

1st WORK REPORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR THE PROCESSING OF SHEA NUTS BY THE NGO ACTIONS DE SOLIDARITE FOR THE WOMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF ASSODE IN THE COMMUNE OF OUAKE

Tuesday, 16 May, 2023

Very early this May 16th, 2023, Mr. Benoît D. Ahlonsou, Chairman of the NPO Actions de Solidarité held a meeting with the population of Assodè to announce the construction of a building to house the machines for transforming shea nuts into butter. After this announcement, the chairman of our NPO asked for the opinions of the population concerning the work that will be launched shortly. The response of the population was that they accept all the points that concern them as for example excavation work, unloading materials for the construction of the building, to bring water to the site, sand filling the classrooms and at the end of all work, they promised to plant flowers all around the building. Shortly after 10:00 am. the population, men and women, at their head the chief of the village of Assodè, the chairman of the NPO Actions de Solidarité, myself Jean Azombkin, member of the NPO Actions de Solidarité, chief mason Mr. Bruno, the chief iron bender Mr. Jérôme, the chief planker Mr. Aubain, all of us headed to the site chosen for the construction of the building. Some words were spoken by the chairman of the NPO Actions de Solidarité to the population before asking the technicians of the NPO to begin erecting the batter board of the building. Then we went to Djougou to buy the materials, cements, irons, boards, wires, stitches, and the sands are also bought.

NB: There was a representative from another NGO, Mr. Orou Kari Alassane. This NGO had organized the transport of the machines to Assodè.

The working day ended around 19:34 hrs.



Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Shortly after 8:00 am the women and men came to perform their tasks as planned, the excavation of the trenches of the building and bringing water to the site. The masons made solid bricks of 15cm for the foundation of the building, the iron benders made the iron insert for the foundation and for some pillars, while the people finished the works of the excavation.

The population left around 3:00 pm and promised to continue tomorrow.

The working day ended around 6:57 pm.



Thursday, May 18, 2023

This morning from 7:00 to 10:00 am it was raining and it was only around 11:00 am that the work began. The population was represented by a team of eight people to continue the foundation trenches started yesterday, but which were not yet finished. The masons were making hollow bricks of 15 for the elevation of the walls. As for the iron benders, work was progressing well.

The working day ended around 7:00 pm.



Friday, May 19, 2023

From 08:17 am the work began again on the site by the team of the population headed by Mr. Zacharie, chairman of the cotton farmers in the locality. The team continued the work for the foundation and until approximately 4:00 pm they had finished. The women brought water to the site for the masons. The work of the iron bender was progressing very well. In short, the tasks of each team went well on site until 6:39 pm. I have received several loads of gravel.



Saturday, May 20, 2023

Around 08:00 am work began on the site, the chief mason Mr. Bruno and his collaborators levelled the foundation. After finishing this work, they started pouring concrete in the excavation with the help of the team of the population, at its head the chief of the village in person and some elders of the village at his side. After the first layer of reinforced concrete, the head iron bender Mr. Jérôme and his team placed the iron inserts for the foundation and for some pillars in the appropriate places. Until about 7:00 pm the work was completed.



Sunday, May 21, 2023

From 7:34 am, the masons began to pour the second layer of reinforced concrete on the iron foundation. The population team was represented, by men and women, to bring water and lend a hand. The day's work ended around 2:39 pm.



Monday, May 22, 2023

Around 08:00 am work began on the site with all the teams, masons, iron benders, form worker and the population for the elevation of the walls. From 4:00 pm until shortly after 7:00 pm, the lower iron anchor is also poured, so the foundation of the building is finished in one day. I congratulate the population of the village of Assodè for their determination alongside the teams of the NPO Actions de Solidarité.



Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Around 07:00 am the masons started with the elevation of the walls on the lower iron anchor up to window level, in other places the walls reached already the level of the eight rows. Around noon, a delegation from the NPO Actions de Solidarité led by its chairman Mr Benoît D. Ahlonsou and some members of the office, such as Mr. Armand Agossa and Mrs. Bernadette Sokenou, arrived at the construction site of a building to house machines for processing shea nuts into shea butter for the benefit of women's groups in the village of Assodè. They are satisfied with the progress of the work of each team and that of the population too. Around 3:00 pm they headed back to Abomey-Calavi. At approximately 4:30 pm, the construction teams proceeded to pour the subwindow iron anchor and the working day on the site ended at around 7:00 pm.



