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It brighter future for children in Africa



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# Che Ferkessedougou children's shelter has opened its doors

The shelter offers a safe haven to children in distress, victims of trafficking, exploitation and the worse forms of child labor

The school complex built by the Children of Africa Foundation keeps all its promises







Latest nerves on the children's shelter

### A word from the President



Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year, I am pleased to see I can always rely on your love, your donations and your support. Your contribution is essential and allows us to offer a better future to our children in Africa. In fact, The beautiful chain of solidarity we created together with donors, friends and volunteers since 1998 is getting stronger and stronger for the benefit of our dear kids.

Therefore, I am extremely proud to announce that we have completed the 3 shelters for children at risk. We have just inaugurated the third shelter in the city of Ferkessédougou on October 28, 2021. When the Soubre and Bouake shelters were inaugurated in 2018 and 2019. Talking about other actions being carried out by the foundation, I am pleased to see that this year, we have been able to distribute school kits to 16,000 children across the country. Not to mention the countless teaching and maintenance materials donations we made to various schools of the country.

In the field of health, donations were also made to health facilities, and the Foundation has again this year, taken care of twenty children suffering from esophagus caustic stenosis at the Bingerville Children's Hospital.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support which has enabled us to carry out much more charitable actions for the Ivorian people and beyond.

Happy new year to you all.

### LEMAISTRE VISITS LA CASE DES ENFANTS



Mrs. Anne Lemaistre, UNESCO representative in Côte d'Ivoire, visited the foundation children's shelter on September 20, 2021.

The UNESCO representative indeed appreciated the visit especially the library.

### ASCOA GROUP DONATES TO THE SHELTER



The Ascoma Côte d'Ivoire Group made a donation to the shelter on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. It was a promise made to the Foundation during a working visit. The donation was made by Mr. Jean-François Alauze, Ascoma Group General Manager in Côte d'Ivoire and his team during an official handover ceremony. These are laptops and bags, pianos, sewing machines, a camera, paper, sets of coulored pencils, poster paints and brushes.

The kids were very happy.

### LIBRAIRIE DE FRANCE DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO KIDS



Mr. René Yediety, General Manager of the Librairie de France group, generously donated once again school supplies to the shelter's children on October 09, 2021. Taking advantage of this occasion, the generous donor promised to reward the shelter's best students at the end of the year.

### FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF JACQUEVILLE



For their vacation, kids from 'La Case des enfants' traveled to Jacqueville on Thursday, November 04, 2021, for a recreation day.

As soon as they arrived the kids started with the activities. They played soccer on the beach, they practiced swimming and many other games under the watchful eyes of their supervisors. It was an amaizing and lovely time which ended with a picnic party on the beach.



Dominique Ouattara

Education

# MOBILE LIBRARIES TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

### A MOBILE LIBRARY IN BONON



The **Mowgly** Bookmobile arrived in the commune of Bonon on 13 February 2021. For 3 months the students discovered the diversity and richness of books through reading sessions.

### A MOBILE LIBRARY IN KOUMASSI



The foundation's mobile library participated in the book day celebration held at the SAFOP Highschool, which is a vocational training school in the neighbourhood of koumassi. As soon as the library bus was parked, students came over to see the 3,000 books made available for them. They really had a great learning experience.

### A MOBILE LIBRARY IN DAOUKRO



During the 16th edition of the International art festival of Daoukro, which took place from March 31 to April 05, 2021, about 2,500 children enjoyed the services of a mobile library that was parked for the occasion.

### A MOBILE LIBRARY IN SINEMATIALI



On June 22, 2021, a mobile libray was parked in the city of Sinématiali for students. For three months, the kids were able to have access to various types of books. They even had a reading session with writer Anzata Ouattara on her book **«Agba le manioc**».

A MOBILE LIBRARY IN ASSINIE-MAFIA



on August 05, 2021, a mobile library was parked in the city of Assinie-Mafia. For 3 months kids had the opportunity of taking part in the mobile library sessions and improve their reading skills. The mobile library provides children with book based activities, such as story telling, individual reading, educational games and creative activities in order to maintain and arouse reading pleasure among children.



