

Kadiogne Courier

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Our Community Education Center Open for Classes

We were thrilled to open two classrooms in our new Community Education Center at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The classrooms are used by Kadiogne Elementary School during the day, allowing the school to finally

achieve full enrollment. The classrooms also host our tutoring programs and are available during evenings and weekends for meetings of local organizations and for community gatherings and celebrations. A representative of the regional education authority visited the center and expressed his gratitude for the space. We have plans for a garden around the center, and we hope that we will be able to begin planting this year. This center would not exist without your generous contributions!



Partnership with Local Group Helping Pregnant Women

Following Kids of Kadiogne's first distribution of mosquito nets in 2006, a group of youth from Kadiogne—some still living in the village and some studying and working elsewhere in Senegal—came together to form their own organization. They took the name *Jeunesse Développement Kadiogne* (JDK), which means 'Youth for the Development of Kadiogne'. Since that time, our regular consultations with JDK have offered us new insights concerning our programs in Senegal.



This year, we are excited to announce that we will be supporting JDK's latest project: The group has identified the goal of helping preg-

nant women in our region of northern Senegal to access information and resources that will help to maintain healthy pregnancy. One of the simplest and most important tools in this effort is the mosquito net, and Kids of Kadiogne will be providing JDK with nets for this purpose.



Bleach and Soap to Accompany Mosquito Net Distribution

At this time of less plentiful funding resources, we have been particularly aware of trying to further develop our programs in simple and inexpensive ways, while still aiming for a significant increase in impact. The addition of bleach and soap to this year's mosquito net distribution represents the perfect balance of these goals.

Bleach and soap are highly valued by the people of our region for purifying water and maintaining cleanliness, but even these simple items are too expensive and inaccessible for many. During this year's distribution, we will be piggybacking onto our mosquito net distribution network in order to provide these important items in our 18 partner villages.



Kids of Kadiogne to Launch First Aid Program

In our search for opportunities to provide health support with our limited resources, we have identified first aid as an area where we can make a significant difference. In many villages in our region, there is simply no access to proper first aid treatment. A farmer who cuts his hand working

in the fields may need to simply pack dirt into the wound in order to stop the bleeding.



We have designed a program that will invite the midwives from all of our 18 partner villages for a training at our community center in

Kadiogne. They will be trained by a regional doctor in basic first aid treatment, and they will be provided with substantial first aid kits in order to allow them to help care for the people of their villages. We aim to initiate a pilot program this year in several of our partner villages.



A New Way to Honor a Loved One

We are happy to offer to our supporters a new way of giving to Kids of Kadiogne in honor of a loved one. We have created a series of eight greeting cards featuring photographs from our region of northern Senegal. We have cards for all occasions—such as graduations, birthdays, and holidays—and we also have cards specifically intended to be sent in memory of a loved one.

Our board co-chair, Phyllis Taylor, is coordinating the sending of cards. You may send us your donation by mail or through our web site, and please include the name and address of the recipient and a description of the occasion. Phyllis will select an appropriate card, write a customized message inside (acknowledging that you have made a contribution in honor of the loved one), and mail it to the recipient. If you prefer, we can also send you a blank card for you to send on to the recipient.



We appreciate your generous support, and we hope that you will find this to be a valuable service!