

Public Secondary School 1 of Golo-Djigbe  
District of Golo-Djigbe  
Municipality of Abomey-Calavi  
Republic of Benin

This secondary school is not far from the public elementary school of Golo-Missèbo, for which we built a building with 3 classrooms and office in 2020. From Abomey-Calavi we drive north on the main road past Akassato. After the market of Golo-Djigbe, we turn onto the 2nd street that leads to the left. At the crossroads there is a sign announcing Secondary School 1. In front of the primary school of Golo-Missèbo, a red sand road turns left. We drive straight ahead until we see the gate to the secondary school on the left hand.

The Secondary School 1 of Golo-Djigbe was founded in October 2000. It is located in an area where the majority of the population is illiterate. The large market of Golo-Djigbe, which is also the oldest in the municipality of Abomey-Calavi, is the fulcrum for all business since it is right next to the main road that goes north. Here the surrounding farmers sell their harvests directly.

In the past 10 years, parents have understood that education is essential. There are 21 public elementary schools in the area, whose children switch to secondary school after the 6th grade. The school today has 1,697 students housed in 24 classrooms, half of which have no windows or doors. This means that 71 children are taught in one classroom. No classrooms are available for courses. They must be held alternately in the existing rooms. It can be read from the table that the parents send the pupils to other schools for the upper grades, since the lessons are not guaranteed due to the lack of classrooms. The difference is particularly marked in the number of girls in high school, which suggests dropping out of school because parents do not want to expose the girls to a long journey to another school.

classe	girls	boys	total
7 <sup>th</sup> classe	210	195	405
8 <sup>th</sup> classe	159	183	342
9 <sup>th</sup> classe	118	127	245
10 <sup>th</sup> classe	135	148	283
total 1	<b>622</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1275</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> classe	66	97	163
12 <sup>th</sup> classe	41	79	120
13 <sup>th</sup> classe	67	72	139
total 2	<b>174</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>422</b>
total 1 + 2	<b>796</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1697</b>

The school and the parents' association asked the NPO "Actions de Solidarité" to build 8 classrooms, toilets and a borehole with a water tower.

The association "Actions de Solidarité" visited the school: The environment of the school and the classrooms are clean and well-kept. It can be seen that the school tries hard to maintain a healthy and

pleasant environment for the students. The need of the 8 classrooms and toilets demanded was identified, as was the need to provide access to clean drinking water for this large number of students.

**Estimated costs of the construction:**

**1. 2 buildings with 4 classrooms each with electricity**

**Cost € 49,000 x 2 = € 98,000**

**2. 2 toilet blocks with 8 units each**

**Cost € 8,000 x 2 = € 16,000**

**3. 1 borehole with water tower**

**Cost € 8,000**

**4. Construction controls: € 3,000**

**Total cost of the project: € 125,000**

**We are still looking for donations for this project!**