Education

# THE ABOBO SCHOOL COMPLEX

The Children of Africa's school complex in Abobo, inaugurated on October 8, 2020, is operating at full capacity with 600 students in primary school and 100 in kindergarten.



#### CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE ABOBO SCHOOL COMPLEX

The ceremony took place on the school's sports field and witnessed the participation of Mrs. Nadine Sangaré, Director of Children Of Africa , City Council representatives, partners, Primary Education officials. Mrs. Nadine Sangaré, representing first Lady Dominique Ouattara took the opportunity to commend the Foundation partners for their support which enabled 700 students to celebrate christmas.



#### SINGER FALLY IPUPA VISITS THE SCHOOL

Congolese singer Fally Ipupa visited the Children Of Africa's School complex in Abobo on January 7, 2021. The singer regularly attends charity event organized by the Children Of Africa Foundation.



Education

# EXCELLENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA'S SCHOOL COMPLEX





The Abobo school complex recognizes the achievements of its best students, teachers and technical staff during an event held on June 10, 2021. A total of 56 students from kindergarten and primary, as well as 3 teachers and 3 technical services officers receive a distinction for their work during school year 2020-2021.

### KIDS VISIT THE ALASSANE OUATTRA HIGH SCHOOL IN GRAND-BASSAM



On April 29, 2021, 9 grade students from the school complex of Abobo visited the Alassane Ouattara Highschool in Grand-Bassam. This visit is part of the extracurricular activities program available for kids.

### KINDERGARTEN KIDS CELEBRATE FAT TUESDAY AT THE CITY HALL



The little schoolchildren of the Abobo school complex celebrated fat Tuesday at the city hall on February 09, 2021. This year's celebration focused its activities on the need to fight insalubrity.



# ACADEMIC YEAR LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF SCHOOL KITS DISTRIBUTION IN ADIAKÉ



Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children of Africa Foundation officially launched the national campaign for the distribution of school kits for the 2021-2022 school year on September 28, 2021 in Adiaké. The official launching ceremony took place in a school building. For this school year, 16,000 school supplies were distributed in forty (40) localities of the country, and NGOs.

### FREE DISTRIBUTION OF 1,400 SCHOOL KITS TO SEVERAL LOCALITIES IN THE COUNTRY



After launching the school kits campaign on September 28, 2021 in Adiaké, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, sent a team to four (04) localities of the country from October 1 to 8, 2021, for the distribution of school supplies to kids. These are:

Bahuama, Tounzuebo, Sokoro and Kong. 1,400 school kits were donated to schoolchildren, as well as food supplies for school lunchrooms, maintenance materials and accessories for outdoor games.

# "Che children's hospital of Bingerville

### FREE TREATMENT OF CAUSTIC ESOPHAGEAL STENOSIS: ABOUT TWENTY CHILDREN WERE TREATED AT THE BINGERVILLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



About twenty children suffering from caustic esophageal stenosis resulting from accidental ingestion of corrosive substances were treated on March 28, 2021 at the children's hospital of Bingerville. The announcement was made during a press conference on March 31, 2021, at the MCH Bingerville. For a whole week endoscopy or esophageal replacement have been performed on children in order to allow them to eat properly. This free treatment was made possible thanks to the Children of Africa Foundation and la Chaîne de l'Espoir in partnership with the French Development Agency. The Red Cross agency has helped in public awareness-raising.

### BLOOD DONATION AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF BINGERVILLE



The Dominique Ouattara children's hospital in Bingerville organized a blood donation on April 10, 2021, in its premises, in collaboration with the City Council. Health workers, community leaders, professional workers participated in the donation. By organizing such operation, the hospital intends to play an active role as a responsible corporate citizen.

### FALLY IPUPA VISIT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF BINGERVILLE



Congolese singer Fally Ipupa was given a guided tour of the Dominique Ouattara children's Hospital of Bingerville (MCH), on January 7, 2021, in the company of Mrs. Nadine Sangaré, Director of the Children Of Africa Foundation, Mr. Hachim Diop, MCH Director General and Dr. Kouyaté Daouda, MCH Deputy Director.





