

## **1st work report**

on the construction of 2 buildings holding 4 classrooms each,  
a toilet block with 8 cabins and  
a borehole with a water tower  
for the public secondary school of Adjagbo,  
District of Akassato, Community of Abomey-Calavi

On September 11, 2019, we met with the people of Adjagbo in the secondary school of Adjagbo for the General Assembly. A lot of people were present. As usual, normal courtesies were exchanged at the beginning. People asked about the well-being of my family and friends. Then we discussed the contract, which involved the construction of two school buildings, a toilet block and a drinking water supply. Since it also describes the obligations of the parents and the village population, questions were asked. Everyone wanted to be sure that they understood everything well. In the end, those present voted unanimously for the contract. This officially opened the construction phase. We made an appointment for the next day to determine the exact locations where the buildings should be built. At that time, land reform in Adjagbo was in full swing. This means that people who have settled on the school premises will have to move. For us as an association, it is impossible to drive someone away. We choose the construction sites the way that no conflicts arise. Therefore, we asked that the surveyors help us with this work.





As soon as the buildings are implanted, the population begins to dig the foundation trenches.



The walls are erected on the reinforced foundation underlay. The foundation walls quickly reached the level of the lower iron anchor. The students watch the buildings rise from the ground.





Deliveries of cement are a major problem during the rainy season. The big trucks sink with their load on the country roads and in the school yard.



But the rain cannot stop our construction workers.



Because the architects of the community asked us to add on the height of the buildings, an additional iron anchor is needed before erecting the gables.

The gables are erected. The walls must now dry for two weeks before the roofs can be put on. The population and the students use this time to fill the classrooms with sand.



While two construction teams were working on the buildings, a third team tackled the water tower. The borehole had been dug manually this time because the ground is not very hard.





Once the walls were dry, the carpenters made the roof truss and put on the asbestos-free roofing sheets. In a new regulation, the government of Benin has banned gray roofing sheets.



Doors and windows were placed. Then the masons started to plaster the walls and to cement the floors.





In order not to cut through the school yard with a long ramp, we tried a new ramp shape.

The water tower was also plastered.



The place for the water faucets was tiled to prevent algae to grow.

Finally, the toilets were made. Since they are on the border of the school premises and bush land grows on the other side, we have created the eight cabins next to each other.





The painters were the last to arrive on the construction site.



Everything is ready for the opening ceremony.

