



# Newsletter

Fondation Children of Africa

*A better future for children in Africa*



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*Inauguration of the Abobo  
school complex*

**Actions against  
covid-19**



## President's address



Latest news from the children's home



# LA CASE DES ENFANTS, OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

« La Case des Enfants » is a shelter which was established since 1998 by the Children of Africa Foundation. It helped orphans, abused children and street children. Over the years, we helped more than 1,000 children.

## WE HAVE A SUCCESS RATE OF 100%



Dear Friends,

The difficulties we all experienced in 2020 due to Covid-19 did not affect our effort to support the most vulnerable.

In the face of Covid-19 and its worldwide humanitarian crisis, we have taken measures to help individuals and communities to cope with the disease and its economic consequences.

Fortunately, 2020 has been marked with happy events, such as the inauguration of the beautiful school complex built by the Children of Africa Foundation in the neighbourhood of Abobo. Your generous donation indeed enabled us to finance the construction of this school which has already received its first students.

I am also pleased to let you know that the juvenile rehabilitation center of Bouaké has registered its first graduates. I believe these are accomplishments in which, you can take great pride.

Now, I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our donors, for your invaluable support which provides an occasion for the foundation to build a better future for all these children. As you know, the fundraising gala for the renovation of the foundation's Children's Home has been postponed. I hope we can host the event this year 2021.

Until then, I wish you a happy holiday.

Dominique Ouattara



Like in previous years, the little residents of «La Case des Enfants» has achieved an excellent academic success rate. Indeed, the center has recorded for this school year a success rate of 100% in all school exams. Congratulations to all the children for attending classes and for their good work and to the staffers for their commitment and dedication.

## PROTECTION OF CHILDREN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Faced with the Covid-19 La Case des Enfants, like other children's shelters has taken measures to protect children from the pandemic. It is important to note that the shelter has received food supplies, hand washing devices and masks from donors.





# CHILDREN OF AFRICA'S BOOKMOBILES BRING BOOKS TO KIDS AROUND THE COUNTRY

## A BOOKMOBILE IN TOMASSET WITH WRITER TANON-LAURA



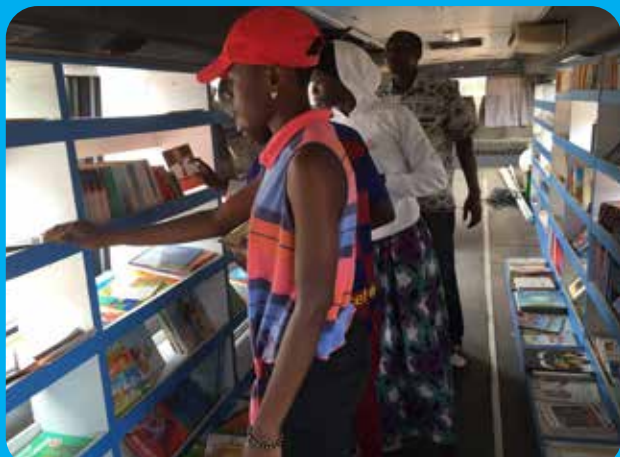
The Children Of Africa Foundation's mobile library welcomed on January 24, 2020 schoolchildren of Tomasset, a village located 4 kilometers from the city of Anyama. A Bookmobile with 3,000 books was parked at the school for kids to discover the world of reading. The kids also enjoyed time spent with writer Tanon-Laura.

## KIDS IN BECEDI-BRIGNAN WELCOME A BOOKMOBILE



During school vacation the foundation's Bookmobile travelled to Bécédi-brignan, a village located 40 km away from Abidjan. With a smile on their faces children from that village immediately came over to pick up books. They love reading picture story books and trying other interesting activities.

## A MOBILE LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF BOUNDIALI



The mobile library arrived on 19 August 2020 in the city of Boundiali and stayed for 3 months in this locality. The children had a chance to discover all the other activities in the bus.



## THE MOBILE LIBRARY HAD MANY STOPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The Bookmobiles stopped also in many other localities of the country including Katiola, Anyama, Abobo, Treichville, Ouangolodougou.



