

Take action with *We Are The Planet!*

4 micro projects we want to make a reality with your help

Discover how to join this cause!

Friends&Suitcases

Let's introduce ourselves: BONJOUR! We are the young students from the 4 African schools twinned with *We Are the Planet!* project.

OUR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL "E" OF BOROMO – BURKINA FASO

The school of "E" of Boromo is located in the homonymous town of Boromo, a rural village situated about 180 km far from the capital Ouagadougou, in the province of Bales - West Region of Burkina Faso. Boromo "E" is a public school founded in 2007 and located in the east of the city, northward of the National Road #1 Ouagadougou - Bobo. The school currently has 466 pupils: 224 girls and 242 boys. The school has 6 teaching rooms and employs 12 teachers: 9 women and 3 men.

SCHOOL OF TANGHIN – BURKINA FASO

The school of TANGHIN is a public structure created in 1985 and is situated between Tanghin and Goghin, two little villages, in the rural municipality of TANGHIN DASSOURI. The Tanghin village is located 30 km far from Ouagadougou, in Kadiogo district, Centre Region of Burkina Faso. The school currently has 285 pupils (117 girls and 168 boys); 6 teaching rooms are available where a team made up of 6 teachers (2 women and 4 men) provide courses . TANGHIN school has a special feature: it welcomes little deaf boys and girls. Classes are mixed and taught in two languages: the one spoken by local people and sign language . We are talking about a leading school in Burkina Faso who experiences an integrative approach by offering the same educational path for hearing and not-hearing students.

SCHOOL OF SEPOUNGA - BENIN

The school of Sepounga is a public structure founded in 2002 and is located in the village of Sepounga, in the town of Tanguieta. Sepounga village counts 800 inhabitants and many ethnic groups: BOURBA, BIALI,

OTAMARI, PEULH, N'BERME. 284 pupils (111 girls and 173 boys) are currently enrolled. The teaching staff is made up of 7 people and there are only 6 rooms available.

SCHOOL OF EPP/ TCHANWASSAGA – BENIN

The school of Tchanwassaga is a public school created in 1987 and is located in the village of Tchanwassaga, in the Municipality of Tanongou. Tchanwassaga has around 500 of inhabitants. The main ethnic groups are: WAAMA and GOURMANTCHE. 206 pupils are enrolled: 106 girls and 100 boys. The teaching staff is made up of 4 people and there are only 3 rooms available.

A suitcase full of...

The suitcase is the metaphor of the journey, of discovery. It can cherish dreams, hopes and ideas. *We Are The Planet!* 's suitcases will be for us a fascinating way to know each other and to discover that perhaps we have more in common than we imagine!

It will be fun to exchange suitcases full of symbolic objects that tell our lives, habits and traditions, our hopes and dreams. In March, we young African students will open your bags while in June the opposite will happen: you will discover our items. Please send us significant and original objects and do not forget to pack even a picture of your class!

The Fundraising Campaign

Students&Teachers

Get into the action!

Still sitting there behind your school desk??? Now it's up to you to be proactive and participate! Help us with your commitment, creativity and enthusiasm to make the 4 projects on environmental sustainability, sustainable development and the right to study come a reality in Burkinabé and Beninese schools!

THE 4 MICRO PROJECTS

WATER AT SCHOOL!

School of TANGHIN

The school of Tanghin has no running water. Every day, teachers and students walk long distances to collect the water they need. *We Are the Planet!* wants to provide the school of Tanghin with potable water by connecting the school to the village's hydro infrastructures. To have running potable water will positively impact on the living standards of students and teachers by: improving the hygienic conditions of 285 students and school staff, improving the health of students, teachers and their families, avoiding long distances to stock water and save time to study.

READ AND LEARN

School "E" of Boromo

Study and learn in the school of Boromo "E" is not that simple. Educational equipments and materials are insufficient: there is a lack of notebooks, pens, pencils, colors, maps, computers, printers. Moreover, the shortage of books impedes students to fall in love with reading. Through *We Are The Planet!* we want to ensure to our friends improved learning opportunities and enhance the quality of teaching materials and resources. A special gift will be made to deserving and elder students: a subscription to the Boromo reading center. With our help, 176 boys and girls will thus discover the beauty of books, broaden their horizons of knowledge and occupy better their free time. The reading center of Boromo will also offer an adequate after school space where students can do their homework and prepare exams.

SPORT TO GROW

School of Sepounga

Physical activity and sport guarantee the healthy and balanced development of young people. Training and game foster the acquisition of civic and social competences, strengthen the spirit of solidarity, value the importance of perseverance and persistence and encourage creativity and maturation of talent. That's why sports education is part of the school curriculum in Europe as well as in Benin. Unfortunately, the school of Sepounga still not has sufficient resources to set up play areas or to buy sports equipments for their students. With *We Are The Planet!* we will inaugurate one football and one handball fields within the school's perimeter and provide equipment and sportswear for young students.

CHAIRS&SCHOOL DESKS

School of Tchanwassaga

Teaching and learning conditions in the Tchanwassaga school are precarious: three children share a small desk and they barely succeed to read and write. The situation will get worse with the new school year coming, when 40 new students are expected to enroll. With *We Are The Planet!* we want to ease students and teachers by providing a more comfortable learning environment, while improving the quality of

teaching and, consequently, the performances of young students. We will achieve this objective by purchasing new desks and chairs. A small and simple gesture that hides a great value!

HOW TO BECOME AN MDG-7 ACTIVIST

Only with your dynamism and your creativity we will be able to implement the 4 projects to the benefit African students. Your school may indeed become the ideal place to promote and carry out a small fundraising campaign!

By way of example

Your class may decide to organize a stand at school in order to sell some artworks or other items to collect funds for the cause. Teachers, parents and friends will be invited to join the stand. However, it will not be enough to sell items to support the implementation of the projects! Your class will have to get informed thus being able to explain the context and rationale of the initiative to those who approach the stand: you can create your own information and communication material to spice up your stand! One recommendation: use only recycled paper and materials!

If you have original and innovative ideas to raise funds to make the 4 micro projects become a reality, put them into practice and please let us know. *We Are The Planet!* supports your creativity! We look forward to photos and videos to tell your experience as activists for the 7th Millennium Development Goal!

Good activism to all!