

Generator for the orphanage Yedidja in Sakété

Organization:

Arbre de vie

Project cost:

\$4,600

Project time-line:

April 2010

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Project title

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Context and Justification

Benin is, like all developing countries, characterized by the lack of access to basic sanitary infrastructures such as running water and electricity by the majority of the population. Sakété, a rural province where Arbre de vie has implemented its project since 2004, is not excluded from this sad phenomenon.

In 2008, Arbre de vie's orphanage, Yedidja in Sakété, moved from a rented house to the new site which is not yet totally developed, and there is no running water or electricity. Arbre de vie has drilled a well on the center which serves the orphanage needs (household and garden). However, since the generator stopped working, we encounter serious difficulties. In the first place, the grades of the children have been deteriorating over the last school year. We deduct this decline, among other reasons, from the lacking electricity. The children do most of their homework at dark. In addition, the children spend much more of their time to scoop water from the well by hand since they cannot use the motor pump anymore. Secondly, the yield from the vegetable garden has been much less due to the lack of a motor pump which is necessary to water the garden on a regular basis. Thus, the need for a generator has become crucial for the good functioning of the center and for us to be able to conduct our activities.

Description of the project site

The orphanage Yedidja is located in Wayi which is part of the rural district of Sakété. The site is situated on a hill which is on a slightly higher level than the center of Sakété and is at less than one mile distance from the center, not far from the paved main road. The area around the site has not yet been developed. There is a track rather than a road, and no water pipes or electricity. The area of Sakété has luxurious vegetation and the site gives a fantastic view of the surroundings. All around the center, there are palm plantations and fields where all sorts of crops, such as corn, beans, cassava, etc. are cultivated. In view of the beauty of the landscape and the larger site where the children have the possibility to run around and play all sorts of games, the lack of water and electricity beclouds the otherwise good living conditions at the orphanage.

Goal and objectives

General goal

Improve the living conditions of the children in the orphanage Yedidja in Sakété

Specific objectives

This project has two main objectives:

- provide running water for the orphanage
- provide electricity for the center

Expected results

- The orphanage Yedidja is provided with electricity, and the center is enlightened every evening
- The motor pump is functioning and the garden is watered on a regular basis.

Target group

The target group of this project are the 26 children living in the orphanage Yédidja.

Budget

The total project cost is \$4,600.

Financing need	ADV contribution	TOTAL
\$4,140.00	\$460.00	\$4,600.00
90,00%	10,00%	100,00%

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