## THE ABOBO SCHOOL COMPLEX WAS INAUGURATED IN OCTOBER 8, 2020



President Alassane Ouattara inaugurated on Thursday, October 8, 2020 the Abobo school complex built by the Children of Africa Foundation.

The school was built to promote access to quality education for children living in Abobo. Comprising a kindergarten and two primary schools and a lunchroom, the School complex was built on a 15,000 square meter area.



Thanks to our generous donors we raised 1 billion 650 million CFA at the fundraising gala held in 2018.

Today, the school is under the responsibility of the Ministry of National Education. It is important to note that the school provides free education.



### THE ABOBO SCHOOL COMPLEX

The Children Of Africa Foundation's school complex is a two levels building of 3,600 square meters on a land of 1.5 hectare. It is a U-shaped building with two wings that house all the classrooms. The main building is for the staff office and other services.

The school complex has 2 schools, 12 classrooms from grade 1 to grade 6 and

a nursery school with 3 classrooms. A playground of about 2,000 square meter for primary school children, a 500 square meters playground for preschool kids and also a sports yard of 1200 square meter. It also has a lunchroom, a library, a computer room and an infirmary.

#### **The school seating capacity**

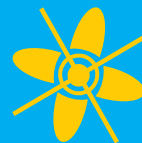
The school complex can enroll about 700 students in total, 600 students in primary school and 100 students in preschool.







## THE ABOBO SCHOOL COMPLEX AT A GLANCE







## 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

### 10,000 SCHOOL BAGS AND SUPPLIES TO HELP CHILDREN IN 40 LOCALITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY



This year the Children Of Africa Foundation has offered 10,000 school bags and school supplies to children in the following cities and villages: Nabanakaha, Samatiguila, Gbéleban, Adiaké, Moossou, Affiénou, Assinie, Napié, Azaguié, Ouragahio, Manfla, Pérta, Srazra, Yakasse Feyasse,

Tenikro, Niamienkro, Attiegouakro, Kong, Lafilé, Prikro, Krindjabo, Ahibango, Bondoukou, Sinématiali, Ponvogo, Kouta, Yocoboué, Massala, Tiéma, Lohou, Kawara, Songon, Jacquerville, Agou, Andokoi 2, Songon Attié, and Abidjan.



### DONATION TO THE SCHOOL COMPLEX OF SISSÉDOUGOU



The village of Sissédougou located about 600km from Abidjan was provided food supplies for its school.

The donation ceremony took place on March 12, 2020 at the school compounds and witnessed the participation of local authorities, officials and the local community. The people were very happy to welcome the foundation's team.



## AFDB PRESIDENT TO VISIT THE BINGERVILLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Mr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AFDB) visited the Dominique Ouattara Children's hospital in Bingerville on March 9, 2020. A guided tour of the hospital gave him the opportunity to meet the hospital's highly qualified health care personnel but also to discover the latest equipment which is being used.

## BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN



In parallel with the global effort to raise awareness on breast cancer, The Children's hospital launched on Thursday, October 1, 2020, a national campaign on early detection of breast cancer called «My healthy breasts». The campaign aims to urge women to undergo early diagnosis and screening.



## CAUSTIC STENOSIS TREATMENT



Ingestion of caustic substances by children has become unfortunately frequent, especially with children under 5 years. The incidence most often results from accidental ingestion of dangerous substances that are easily accessible at home. The substance can damage the child's tongue, mouth, esophagus and even the stomach. Doctors' objective is to treat these children, by using a special surgical technique in order to avoid any complications. They also want to effect a transfer of skills to the medical team of the Bingerville Children's hospital. It is important to note that 10 Ivorian children and 4 children from the sub-region received treatment.

## COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN



About ten children with hearing loss benefitted from a cochlear implant programme which started on Sunday 13 September 2020 at the Bingerville children's hospital. According to Prof. Marie-Josée TANON, Head of the MCH ENT Department and President of the Ivorian ENT Society, childhood deafness is the most common disability affecting children. The implants can help to maximize their hearing, speech and language skills. It is important to note that the hospital made a contribution of 9 million CFA francs to help a patient's family and decided to take charge of the rehabilitation therapy of two other children for two years.







# THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

## DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND HEALTH WORKERS

Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, donated on April 2, 2020, food supplies,

protective equipment and medical devices to the people of Abidjan and health workers to fight against the pandemic.



## DONATION TO LOCAL COMMUNITY



The Children Of Africa Foundation continues to provide support to action against covid pandemic. The foundation donated to the communitys of Dabou, Jacqueline, Azaguié, Grand-Bassam, Bonoua and

Assinie. After helping 5,000 families, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of Children Of Africa, has decided to help 6,000 families living in Dabou, Jacqueline, Azaguié, Grand-Bassam,

Bonoua and Assinie. The donation ceremony took place on April 16, 2020 at the headquarters of the Children Of Africa Foundation.





## THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

### DONATION TO CHILD PROTECTION NGO



Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, offered donations worth 130 million

CFA in food and sanitary products as part of the fight against Covid-19 to a hundred NGOs involved in the

protection of women and children on April 28, 2020.

### DONATION TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY DURING RAMADAN 2020



The President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, provided in kind support close to 100 million CFA to fight covid pandemic. The donation ceremony which took place

on May 7, 2020 at the headquarters of the Children Of Africa Foundation in Cocody witnessed the participation of Mrs. Ramata Ly-Bakayoko, Minister for

Women, Family and Children, Muslim religious guides, NGOs and Islamic societies.



## THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

### DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF AZAGUIE



Mrs. Dominique Ouattara donated food and medical supplies to the people of Azaguié on April 24, 2020, to action against Covid-19.



### DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF GRAND BASSAM



Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation donated food and medical supplies to 6 localities during a ceremony held on April 16, 2020 at the headquarters of her Foundation in Cocody to action against covid pandemic.

She also donated to the people of Grand Bassam during a donation ceremony which took place on April 24, 2020 at the city hall. The event witnessed the participation of Mr. Jean-Louis Moulot, Mayor of Grand-Bassam, Mrs. Aïssatou Cissé, Education Officer at the Children

Of Africa Foundation, and several local officials.





## THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



### CHINA DONATES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION



Mrs. Peng Liyuan, First Lady of the People's Republic of China has offered medical equipment to fight Covid-19 pandemic to Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation. The Chinese first lady offered 18,000 surgical masks and 120 infrared thermometers (infrared temperature guns). The donation ceremony which took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on August 25, 2020, witnessed the presence of H.E. Mr. Wan Li, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Daouda Diabaté, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Chantal Poaty, Advisor to the First Lady Dominique Ouattara, and other officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### RECOGNIZING THE FIRST LADY'S ACHIEVEMENTS



This is another award to add to Mrs. Dominique Ouattara's growing list of achievements. Indeed, she received on

February 27, 2020 an award from the African Women Leaders Forum for her commitment to children and women's

wellbeing and also for the construction of the Bingerville children's hospital.



## THE BOUAKÉ JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER CELEBRATES ITS FIRST GRADUATES



Just 10 months after its establishment, the Bouaké juvenile rehabilitation center have improved the lives of 49

children in conflict with the law. 30 residents aged 14 to 17 have received their certificate after completing their

training courses.





## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS



3,000 kids from the District of Abidjan experienced the magic of Christmas in the gardens of the Presidential Palace in the company of First Lady Dominique Ouattara. It was an amazing moment where kids could run in the garden and played all the christmas games that were available for them to enjoy. You could see happiness in the eyes of these boys and girls especially for those entering the presidential palace for the first time. Christmas party for 11,000 kids also took place across the country in order to bring happiness to them.





## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SUBSIDIZED CENTERS

### Arc en Ciel in Gabon



This year from January to July 2020, Arc en Ciel helped 75 children every month and hosted 40 children and distributed more than 9,500 meals. Today, 29 girls and 11 boys are sheltered and 2 babies aged one year and six months. Arc en Ciel has also used the media to raise awareness on protection from Covid-19.

### The Samusocial in Mali



Faced with the spread of Covid-19 in Mali, the Samusocial set up an emergency awareness-raising program for street children on Covid-19. It also provided food, clothes and health care services to 276 street children.

