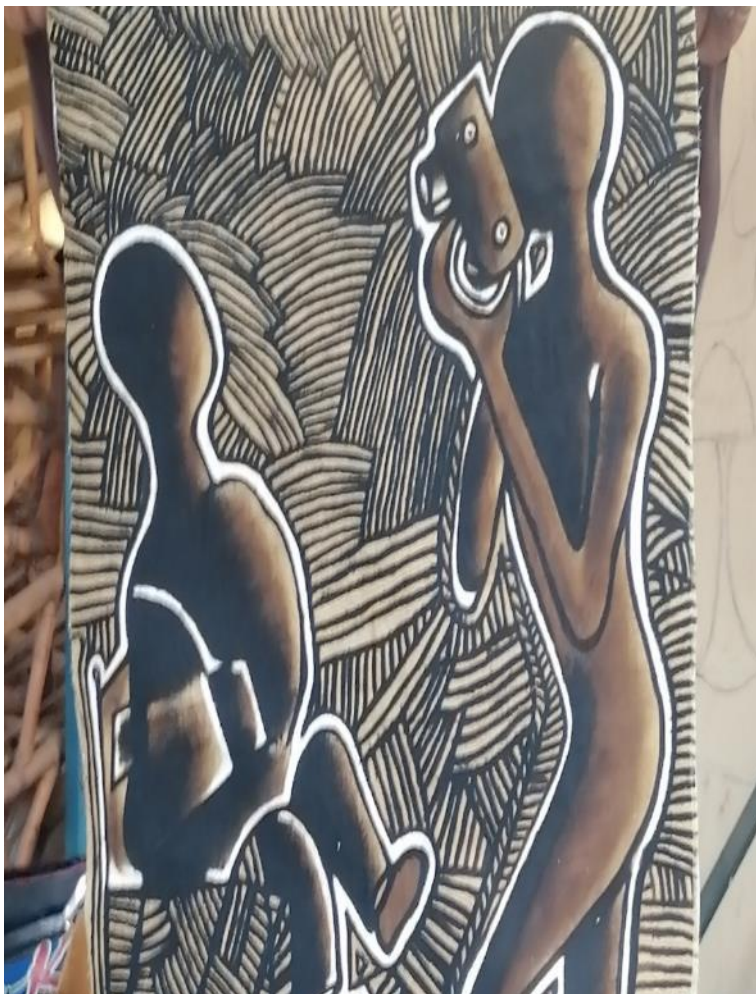
Difficulties such as:

- Communication Difficulty
- Difficulty working when agitated due to lack of drugs, alcohol or cigarettes;
- Difficulty getting dressed;
- Lack of food;
- Mistrust at first;
- Lack of good behavior;

- Lack of hygiene.

With PAD's experience, we were able to overcome the difficulties and help them to gain self-confidence.

In the end, it was a family where the girls were telling their stories about why they are in prison.



DONATIONS:

U.S. Embassy:

Three (3) machines offered;

12 pagnes de wax ;

Individual (19 loincloths)

Shoes

Clothing

Marie Martin :

200 liters of oil;

Children's clothing;

Girls' clothing;

Shoes;

Children's toys;

A television;

Sewing materials;

Corrective lens (glasses).

SAMU SOCIAL Mali:

Free care and follow-up;

Clothing;

Knits

Linda Racine :

Sewing materials;

A bag;

Bic and colored pencils;

X-ray film (to be used as a stencil)

WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT PAD N4A WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY HALL THIS YEAR DUE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

But we're happy with what MDG has already done.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE WHOLE MALI DEVELOPPMENT GROUP
ENGLATTERE TEAM;

The delivery of the certificates is scheduled for February 03, 2024.

The class will be named SUZANE UPTON.

THE OUTLOOK:

As mentioned in our 2022 report, we are committed to making our activities sustainable and extending them to as many children and young people as possible in difficult situations.

To this end, we consider the following short- and medium-term prospects:

- The acquisition of a **space (office)** for PAD to guarantee the future but also to eliminate rental expenses.

Happy New Year 2024. !!!

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In conclusion, we would like to thank all donors (national and international), the public authorities and our authorities.

Our special thanks go to MDG (Mali Développement Groupe) whose support has never been lacking since the creation of the center.

We would also like to thank the U.S. Embassy (USA) and ABaMa and all donors.

Overall, the activities of 2023 went well.

We will continue to take the necessary steps with the support of some partners to better protect children in difficult situations.

Our sincere thanks also to our Special Advisor Mrs. **Suzanne Upton** and the mother of all children Mrs. Violette Diallo.

We hope that 2024 will be even better!!

Thank you to everyone who supports us.

We can't wait for 2024!!

Financial Report 2023

RECAPTULATIVE BUDGET IN EXPENDITURE 2023

PERIODS	AMOUNTS
1er Trimestre 2023	3 001 000
2nd Quarter 2023	3 105 000
3eme Quarter 2023	3 100 000
4th Quarter 2023	3 800 000
TOTAL:	13 006 000

Adopted the present budget for the financial year 2023 in the sum of: **Thirteen million six thousand CFA francs.**

The Rapporteur/Treasurer :

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