
Communications updates available at
<https://www.kodenischool.org.uk>

Unlike much more expensive and higher quality sponsorship schemes, you will not be allocated a child with whom you have a sponsoring relationship. We simply divide the school's costs by its number of pupils and seek sponsorship for each pupil as their contribution to the total school budget. We recognize that this is not as good a service as specialist child sponsorship programmes offer. However, our UK costs are zero, meaning that our sponsorship scheme is far less expensive than alternatives.

Kodeni School has committed to producing a termly report. This report will give sponsors the opportunity to understand progress of the school and its pupils. The web address above is the ONLY place where information will be available. To eliminate UK costs we will only e-mail out information so we will need your e-mail address or the e-mail address of someone who can receive our communications and pass them to you.

Occasionally we will need to increase sponsorship costs in line with inflation. This will only be done when absolutely necessary.

Sponsor a Child at Kodeni School



Charity number: 1129254

Who we are

- Aid to Burkina provides help for the people of one of the poorest countries of West Africa – Burkina Faso.
- Through projects resourcing education and health, we aim to increase the quality of life and realise the hopes and dreams of communities living in this part of the world.
- The Kodeni School project is part of Aid to Burkina and based in Folkestone where its core team lives. Contact details below are for the Folkestone team and for this project only.
- Folkestone Core Team: John Bird (former Headteacher St Mary's Primary), Jon Wilson (Building Manager, The Cornerstone Centre), Gareth Webber (Harbour Church Pastor), John Fudge (CEO, Amor Europe), Mark Lamb (Head of School, Sibbertswold Primary), Dawn Kellers (Administrator Rainbow Centre).
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Why Burkina Faso?

As in many developing countries, education in Burkina Faso tends to favour males. Women are not actively encouraged to become better educated, and in rural communities where daily survival is the priority, there is no perceived need even if the opportunity were available.

As a result, literacy stands nationally at 12.8% for those over 15 years,

but for women this is 8.1% and for men 18.5%. The majority of literate people are centred around the larger cities such as Ouagadougou, the capital, or Bobo-Dioulasso where literacy and numeracy can be translated into better jobs with higher income. 30% of the country's 7 year olds attend primary school although this is much reduced in more rural areas where there may be no school at all. Class sizes can be anywhere in size up to 100 pupils per year group and teaching resources are scarce or non-existent 10% make it through to secondary school, with only about 1% achieving tertiary (University level) education.

Kodeni School Standards

Based in Sabaribougou, a village within the town of Kodeni, our church governed primary school opened in October 2015.

In November 2016 and in February 2017 visits to the school by expert teachers with good French skills have concluded that the educational standards of the school are extremely high, and that the learning environment is fun and engaging. At February 2017, after running for 1.5 years our observers noted that learning outcomes were at least as high as those for a British school.

Girls comprise 50% of the school's roll.

Evangelical Private School of Excellence

The church with which we have connected in nearby Laffiabougou has committed to uphold the values and ethos of this Christian School. Commitment to the children trapped by poverty in Sabaribougou, Kodeni needs integrity and determination on the ground. Everyone wants their child to be in an excellent free school but this school is for poor children living in Kodeni. The school governance team visited a family on the main road prior to the school opening. They had a car and good employment and were persuaded to remove their 2 children from the roll to make way for 2 poor children.

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School Governance Team

The governance team comes from Laffiabougou Church. One of the team is responsible for state secondary education in the Region, another has a role in administration of church primary schools across the Region. The team has a high level of competence and the school is properly government registered, participates in the state certified examination system and already benefits from state free school meal provision. Registration for this normally takes several years.

Everything in school is conducted in French, youngsters quickly gain fluency. Without fluent French, future employment options are very limited.

KODENI SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

A team from Folkestone has developed a comprehensive solution for children trapped by poverty in Kodeni, South West Burkina Faso.

The team has raised funds for and built a primary school in partnership with Churches and schools in East Kent.



This initiative gives the children of Sabaribougou a route out of poverty and into decent jobs. They are pictured here out of uniform after school, in their ragged clothes, among their huts and compounds.

Your sponsorship will secure the education of an individual child. All of your money goes to the school. Nobody from Aid to Burkina takes anything out, we all contribute time, money or both.

Sponsorship commitment is £6.00 per child per month. This amount is sufficient to fund 1 child's education at Kodeni School.

What is sponsored? Where does my money go?

Staff



Salary and training costs of Teachers, Caretaker, Headteacher, Classroom Assistants and Security.

Equipment



- School books and stationery,
- Teaching aids,
- Classroom furniture.

Health



The school is conscious of the pupils' health. It provides clean water with a well and tank on site. All school families have been provided with a water filter for home use through & funded by allied charity Amor Europe.

Progress so far. 4 Phases

Phase 1



From 2013-2015 initial fund raising allowed the first build team of 29 volunteers to break ground and help construct a 3-classroom block, a clean water well, admin block & toilet block.

Phase 2



The school opened with 50 pupils following a town-wide ceremony in October 2015. Pupils come from poor families close to the school. school operates in French only.

Phase 3



From 2016-17 the second build team of 30 volunteers and their friends raised funds for and helped build the second 3-classroom block. Whilst building they met the first 100 pupils.

Phase 4



A build team recently commenced (2026) a further 3 classrooms. The 1st of these will "open" in September '26. Additionally, a wall has been built around the school to aid security.