### SOS FEVVF in Niger



SOS « Femmes et Enfants Victimes de Violence Familiale » helps abused women and children. The centre also supports capacity building of professionals working with victims, and women's and children's rights defenders.

### Samusocial in Burkina Faso



This year, the celebration of this day was placed under the theme: ensuring access to justice adapted to children in a context of security crisis in Burkina Faso. The activity consisted in the organization of a clean-up day at the Palais de Justice in Ouagadougou, with the participation of 200 beneficiaries.

### Village Pilote in Senegal



To deal with the covid pandemic, Village Pilote has intervened in a number of ways:

- Street children monitoring and protection
- Opening of emergency shelters
- Distribution of basic foodstuffs
- Implementation of family and vocational reinsertion programs

### Urgence Afrique in Burkina Faso

Urgence Afrique has created a shelter for kids in the village of Niou. The centre organizes educational and leisure activities in order to bring a smile to children living in very precarious situation. The centre now takes care of 85 children.



## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SUBSIDIZED CENTERS

### La Voix du Coeur in Central Africa

The center, in addition to its social activities with the most disadvantaged, also provides psychological and physical support to people. This being the case of Ester, an abandoned child suffering from late occurring effect due to previous meningitis, who has been totally taken care of by the centre.

### The HAC center in Cameroon



The center had to close by decision of the authorities, so the management team took the opportunity to do renovation work such as: waterproofing work, securing the premises for the children, repairing the sanitary facilities and repainting.

### OTHER CHILD CARE CENTRES WE HELP

- Urgence Afrique in Togo
- SamuSocial in Senegal
- Foyer Saint Joseph in Guinea
- Urgence Afrique in Benin

## WE ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FIVE CHILDREN'S SHELTERS IN COTE D'IVOIRE

### La Maison de l'Enfance in Bouaké



The center has helped 66 children (girls and boys) in difficult situations in the context of Covid-19. They also provided food and accomodation and offered after-school care programme.



### Notre Dame des Sources in Bouaké

The year 2020 was marked by the coronavirus pandemic which had an impact on the lives of the children. Nevertheless, the orphanage has organized some activities including computer and English courses and early childhood learning activities.



### La Maison d'accueil Arc en Ciel in Odienné

The shelter provides assistance to the needy and also to low income families. The shelter also plays a social protection role by providing answers related to child protection and welfare systems. To date, 9 children have just joined the centre, including 2 premature babies, 5 children have been reintegrated into their families, and 18 children have been taken into care.

### SAPE CI IN ABOBO

Faced with the covid pandemic, the emphasis was placed on food distribution to vulnerable children and low income families. The centre provided food assistance to 62 children and placed 225 children in foster families.



### Saint Mary's Clinic in Bondoukou

The Sisters working at the clinic take care of children in need, orphans, and malnourished children. They also organize leisure activities such as the most beautiful baby contest, Christmas trees decoration in order to bring joy to these kids.



## The Foundation at a glance

Children of Africa operates in **12** countries



Open your heart to the children of Africa, don't ignore them

Your kindness gives us the opportunity to change the lives of thousands of children in Africa. Let's make Christmas a beautiful moment for them to remember

We need your contribution for:

- ☐ Girls' schooling: 100,000 F CFA
- ☐ Health centers: 80,000 F CFA
- ☐ School kits: 55,000 F CFA
- ☐ Foster homes: 50,000 F CFA
- ☐ Vaccination campaign: 35,000 F CFA
- ☐ project of your choice: .....F CFA

We are counting again this year on your support

Donation of 500, 000 F CFA

Donation of 1,000,000 F CFA

Donation of 2,000,000 F CFA

### We need your support

I am sending a check for.....  
Fondation Children of Africa :  
08 BP 1353 Abidjan 08 – Côte d'Ivoire

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Name

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**324,700**

Children have access to free reading material

**169,000**

Children received deworming tablets

**84,027**

Children vaccinated against meningitis and typhoid fever

**118,000**

School kits were distributed

**103,000**

Children benefitted from the eye test campaign

**17**

Subsidized child care centres

**11**

Computer rooms

**9**

Mobile libraries