

Public preschool Gbéssoumè
District of Gbeko
Community of Dangbo
Republic of Benin

Gbéssoumè is a village in the district of Gbeko which is located in the larger community of Dangbo. The municipality of Dangbo is located in the department of Ouémè in southeastern Benin. The administrative district of Gbeko has approximately 14,900 inhabitants. The village of Gbéssoumè is located on an island in the branched arms of the Ouémè river. It has no road access. Boats secure the connection with the outside world. In Gbéssoumè today there are about 800 inhabitants, including approximately 500 children and adolescents, of whom an estimated 160 are preschoolers. The population feeds on fishing, agriculture and small trade.

The public preschool is housed in a red clay building on the premises of the public primary school. This building was the first building of this elementary school. Ever since the Beninese government built new buildings for this primary school, the old building has served the kindergarten and preschool. It holds two classrooms, one for the 38 four to five year old children, the other for the 27 five to six year old children. The rooms are clean and well kept but very dark. The floors are not cemented.

To improve the learning conditions for the children of this very remote preschool, we propose:

- to build one building holding 3 classrooms of solid material.

The two group rooms are equipped with cupboards and one play house each.

The third room will serve as an office. The office will be equipped with a cupboard for teaching materials and shelves for storing toys.

Cost: 38.000 €

- To build a toilet annex with 4 cabins

Cost: 8.000 €

- to install playground equipment in the yard.

Cost: 2.000 €

Costs for building inspection: 5.000 €

The estimated total cost is 53.000 €.

