

3rd Opening Ceremony
(July 10, 2025)
of the new building holding of three classrooms
for the Public Primary School Aïtchédji
District of Aïtchédji
Municipality Abomey-Calavi
Republic of Benin

Although the holidays are just around the corner, the students are busily coming to school and preparing everything for the opening ceremony: Construction rubbles and garbage are being removed from around the new building. The classroom floors are being washed, and the school furniture is being dusted, as it has been waiting in storage for some time. Songs, dances, and a short play are being rehearsed under the supervision of the teachers.

On July 10th the time has finally come:



The building is festively decorated.





The children are ready !



The parents too !



The moderator explains the program and announces the students for a dance performance.



Then, speeches are being held.



The student representative has to use a chair to see over the lectern. She thanks everyone for their quick help after the storm blew off the roof of the shelter and says that all the children are looking forward to the new school year when they can learn in the new rooms.



The principal and the chairman of the PTA express their thanks.



The deputy mayor promises to maintain the building well.



The chairman of the NPO Actions de Solidarité reminds the students to treat the building with care and to study diligently.

An artist sings some songs for us.



The school's Taekwondo club gives a performance



Our chairman and his son sing together our song “Consommons local” (let’s buy locally).



The Director of Preschool and Primary Education of the Department of Atlantique (Federal State) praises the work and commitment of the two associations "Bildungswerk Westafrika e.V." and "Actions de

Solidarité." He thanks the partners whose logos are visible on the building: the associations "Ein Herz für Kinder" and "Humanet."

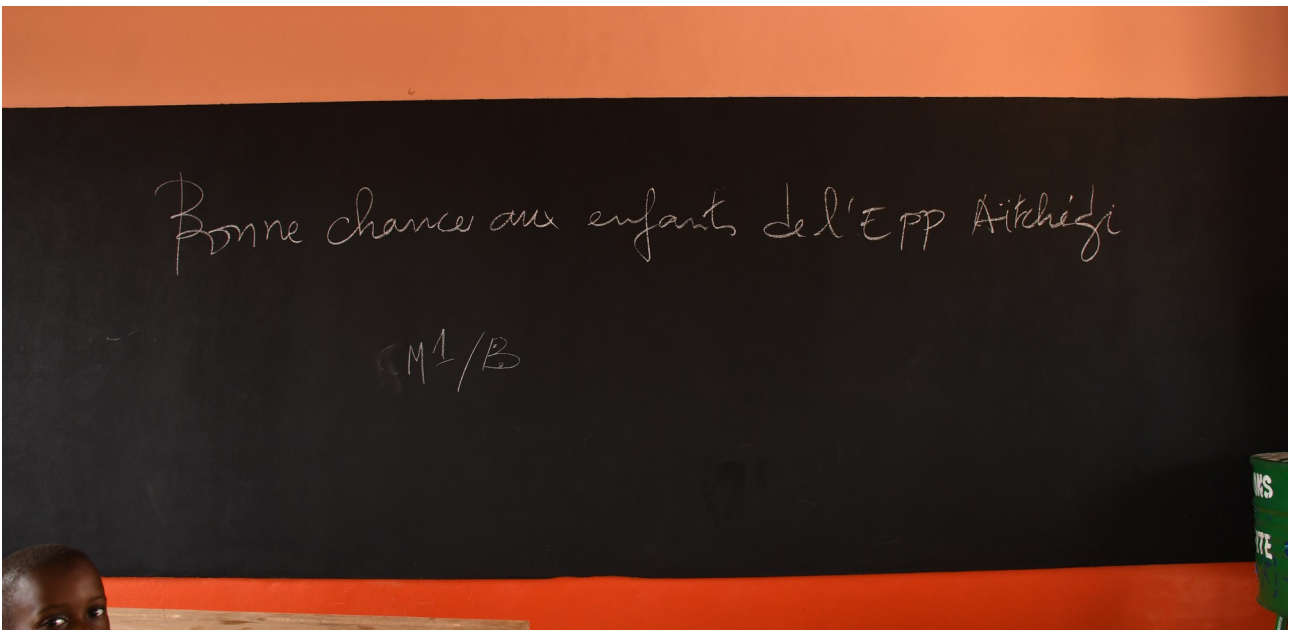


After the speeches, the keys to the new classrooms are handed over to the student representative, who passes them on to the authorities.



With the keys in hand, the mayor's representative and all guests as well as the schoolchildren proceed to the building. After the ribbon cutting, the new rooms are opened and inspected.





All guests wish the students much success.

This project was born out of necessity. We thank all the friends and supporters who accompanied us through this project and made it possible with their generosity. We thank the association "Ein Herz für Kinder," which contributed 75% of the total costs. We also thank the association "Humanet," which has supported us faithfully for many years.

I would also like to thank our junior construction team. The young masters have proven that they have studied well during their apprenticeship and do honor to their masters today.

Thank you very much!!!
With many kind regards
Astrid Toda