# EASTER 2021: DONATION TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, offered food supplies worth 130 million CFA francs to the Christian community on the occasion of Easter. The donation ceremony took place at the headquarters of the Children Of Africa Foundation in Cocody, on April 1, 2021. It witnessed the participation of General Diomandé Vagondo, Minister of Interior and Security, Ministers Anne Désirée Ouloto and Mariatou Koné, Reverend Father Eric Norbert Abekan, Episcopal Vicar, representing the Episcopal Conference of Côte d'Ivoire, Reverend Ediemou Blin Jacob, representing the Churches of Africa and many other ministers and servants of God. These gifts were given to Catholic Parishes, Protestant Churches, Evangelical Churches, and to religious congregations and groups. Also, on behalf of Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, Minister Anne Désirée Ouloto, gave food supplies worth twenty (20) million CFA francs to fourteen (14) Catholic congregations.



### RAMADAN 2021: DONATION TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY



The Children Of Africa Foundation offered food and non food items worth 130 million FCFA to the Muslim community of Côte d'Ivoire on April 21, 2021 for the month of Ramadan 2021.

The donation ceremony took place at the headquarters of the Children Of Africa Foundation. after the Christian community, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara provided her support to the Muslim community whostarted their fasting, the fourth pillar of Islam. « The holy month of Ramadan is a month of compassion where people come together to feast, give charity an celebrate. It is also a time for us to help the poor.» said Mrs. Dominique Ouattara to the Muslim community gathered at the Foundation's headquarters. Jocial

# TRAINING MATERIAL DONATION TO A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



The Children Of Africa Foundation offered training materials to a vocational school in Agboville (CETA), on May 11, 2021. The donation ceremony which took place at the school premices witnessed the participation of the

Foundation's team headed by Mrs. Aïssatou Cissé, Education Officer. It is important to note that this school was created in 1969 and has over 700 students.

### DONATIONS TO THE TRAINING CENTER FOR YOUNG GIRLS IN THE VILLAGE OF KALOUKRO



On May 20, 2021, a delegation of the Children Of Africa Foundation led by Mrs. Béatrice Durand, in charge of Social Affairs made important donations to the Training Center for Young Girls of Kaloukro. Located about twenty kilometers from the city of Bouaké, the village of Kaloukro is home to a training center for young girls. The center provides training on sewing, hairdressing and baking in order to develop the girls' entrepreneurship skills and prepare them for working life.

### TRAINING MATERIAL DONATION TO THE REHABILITATION CENTER FOR MINORS IN BOUAKÉ



On May 20, 2021 the Children Of Africa Foundation made a donation to the Bouaké Minors Rehabilitation Center. The donations included hairdressing and sewing equipment, school bags, clothes and basketballs to the residents. The ceremony ended with a visit to the workshops of the residents. It is important to note that the center hosts 53 children, including 45 permanent residents.



# FOOD DONATION TO A CHILDREN'S SHELTER IN BOUAKÉ

On May 20, 2021, The Children Of Africa Foundation offered living and non-living food to the Bouaké Children's Home. The President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, was represented at the donation ceremony by Mrs. Béatrice Durand, Head of Social Affairs and Mrs. Cissé Aïssatou, Head of Training and Education. The ceremony also witnessed the participation of Father Ollo Jean Kansié, Executive Director of the Children's Home and the Training Center for Young Girls of Kaloukro. The shelter houses 75 children in difficulty aged 5 to 17. It is important to note that the Children Of Africa Foundation provides support to the shelter in order to help him better carry out his mission.



### VISITING A NURSERY IN THE CITY OF BOUAKÉ



On May 20, 2021, the Children Of Africa Foundation made donations to the Bouaké nursery. On behalf of Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, the delegation of the Children Of Africa Foundation offered baby diapers, baby hygiene products, boxes of ceramics, games for children, cleaning products and food.

