

A Few Words about Senegal...

Senegal is the westernmost country on the African continent. It enjoys political stability and an excellent relationship with the United States. Senegal is culturally rich, but economically it is among the poorest countries in the world with more than two thirds of its population each living on less than \$2 per day.

Village of Kadiogne



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kids of Kadiogne has...

- (1) provided School Supplies and Educational Materials to nearly two thousand children in northern Senegal each year
- (2) supplied thousands of Mosquito Nets to children, pregnant women, and the elderly in northern Senegal
- (3) built and operated two classrooms to serve scores of children in our Community Education Center
- (4) expanded our School Supplies and Mosquito Nets programs to partnership with twenty villages in northern Senegal

Mamadou's Story

"As the first-born son in a family of Peul cattle-herders in northern Senegal, I was expected to begin training on the farm at a young age instead of going to school. However, my uncle insisted over and over again that I should attend school. Eventually, my father relented and allowed it. I went on to earn a Ph.D., and for the past ten years I have been able to split my time between Senegal and Philadelphia, where I teach at Temple University. I am still connected to my village, and I dream of some day farming there once again, but I am grateful for the tremendous opportunities that my education has allowed me. We hope that Kids of Kadiogne will be able to help create similar opportunities for the children growing up in northern Senegal today."



— Dr. Mamadou Sow (2006),
Co-Founder of Kids of Kadiogne

OUR NAME

We are named in honor of the children of Kadiogne, which is a small village in the region that we serve. 'Kadiogne' is the French spelling of the name of the village, and it is pronounced 'KA-jon-ya'. You may notice that a word approximating 'KaaYoñ' appears in our logo. This is the name of the village as written in the local native language of Pulaar, but it contains a couple of letters that do not appear in the English alphabet, and it is far more difficult to pronounce.



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UNITED STATES
Kids of Kadiogne is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Charitable contributions are tax deductible.

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Kids of Kadiogne is recognized by the Ministry of the Interior of Senegal as an authorized non-governmental organization operating in Senegal.

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Kids of Kadiogne

*Making a Significant Difference
in the Life of a Child*



Mission Statement

Kids of Kadiogne is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the education and health of children in northern Senegal, while facilitating cultural exchange between Americans and Senegalese.

Now
partnered
with 20
villages!

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Education Program

Community Education Center

The majority of children in northern Senegal do not advance beyond elementary school, and those who go on to high school are often the first in their families to do so. Because most parents are unfamiliar with course material and unable to read and write the French language, they are left unable to help their children with their school work.

Our new Community Education Center in the village of Kadiogne includes two classrooms that provide additional space for the elementary school, which has had to turn away some students in recent years for lack of space, and they house our own after-school tutoring programs, as well as other community programs. We hope to begin construction of the center's library in the near future.



School Supplies & Textbooks

In a region where many live on less than a dollar a day, the cost of school supplies for the children can be out of reach for many families. And schools are often unable to pay for more than a few copies of a given textbook to be shared by 30 or 40 students.

Our Education Program puts school supplies, such as notebooks, pens, and pencils, directly in the hands of the students and provides materials such as textbooks, reference books, and art supplies to the schools.

Health Program

Mosquito Nets to Prevent Malaria

Bill Gates has called malaria "the worst thing on the planet". A recent article in National Geographic confirms that "some 3,000 children die of malaria each day in Africa, one every 30 seconds." *That's more than one million children a year.* The article explains that the mosquito net is "one of the best defenses against malaria [...and can...] cut infections by half and child deaths by a third."

While many of the large organizations working on this problem find great difficulty in effectively distributing the nets, Kids of Kadiogne has created a simple model that has allowed us to use direct connections with children and families in remote villages to get the nets directly into their hands, with a particular emphasis on young children, pregnant women, and the elderly. Tonight, thousands of villagers in northern Senegal will sleep peacefully beneath mosquito nets that we have provided, not only protected from malaria but also sleeping better and staying healthier and happier.



Health Education & Health Supplies

In order to promote the health of the children and families we serve, we sponsor health education for children and parents, and we provide free supplies for personal hygiene, first aid treatment, and dental care.

Why Donate to Kids of Kadiogne?

- Our connections with village leaders, school officials, and the children and families themselves allow our programs to directly reach the village children.
- We hire local labor and purchase materials and supplies from local merchants and artisans, so our programs both help to meet the children's education and health needs and also create economic opportunities for their parents.
- Our projects rely heavily on volunteer efforts, both in the United States and in Senegal, and we have very low administrative costs.
- Even small contributions can make an important difference in the lives of the children we serve.



DONATIONS

All donations are greatly appreciated. Contributions at the following levels will be acknowledged in our newsletter and on our web site by a listing of the donor's name in the appropriate club (unless it is requested that the name be withheld). We will keep you informed about news relating to the programs that you help to support with your contributions.

Books and a Net Club (\$30-\$99 per year)

A contribution of \$30 will provide one child with the necessary schoolbooks for one year and with a specially treated mosquito net to protect the child from malaria.

Sponsoring Members' Club (\$100-\$299 per year)

A contribution of \$100 will provide one class with basic classroom materials for one year.

Friends of Kadiogne Club (\$300 and above per year)

A contribution of \$300 will make a crucial difference in the continued construction, maintenance, and furnishing of our new community center, a place where children are able to study with qualified tutors and play together in a supervised environment.

Please make checks payable to 'Kids of Kadiogne' or visit our web site to donate by credit card. Thank you!