

Work report
on the construction of one building and toilets for the preschool of Erokoya
and one toilet block for the Elementary School of Erokoya
November 11, 2021

On May 23rd, 2021, we met with the people of Erokoya for the general assembly. After having read the contract and answered the questions, the population voted in favor for the contract. We visited the building site behind the old preschool building. The people of Erokoya promised to remove the roots of the teak trees, that were cut down there, and that the site would be cleared before the workers arrived in a week's time.

On May 30th, I called members of the PTA of the preschool to make sure the building site was ready. "Don't worry, everything is ready!" Was the answer. So we made our way to Erokoya with our workers. When we arrived, we were astonished to find that the building site looked exactly the same as it did a week ago. Without further ado we decided to continue to Assodè in the north of Benin to start work there. The people of Erokoya were shocked to see us leave. They had thought that we would do their job in order to start building. In Assodè we received pictures and videos of the clearance work.

On June 24th we made a new attempt. I didn't bring the whole team straight away. The building site was really well prepared. Work could begin. Building blocks were made and the place, that was reserved for the building, was measured.



The technician of the city hall supervised the work.

The foundation trenches were dug. Gravels were delivered in a way that was unusual for us.



The pillars were worked into the reinforced foundation base.



The second layer of concrete was poured over this. After that the walls grew as if by magic.





The iron anchor above the lintel was cast in one piece.



The iron anchor below the roof was boarded.

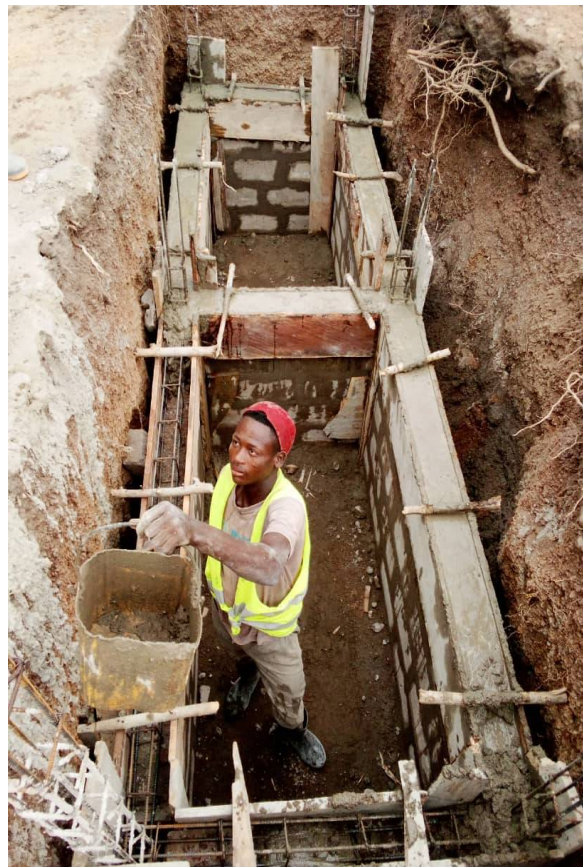
After the gables were bricked up, the people of Erokoya filled the classrooms with sand.



While the walls of the building dried, the men of the village dug the toilet pits.



Water rose at a depth of just 2 m.



In order to gain volume, we raised the walls above the sward.



Inside the pit was plastered and waterproofed then closed with a reinforced concrete slab.

The toilets for the elementary school were also made.

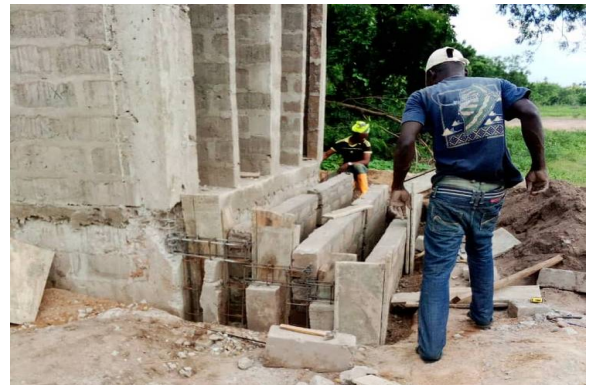




The toilet pots were delivered.



The stairs leading up to the toilet were made



for the preschool

and

for the primary school.



On August 7th, the wood for the roof arrived and the carpenters began to make the roof truss.



The roof done, the masons started immediately to plaster the building.



The floors were cemented.



The roof was closed at the gable.



While the plaster was drying, the playground equipment was implanted into the playground, a sand box and seating areas were made.



The painters and graphic artists enchanted the gray of the concrete.





The people of Erokoya and the authorities of the community of Dassa-Zoumé are enthusiastic about the new building for the preschool of Erokoya. When they visited after we had finished all construction work, they were overwhelmed. Erokoya has the most beautiful building in the whole community. The mayor insists that he would like to have many building of this kind in his administrative area. Many children of his community should have the opportunity to attend schools that awaken dreams and enthusiasm.

We would like to thank the people of Erokoya and our workers for the wonderful time together. We thank all of our friends and donors for making this project possible. We send a warm “Thank you” to the employees of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and to the members of our German partner association Bildungswerk Westafrika e.V.

This project is the last of 50 projects that I have turned into reality with the support of many different partners. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for their continued trust and friendship.

Together we make dreams come true, dreams that might not even have been dreamed. yet
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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