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Your sponsorship for Mame Diara

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am very happy, once again, to send you this letter to share news of the SOS Children's Village Kaolack. I hope this finds you and your family in good health. Here in Senegal, everything is going well and we are progressively returning to our daily routine. The children have returned from their summer vacation, and the village has come back to life. In this letter, I will share with you some of the highlights of our summer at the village. I hope you will enjoy these little anecdotes.

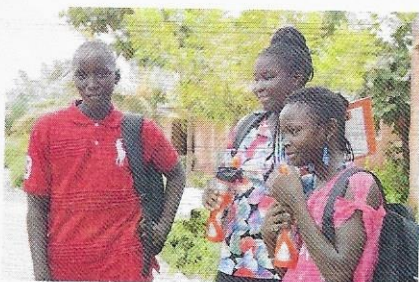


Children planting trees in the village

In Senegal, COVID-19 is still influencing the lives of the children, young people and families that we support.

The situation changes regularly and we are doing our very best to make sure that the children, young people and families stay healthy. We follow official guidelines to make sure they can continue to grow and develop, and can continue to go to kindergarten, school or training and take part in other activities.

Before telling you about the village, please allow me to give you some news of you sponsored child Mame Diara. The young girl is in good health and is enjoying happy days at the village. This summer, Mame Diara had the chance to spend a couple of weeks with her natural family. Last year, travel restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic did not allow children to go outside the village. So, Mame Diara was very happy to see her family again. She enjoyed her stay and looks forward to visiting them again next year.



Children on the first day of school

Summer Time at the Village

Summer is a period that children look forward to. For them it means the closing of classes and the beginning of the holidays. Their curfew is lifted and they can do activities that they cannot do during the rest of the year. Some of

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them leave the village to spend a few weeks with their families back home. For those who stay in the village, holiday activities are organized to allow them to have fun and release the pressure accumulated during the school year. For several weeks, the children have a full programme of physical, recreational, craft and even civic activities. The highlight of the summer was the planting of fruit trees in the village. In collaboration with the Forestry and Water Department, the village of Kaolack acquired fruit tree shoots. The children themselves chose the species they wanted to grow in the village. This is how we ended up with mango, orange, mandarin, lemon and bananas. 'We want a tree that makes ice cream,' said little Aliou. Everyone burst out laughing, but he remained unmoved and firmly convinced that it was possible. For a whole day, the village gardener with the help of the children planted the trees all over the village. 'We will water them every day so that they grow quickly. Then we can make fruit juice every day,' said little Soda with a large smile. The children had a great time and took the opportunity to learn more about the importance of plants for the planet.

Back to School

Every October in Senegal, it's back to school time. The school reopens after a three-month holiday. It is a moment that students always look forward to with impatience and excitement. Between those who leave kindergarten to join their elders in elementary school, those who join secondary school and others who have earned the right to go to high school, the excitement is the same. In the village, that excitement can be felt weeks in advance. 'I can't wait to see my friends. I miss them a lot,' said Saly. During the last days of the holiday, preparations were going well. Between shopping and registration procedures, the children were preparing to go back to school. Finally, the day of school arrived and the village was once again filled with its characteristic ^{Gezoum} clamour. Early in the morning, the village courtyard began to come alive. The children were all dressed up and in groups went to their respective schools. They were all very happy to be back in their classrooms and see their classmates again. 'My new school is very big and there are a lot of students,' said Ibrahima, who joined the school this year. After a few weeks, routine has finally set in. The summer holidays are now a distant memory and the children are once again focused on their studies.

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I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you do for the children of the SOS village in Kaolack. Your great generosity and unwavering support enable us to give these children a caring home and offer them hope for a better future. On their behalf, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2022 to you and your loved ones. I look forward to writing to you soon for more news from the SOS Children's Village in Kaolack.

For confidentiality reasons, children's names have been changed.

Mouhamadou Moustapha BANE