### MOSQUITO NETS DONATION TO THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA FOUNDATION



On May 27, 2021, the Children Of Africa Foundation received about sixty impregnated mosquito nets for itschildren's shelter «La Case des Enfants», at its headquarters in Cocody. This donation from the National Malaria Control Program will to protect children from malaria. The nets were received by Mrs. Beatrice Durand, Head of Social Affairs at the Children Of Africa Foundation.

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# INAUGURATION OF THE FERKESSÉDOUGOU CHILDREN'S SHELTER

#### A SHELTER TO HELP CHILDREN AT RISK, VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, EXPLOITATION AND THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR



On October 28, 202, Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, inaugurated the reception center for children in the city of Ferkessédougou.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the participation of Government officials, Governors, Ambassadors and several other personalities, as well as the people of Ferkessédougou who gave an enthusiastic welcome to the First Lady.

The transit center with an overall cost of more than one billion CFA francs, is the third center built by the Foundation to provide support to children at risk.

The shelter is under the management of the Ministry of Women, Family and Children. It is important to note that the ministry will receive financial support from the Cotton and Cashew Board. The center provides housing and supportive services to children engaged into child trafficking, exploitation and child labor.



#### Presentation of the shelter

The shelter is built on a 2 hectares land. It has a capacity of 80 beds and received girls and boys age 17 . It has offices, 3 classrooms, a large multipurpose room, a healthcare centre, a library with computer and internet access, a television room, a dining room with 80 seats, bedrooms, a kitchen and a plot of land for agro-pastoral activities.



### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION TO A HEALTH CENTER IN FERKESSÉDOUGOU



On October 28, 2021, the First Lady donated an ambulance, furniture and medical equipment to the Dominique Ouattara health center in Ferkessédougou. The donation worth 30 million CFA francs aimed at

strengthening the center's operation capacity. the Dominique Ouattara health center was built in 2018, it has a dispensary and a maternity ward.



### WORKING SESSION WITH RACHID CHEDID, CEO OF CHEDID CAPITAL GROUP AND ASCOMA GROUP

On October 15, 2021, Mrs. Nadine Sangaré, Director of the Children Of Africa Foundation had a working session with Mr. Rachid Chedid, CEO of CHEDID CAPITAL Group and ASCOMA Group. The main points of discussion centered on the Foundation's actions.



#### FOOTBAL TOURNAMENT

Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, sponsored the football tournament organized on August 15, 2021, in the village of Zouatta. The tournament was initiated by Mr. Philippe Kouhon and lasted 2 weeks. 16 teams coming from 14 villages of the sub-prefecture of Facobly were in competition. The President of Children Of Africa was represented at this ceremony by Mr. Tazieff Ouattara. It is important to note that the winner of the competion scored 5 goals. Before that, officials laid the foundation of a school lunchroom. Jocial



### CHILDREN OF AFRICA OFFERS CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO 15,000 CHILDREN





On December 18, 2020, the Children Of Africa Foundation hosted its annual Christmas which took place in the garden of the Presidential Palace in Plateau.

For this edition, 15,000 children throughout the country received gifts from Mrs. Dominique Ouattara's Foundation. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions only 1,000 children, aged 3 to 9 years old were allowed to celebrate christmas in the gardens of the Presidential Palace.



# Pubsidized centres

### WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SHELTERS IN AFRICA

### The Samusocial in Mali



In 2021, the centre provided psychological and social support to children from displaced families in the district of Bamako. A team made up of psychologists, social workers and caregivers provided daily psychological, social support and nursing care to about 300 children, including 180 girls. The centre also created fun and educational activities for the kids to operate in a child-friendly environment.

### Arc en Ciel in Gabon



This year, the centre helped 75 children every month, accommodated 40 children and distributed more than 9,500 meals at lunchtime. In addition to the usual activities available (which include psychological support for children, social investigation, educational and school activities, interviews...), Arc en Ciel carries out an awareness campaign on children's rights and has taken some measures to deal with Covid 19.