Wednesday, May 24, 2023

At around 7:37 am, work began to mount the remaining walls at window level. On the other sides of the building the walls reached the upper iron anchor. Some planks were sawn in the sawmill in Ouaké. Back on the site with the sawn boards, Mr. Aubain, the head formworker, made the formwork for two posts of the veranda. Just a few minutes later a violent wind started with heavy rain from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Work was resumed, and we tried to make up for lost time until 1600 pm. The population played its role correctly with the help of their brother Mr. Idrissou Yolou, whom I congratulate for what he is doing for his village.



Thursday, May 25, 2023

Around 08:00 am, work began on the site with all the teams in place. The masons completed the elevation of the walls up to the upper iron anchor and poured some pillars of the building plus all the pillars of the veranda which the form-worker boarded. The population team brought water and helped the masons. I went to buy cement in Barèï and on the way back the vehicle, which transported the cement, had a flat tire on the road. The population came to help us with the repair of the vehicle. Work went well on site today.



Friday, May 26, 2023

Around 8:00 am the masons began by pouring the remaining pillars in the building for the preparation of the upper iron anchor. Today each team is finishing the preparations so that the upper iron ring can be cast tomorrow. A few tons of bricks are made. The population team is always on the site.



Saturday, May 27, 2023

Around 8:00 hrs., the ironworker began by placing the irons on the walls, the formworker set the formwork and the masons poured the upper iron anchor in a single block with the population team until 18:00 hrs.



Sunday, May 28, 2023

Around 08:00 am the form-worker stripped the boards from the top and the masons began to mount the walls by four rows with the help of the population team. For the women the supply of water became difficult because all the pumps of the village are spoiled. They had to fetch rainwater, but for a few days there has been no rain in the locality. The solution is found by the help of tri-cyclists to bring water to the site. Congratulations to all the teams on the construction site and the population too.



Monday, May 29, 2023

Around 08:00 am work began on the site, the ironworkers mounted the irons on the walls, the form-workers provided boarded and the masons poured the fourth iron anchor below the roof. Due to a lack of information, the population team is absent from the site. Normally each team of the population had come to the site in turn.

Tuesday, 30 May 2023

Around 08:00 am the form-workers began to strip the boards for the fourth iron anchor. After this work, the masons began the elevation of the walls of the 3 gables of the building with the collaboration of the team of the population. Today bringing water to the site was very difficult for the women because there had been no rain and so tri-cyclists brought water to the site.



Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Around 08:00 am the masons mounted three rows of bricks on the fourth iron anchor at some places and the form-workers formed the posts which are in the gables. Then the posts were cast. The flowerpots all around the building were also made. The team of the villagers started filling the room with sand.



Thursday, June 1, 2023

The form-workers stripped the formwork from the gable posts and formed the small posts for the flowerpots. These pots are cast by the masons. The ramp of the building is made. Work on the elevation of the walls of the building is completed today.



Friday, June 2, 2023

Very early this morning I received the visit to the site by a delegation from the NPO Actions de Solidarité, headed by Mr. Benoît D. Ahlonsou with members Mrs. Zita Tossa, Mrs. Bernadette Sokenou and Mr. Norbert Allagbe, to see the progress of the building under construction by the NGO. The delegation held a meeting with the population of Assodè and with Mr. Alassane Orou Kari, the Director of P-MaReL-ONG Empowerment of Women and Women's Leadership.

NB : This NGO had organised the transport of the machines to Assodè.



Saturday, June 3, 2023

The masons corrected some cracks noticed by President Benoît D. Ahlonsou on the steps of the latrines of the CEG Assodè built by our NGO Actions de Solidarité.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The workers returned to Cotonou. The building will be roofed by the carpenters.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

The head carpenter Mr. Crépin Sovi and myself, Jean Azombakin, went to Djougou to buy the planks for the roof of the building. Unfortunately, we weren't able to buy all of them at the same time.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

We left again to buy the remaining planks and the sawing began.

Thursday, June 8, 2023

We left again for the sawing of the rest of the planks and we also bought the sheets, points, and others. Everything is transported from Djougou to the site in Assodè and received in the evening.



Friday, June 9, 2023

Around 07:00 am the carpenters began work on the roof of the building. Today they completed two wood trusses of the building.



Saturday, June 10, 2023

Around 07:00 am the work began by the same team on the site, they are putting rafters on the building; today the work progressed well.



Sunday, June 11, 2023

Around 07:00 am the same team continued the work, the carpenters straightened the timbers to the same level and all the key parts were attached with irons, as for the roof to be windproof. After having finished putting the crossbeams, they started laying the sheets so that the building is protected from rain and then the working day ended.





Monday, June 12, 2023

Around 06:00 am the carpenters went up the building to put the remaining sheets, until around 10:00 am they finished the work. The house is very pretty and the women of Assodè are very happy.



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