

Big School Project Summer 2012

The AMAN-International Foundation has accomplished a magnificent action in favor of the SOS Village of Aboisso

Within the framework of its humanitarian actions, FAI has rehabilitated and renovated the SOS Children's Village of Aboisso and donated a large amount of food

Abidjan / Aboisso (26.08.2012) - The program "Grand Chantier École été 2012" of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) announced at the beginning of this year was held for renovation, rehabilitation and donation actions in favor of war-affected children more precisely children of the SOS village of Aboisso. This humanitarian action was carried out by humanitarian agents trained by the AMAN-International Foundation within the framework of its program "Capacity Building-Humanitarian Corps" (FAI-RENCAP-CH).

"Grand Chantier École", a program initiated by FAI and carried out for the first time in 2007 with the renovation and hygiene and cleanliness works in favor of the FSUCOM Center of Aboboté (Community-based Urban Health Training) belonging to the village Aboboté in the precarious commune of Abidjan-Abobo.

This year, 2012, the program was conducted in favor of the children of the SOS Children's Village of Aboisso, one of the two SOS Children's Villages in Côte d'Ivoire. According to its Director Michel Botouan, the SOS Children's Village of Aboisso received an impressive number of displaced people during the recent electoral crisis in Côte d'Ivoire, including almost all the children from the other SOS village in Abobo, where there was intense armed fighting. For six months, the village of Aboisso housed nearly four times as many people as the usual number of staff could accommodate. This took place in a very difficult environment where there were no financial resources due to the closure of banks and also where travel to acquire donations from donors was made difficult due to the prevailing insecurity.

At the end of the crisis, several donors arrived to relieve the village which - little by little - is regaining its serenity. But according to the Director, sincere thanks go to the AMAN-International Foundation for "the gigantic work it has just accomplished in the SOS village of Aboisso. It is a work that was done with heart, with love.

Ouffoué Koffi, member of the "Humanitarian Corps" of the AMAN-International Foundation, said that the "Grand Chantier Ecole" program of FAI has brought a lot to the SOS village of Aboisso. He noted all the work accomplished by the humanitarian agents of the AMAN-International Foundation, notably:

- the making and installation of mosquito nets on the windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering the children's rooms,
- the construction of a fence wall to secure the village,
- the painting of walls, but also of various materials such as benches among others,
- the installation of a playground including a swing, a turnstile and a slide to brighten up the children and give them back their smile and joy of living,
- the weeding of the courtyard of the village which for several years had been invaded in large part by weeds sheltering reptiles of all kinds.

For the execution of this work, FAI called upon its "Humanitarian Corps" coming from different regions of Côte d'Ivoire, but also from outside the country and who joined the FAI office team in Abidjan to complete this unique work.

On Tuesday, August 21, the entire team of valiant humanitarian missionaries met at the FAI office in Abidjan where they received training and also attended workshops to prepare for the organization of field work. The humanitarian convoy left for the mission site on Wednesday, August 22, heading for the SOS village of Aboisso. The team was welcomed on site by the village officials headed by the Director who offered them a guided tour of the village with an overview of the situation.

Thanks to a good organization, FAI and its Humanitarian Corps composed of students and executives from different trades were able to execute and complete the work as planned.

In addition to the work carried out, FAI has delivered an important food donation including

- 10 bags of rice of 25 kg each,
- 1 box of tomatoes in paste containing 24 boxes of tomatoes,
- 1 box containing 5 cans of oil of 5 liters each and
- 1 box of sugar.

On Saturday, August 25, the results of the work and the donations were presented and officially handed over to the SOS Children's Village in Aboisso. The event took place in the village itself - in the presence of the authorities of Aboisso. The Central Sub-Prefect of Aboisso, Konan N'GUESSAN, who personally honored the event with his presence, praised and thanked FAI for the actions carried out in favor of the children of this SOS village. Following him, the Aboisso Regional Director of the Ministry of Family, Women and Children, Benoît M'BRA, also expressed his enthusiasm for the work accomplished by the AMAN-International Foundation in so few days and conveyed the thanks of the Côte d'Ivoire authorities.

Sunday August 26 was dedicated to the presentation of certificates to the "Humanitarian Corps" of the FAI who participated in the program. These valiant humanitarian agents received their certificate "Humanitarian Corps of Aptitude for Humanitarian Actions", a special diploma of the AMAN-International Foundation, from the hands of the Founding President of the FAI, Marie Ginette AMANI-FRIDRICH, who came from Germany to participate in this event.

It should be noted that the participants were fully supported by FAI for the stay of their humanitarian mission "Grand Chantier École été 2012", as regards hotel and catering expenses with the permanent presence of a health professional for a pre-medical check-up, but also a watchful eye in case of possible health incidents.

The program, thank God, had only happy moments - and it was in a very cordial atmosphere that it ended with the awarding of certificates in the FAI headquarters in Abidjan around a cocktail in the presence of the Founding President with whom all could exchange.