### **SOS FEVVF in Niger**



The Children Of Africa Foundation provides financial assistance to SOS FEWF which helps disadvantaged children through a program called the day of solidarity. It is a day where food and gifts are given to kids, but also fun activities are organized in a warm and festive atmosphere in order to make them happy.

### Village pilot in Senegal



The center offers various programs year round for street children. Unfortunately, the covid pandemic has greatly increase their vulnerability.

The increasing vulnerability of the most vulnerable segments of the population due to the pandemic will also lead to an increase of the number of children who could potentially end up on the streets of Dakar and its suburbs.

### Urgence Afrique in Burkina Faso

Urgence Afrique has created a shelter for small kids in the village of Niou. The centre organizes social, recreational and education activities for the kids. The intention is compensate children's very precarious situation. The shelter now takes care of 85 children.

### The Samusocial in Burkina Faso



60 vulnerable children were offered the opportunity to go for summer camp to spend their vacation. For 8 days, the children embark on arts, education and leisures activity under the supervision of child-care workers. These activities have facilitated discussions on important topics such as children's rights and duties, the environment and addictionrelated risks.

### Jubsidized centres

### WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SHELTERS IN AFRICA

### «La voix du coeur» in Central Africa

The Foundation currently has three centers located in three areas of the city. Two centers welcome girls and boys. The third center receives both boarders and day students. The centres have received much more residents due to the Covid pandemic impact and the resurgence of conflict-related violence.



### HAC centre in Cameroon



The HAC center has completed the renovation of its swimming pool for the joy of children who particularly like the facility. It is important to note that the pool contributes to the entertainment and development of children.

### OTHER CHILD CARE CENTRES WE HELP

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

### WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO 5 CHILDREN'S SHELTERS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

'La Maison de l'Enfance' in Bouaké



The shelter's activities took place as planned despite the Covid 19 pandemic. The Maison de l'Enfance and the Training centre for girls had the visit of the Children Of Africa Foundation. The visit ended with a food and non-food items donation ceremony. It is important to note that the shelter takes care of 75 children and young people.

#### 'Notre Dame des Sources' in Bouaké

Notre Dame des Sources has seen the majority of its children reintegrate the society, despite the fact they were abandoned children. Most of them lived at the shelter since they were born. Some of them have been lucky enough to find their families. It is important to note that they are all enrolled in school.

#### «Maison d'Accueil and Arc en Ciel» in Odienne

This year 'The Arc en Ciel' has received 9 children, including 2 premature babies. A total of 18 children are currently housed and taken care of. 5 children have been reintegrated into families.





#### **SAPE CI in ABOBO**

Activities in the shelter were mainly based on food support to host families in order to help them bear the COVID 19 impact on their livelihoods. These 75 host families receive 250 children aged 4 to 18 d living in the neighborhood of Abobo or the city of Anyama.

#### Saint Mary's Clinic in Bondoukou

During the year 2021, we received 4,037 children between the ages of 0 and 14 for consultations. Among these children, we were able to help 23 children who received free treatment. 61 were referred to the hospital and some benefited from our financial assistance for blood transfusions or for the treatment of severe case of malaria. We have also supported orphaned babies through purchasing of milk.





# Open your heart to children in Affrica, let us not forget them

Your kindness has given 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: €150
- □ Health centers: 120 €
- □ School kits: 80 €
- □ Foster homes: 75 €
- □ Vaccination campaign: €50
- $\Box$  Project of your choice: .....€

This year, we are counting on you again

□ I donate 1,000 €

- □ I donate 1,500 €
- □ I donate 3,000 €

#### We need your support to achieve our goal

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# glance Children of Africa operates in 12 countries



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### 357,800

Children have access to free reading material

**169,000** *Children received deworming tablets* 

**84,027** Children vaccinated against meningitis and typhoid fever

> **134,000** School supplies were distributed

**103,000** Children benefited from the eye test campaign

> 17 Subsidized child care centres

> > **11** computer rooms

> > > **10** Mobile libraries

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