

**2<sup>nd</sup> Work report**  
**on the construction of two school buildings, holding 4 classrooms each, toilets and**  
**water tower for the Secondary School 1 of Golo-Djigbé**  
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At the end of October, our two teams of construction workers returned from other projects to the Secondary School 1 of Golo-Djigbé and started plastering the walls, first the inside of the classrooms, then the outside.



Finally the floors were cemented and the gables closed.



The water tower was also built.





By this time the excavation work of the toilet pits was finished, so that the walls could be built within.





The pits were closed and the toilet units built above them. Since the Secondary School 1 of Golo-Djigbé also received another project with 8 classrooms financed by the Japanese embassy and the project also included toilets, we proposed to the principal that our toilets would be “girls only toilets”.

The girls had asked us to set up washing facilities in the toilets so that it would be easier for them to keep themselves clean during the monthly period. So we converted 2 cabins into showers and built sinks where they could wash their sanitary napkins. Sanitary napkins are understood here as folded pieces of cotton cloths which the girls used to store in plastic bags in their school satchels after changing, in order to wash them at home. This spread an unpleasant odor in the classroom and the girls were teased by the boys because of it.





When everything was nicely plastered and the floors were cast, we let another 3 weeks pass before the painters started work. The finished buildings are beautiful.







The students can hardly wait to move into the new classrooms. But before the opening ceremony, the school has to clean up around the buildings and plant flowers into the flower pots. Exams are coming up next week. Therefore, this work will not be done until the end of January and the beginning of February.

Many thanks to all our supporters here in Benin and in Germany. We all can be proud of this beautiful school. I hope to be able to report on the opening ceremony soon.

TANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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