

Public Primary School of Agonmey Group B
District of Akassato
Municipality of Abomey-Calavi
Republic of Benin

The Public Elementary School of Agonmey is located in the district of Akassato, which belongs to the municipality of Abomey-Calavi. The municipality of Abomey-Calavi is located in the department of Atlantique in southern Benin. The district of Akassato has approximately 18,000 residents. The village of Agonmey has an estimated 4,000 inhabitants. The people live primarily from agriculture. Corn is the main crop of this region. But many also commute to the nearby town of Abomey-Calavi or a little further to Cotonou.

The Public Primary School of Agonmey was established in 1972. In 2011 it became necessary to divide the school into 2 groups due to the constantly growing number of students. This means that today there are 2 independent schools on the site of the first school. Each of the two groups has its own principal, its own teachers and 6 school grades. Group B was registered under number Déc n°1163 / MEF / MEMP / DC / SGM / DPP / SP of 22/11/2011.

Group A has two solid school buildings with a total of 6 classrooms for its 435 students, 228 of whom are girls.

Group A: number of students per class

1 st grade			2 nd grade			3 rd grade			4 th grade			5 th grade			6 th grade			total		
B	G	T	B	G	T	B	G	T	B	G	T	B	G	T	B	G	T	B	G	T
30	36	66	58	51	106	29	34	63	45	49	94	16	33	49	29	25	54	207	228	435

B = boys G = girls T = total

Group B has 3 classrooms in an old building and a renovated building with 2 classrooms. For the 6th grade, the parents built a shelter made of palm branches. In Group B 433 children, including 211 girls, are being taught.

Group B: number of students per class

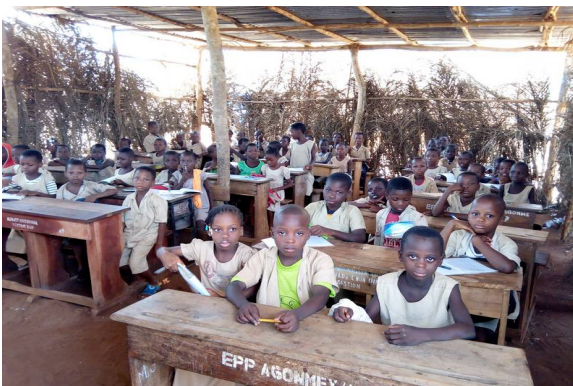
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45	35	80	36	48	84	37	48	85	38	42	80	28	28	56	27	21	48	211	222	433

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In both groups, the number of students per classroom is very high. According to the NPO “Actions de Solidarité”, the school’s problems could be solved by taking the following actions:

1. Construction of a building holding 3 classrooms, one office and one storage room
2. Construction of a building holding 3 classrooms only
3. Construction of a toilet block with 8 cubicles

This is the old building of group B . It is very low rise and dark and traps the heat.



Children learn in a shelter made of palm branches.



The renovated building with 2 classrooms