

work report
on the construction of one school building,
holding 3 classrooms, and toilets
for the public elementary school of Aïtchédji
Comunity of Abomey-Calavi

On July 20, 2019, we met the people of Aïtchédji at the General Assembly. After the usual greeting, the contract was read out and after all questions had been answered, the people of Aïtchédji voted on the contract. Afterwards we visited the building site, which was suggested by the school's parents' advisory board. We agreed to start work the following Monday, July 22nd.

When we arrived at the construction site on Monday morning, the site was already prepared. It was measured and the people of Aïtchédji began digging the foundation trenches without delay.



We bought sand from various local suppliers and in no time we had enough sand at the construction site. Iron and cement also arrived quickly.



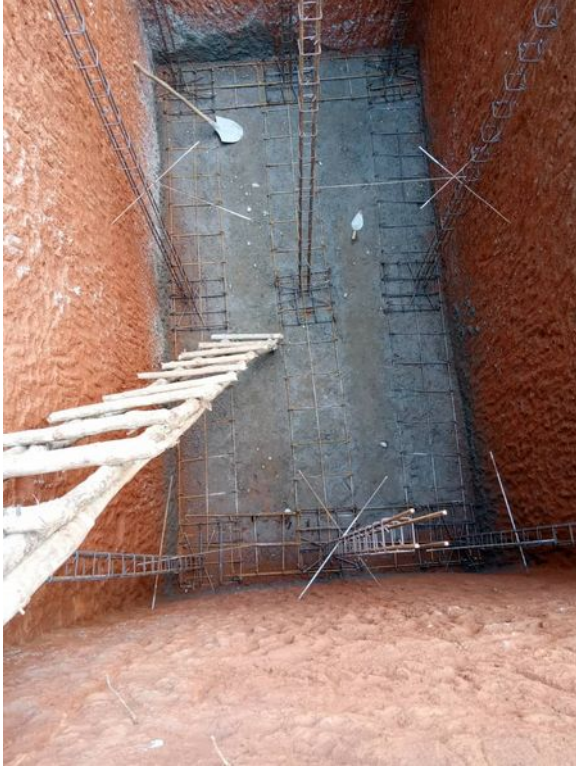
On July 26, the first layer of concrete was poured into the foundation trenches. After that, the pace of the project surpasses anything we've ever experienced. A week later, on August 2nd, the walls had already reached the height of the lintel. And on August 8th the upper iron anchor was poured.



On August 10th the gables were bricked up. Our team of bricklayers and the people of Aïtchédji were so proud of this record. While the masons were working on the gables, the people of Aïtchédji started to fill sand into the classrooms. At that time we had young people from Germany visiting. The whole group decided at short notice to help the population fill up the classrooms with sand. The people of Aïtchédji were surprised. With a lot of jokes and laughter, work was accomplished very quickly.



Parallel to the work on the building, the toilet pit was excavated. One and a half weeks after the set off of the work, the toilet pit was ready for the masons to start bricking up the pit.



As soon as the roof was made, the plastering work began inside and outside.



The floors were cemented.

When everything was completed, the painters came to the construction site and turned our school building into a piece of art.



The toilets, too, look joyful.



As for this project it should be mentioned that the chairman of our NPO, Mr. Ahlonsou, is also the head person of the ward of Aïtchédji. He had well informed his population and organized it tightly. Everybody was present for work and lent a hand. It was the ideal project. We thank everybody and all for this harmonious cooperation.

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With kind regards
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