

**1. Work report**  
**on the construction of a building with 2 classrooms, office, storage room and toilets**  
**for the preschool of Atinkpayé**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 we leave Calavi early in the morning to go to Atinkpayé. We invited the population for the General Assembly at 1 p.m. However, due to various obstacles, we finally arrived at the Atinkpayé 2 hours late. The principals of the elementary and pre-schools and members of the PTA are waiting for us. We apologize. The people from Atinkpayé are happy that we are here. They were already worried that we might have changed our minds.

The agreement is read out and translated. After all questions about the contract and the respective obligations have been answered, a vote is taken. We then inspect the building site, the storage room for the materials and the sleeping quarters of the workers. The people of Atinkpayé say that there is sand in the village. We look at the quality of the sand. It is coarse-grained, making it ideal for making the building blocks. We ask the people of the village to bring the sand to the school ground. The chairman of our NPO, the chief of the construction site and I return to Dassa to buy the first building materials.



We procure boarding planks around 9 o'clock at night and make an appointment with tricycle drivers for the next morning. At 7 a.m., the chief of the construction site sets off to meet the tricycle riders. He leads them to Atinkpayé. The chairman and I continue the search for cement and iron, which are finally found at Glazoué. Since the distance to Atinkpayé is far, we decide to buy 20 tons of cement and 2 tons of iron as for the truck to be fully loaded. We return to Atinkpayé to implante the building and set up the batter board. We're hardly done when it starts to rain heavily. We all are worried about the cement delivery. As the the truck gets close to Atinkpayé late in the evening, the driver calls to inform us that he will unload at Akofodjoule because the road to Atinkpayé is impassable for his truck due to the rain. We are looking for people who are willing to

help with the unloading. The next day, tricycles start transporting our cement and iron in small quantities to Atinkpayé.

After the building materials have arrived at the construction site, the building blocks are laid without wasting any further time. The iron benders make the iron inlays. The population digs the foundation trenches for the building.



After having overcome the first difficulties, the building for the preschool of Atinkpayé is quickly erected. The district chief comes to the construction site every day and lends a hand himself to motivate his population.







When the evolution of the building requires less labor, the people of Atinkpayé start digging the toilet pit. The district chief in the blue-checked shirt stands in the middle.



Water already rises at a depth of 1.5 m.



The toilet pit is bricked and the interior is plastered with sikalite.



The toilet pit is closed and the house is built above it.



Once the walls are dry, the roofs are put on.



Thank you to our construction team and the chief of the construction site who did a fantastic job under difficult circumstances. I also thank the people of Atinkpayé and in particular the district chief for the cheerful way they have accompanied this project.

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I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely  
Astrid Toda