

The construction of these centers places the Foundation at the heart of child protection issues

In Côte d'Ivoire, because of the Lack of transit centers, it was difficult to protect and resocialize child victims of trafficking, exploitation and the worst forms of labor, as well as those in conflict with the law.

Aware of this situation, and on the basis of expertise acquired when they took over the management of the shelter for children in difficult situations, the Children of Africa Foundation wanted to provide an adequate response to this problem by building two shelters for children in distress in Soubre and Ferkessedougou.

Both centers provide temporary assistance to children who have been tested by life and contribute to their social, moral and physical rehabilitation.



Children of Africa, more than 20 years of commitment to the most vulnerable

The Children of Africa Foundation, created in 1998 by Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, works primarily in the areas of health, education and social services, in order to give a better future to vulnerable children in Africa. It also supports destitute women.

The Foundation is also a member of the National Oversight Committee of Actions for fight against Trafficking, Exploitation and Child Labor.

SOME OF THE FOUNDATION'S KEY ACTIONS:

- Construction of the Dominique Ouattara Mother and Child's Hospital in Bingerville;
- Distribution of school kits;
- Free vaccination campaigns;
- Free ophthalmologic caravans;
- Donation of medical equipment and materials;
- Creation of libraries and multimedia rooms;
- Promotion of reading through mobile libraries;
- The Dominique Ouattara high school in Kong ;
- The Children of Africa school group in Abobo ;
- Subsidy granted to NGOs and humanitarian associations.



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The shelters for children in distress are designed to resocialize children involved into trafficking, exploitation and the worst forms of child labor and those in conflict with the law

2 modern and functional centers with efficient social services and qualified personnel

The Soubre and Ferkessedougou centers are dedicated to the care of child victims of trafficking, exploitation and smuggling. They are managed by the Ministry of Women, Family and Children.

Both centers are jointly managed with the Foundation. The Soubre center is supported by the Coffee and Cocoa Board and the Ferke center is supported by the Cashew and Cotton Board.

EACH CENTER HAS :

- Social services that provide individualized care to children in terms of psycho-education treatment and health care;
- Teams of psychologists, specialized educators, social workers and health personnel;
- Services with separate dormitories for boys and girls,
- Multi-purpose buildings for education and recreation;

Administrative buildings including a dining hall, an infirmary and offices for the staff.



2 centers in 2 strategic locations in Côte d'Ivoire



The criteria that led to the selection of these three cities:

- **The city of soubre** is considered as one of the main cocoa production zones where child labor is at its peak.
- **And the city of ferkessedougou** located in the north of Côte d'Ivoire is known as a transit point for children coming from neighboring countries and where child trafficking is significant.

The Soubre Shelter

Cares for child victims of trafficking and exploitation



How does the Soubre center respond to the local situation?

The Soubre center is located in the southwest of Côte d'Ivoire, in the Nawa region, which is known for its coffee, cocoa, rubber and oil palm crops.

What are the specific actions of the Soubre center on the field?

- Identifying child victims of trafficking and exploitation in order to welcome them to the center
- Providing moral support through the services of psychologists and social workers;
- Providing adequate Health care to the children;
- Helping bring drop out students back to school;
- Offering vocational activities such as carpentry, hairdressing, sewing and handicrafts.
- Organising collective sports to teach children how to socialize.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET OF THE CENTER OF SOUBRE

Inauguration date: June 7, 2018

Capacity: 80

Facilities available:

- 2 dormitories for girls and boys
- 1 multipurpose room for learning and recreation
- 2 activity rooms
- 1 administrative building including a dining hall, an infirmary, offices, a meeting room and two guard rooms
- 1 playground
- 1 sport field

The Ferkessedougou shelter

Cares for children victims of trafficking and exploitation



How will the Ferkessedougou center respond to the local situation?

Located in the north of Côte d'Ivoire in the Savanes region on the border with Mali and Burkina Faso, this center is placed on the route of child traffickers.

What are the specific actions of the Ferkessedougou center on the field?

- Identifying child victims of trafficking and exploitation in order to welcome them to the center
- Providing moral support through the services of psychologists and social workers;
- Providing adequate Health care to the children;
- Helping bring drop out students back to school;
- Offering vocational activities such as carpentry, hairdressing, sewing and handicrafts.
- Organising collective sports to teach children how to socialize.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET OF THE CENTER OF FERKESSEDOUGOU

Inauguration date: October, 2021

Capacity: 80

Facilities available:

- 2 dormitories for girls and boys
- 1 multipurpose room for learning and recreation
- 2 activity rooms
- 1 administrative building including a dining hall, an infirmary, offices, a meeting room and two guard rooms
- 1 playground
- 1 sport field