

# Kadiogne Courier

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Dear Supporters,

We have had another exciting year! Read below about a new model for sustainability that we are exploring, new developments in construction and programs, and updates on annual distributions of health and educational supplies. It is only through your generous support that we have been able to make all of this happen. Please renew your support today to ensure that we are able to continue all of these exciting programs in 2014. Thank you!

Yours truly,



Harvesting tomatoes



The rice fields

## An Exciting New Model for Sustainability

We are excited to be exploring a new model for the sustainability of our programs. Our partner villages are blessed with plenty of arable land and many skilled farmers, but there is a lack of the capital needed to pay for seed, fertilizer, and irrigation. We are in the middle of a trial run to invest a portion of the money we raise into local agriculture. This will both create new jobs for those in our partner villages and help to fund our programs through the profit from that investment. We have already seen a significant yield from our first crop cycle!



Tending the community herb garden

## New Construction Nearly Complete

The expansion of our community center in Kadiogne is nearly complete. The community center will soon offer new health and educational opportunities to villagers through the village's only health clinic, a new preschool, and the village's first library and computer lab!



One of the masons applying stucco



## 'Kadiogne'

### A Poem by Anuraag Pendyal

lucky draw: a chance encounter right  
after the plane ensures mangoes  
and rural stars each night in far-away  
Fouta—coincidence or baraka manifest,  
where no matter a wanderer's clothes  
or tongue, food is always shared and water  
cups passed, even the street's eager  
salesmen hoping you rest well at night.

c'est le voyage, each yes or no  
changing the course of months and lives,  
this "yes" to a night in a new friend's  
balconied auberge unfurling a hidden map  
where a marabout raises his palms  
to welcome the clouds of sand  
before a season's first rain, and iced  
hibiscus steeped from local leaves  
replaces the 'authentic recipe' of a guidebook  
cafe, this landscape non-existent for the traveler  
who presents a guarded "no."

perhaps violent crimes per capita  
would decrease in America if mayors,  
CEOs, regional managers, and principals  
took a silent nap at the day's  
hottest and weariest hour, suggesting  
their subordinates share cool,  
sweet drinks, lay out communal  
mattresses, and do the same.  
the business in Hamet Doula  
was mosquito nets: signatures  
allocations future proposals loomed  
but worries are for later if even  
the goats seek shade. first stories  
of the family, calabash urns of milk,  
and the familiar comfort of rest  
in old friends' company.

Musician and poet Anuraag Pendyal accompanied Luke to Kadiogne in July. His experiences there inspired this extraordinary poem.

this is not Dakar, where schoolkids' shouts  
of Toubab pique the market ears of a savvy  
local hand; not Ziguinchor, with its quick furor  
over a refused commission for help buying bread.  
the desert toughens its children's eyes  
that they may penetrate the storm obscuring one's path:  
the intentions of character are quickly discerned  
and an open heart is welcomed for the gifts  
it carries and accepts. borders, language, dress  
—forgotten when all cherish the same sacred water  
and any thanks from a parched tongue is deferred  
to the kind universe for its provision.



Above: Children sleeping under a mosquito net  
Left: Carrying bundles of mosquito nets

## Mosquito Net Distribution to 33 Partner Villages

In 2013, we distributed 800 World Health Organization certified long lasting insecticidal mosquito nets across our 33 partner villages. As each net is generally shared among several family members, this distribution will protect thousands of villagers from the deadly risks of malaria, a scourge that Bill Gates has called “the worst thing on the planet.”

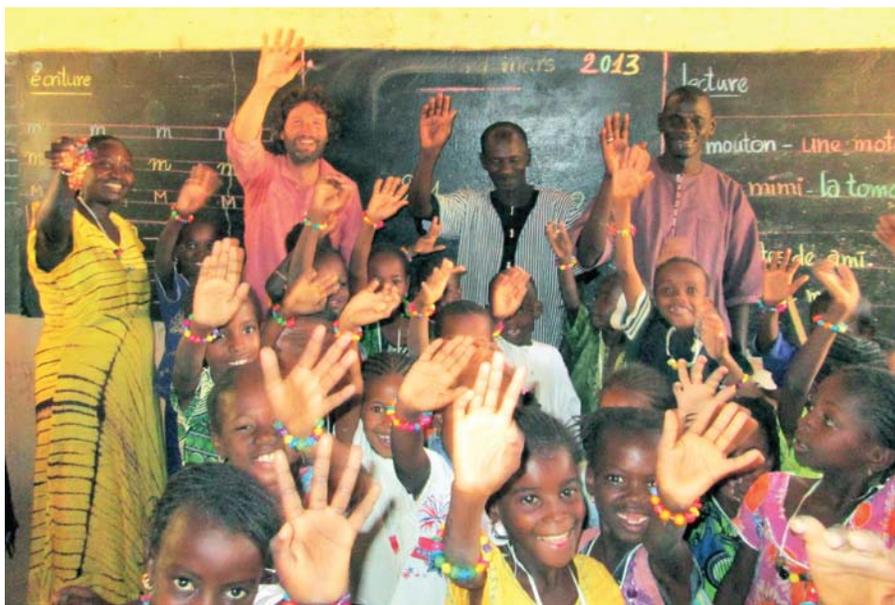


Unpacking bundles of mosquito nets



The doctor, the chief, and our program director, Oumar  
**New Health Clinic in Hamet Doula**

We are helping to fund a new health clinic in one of our most remote partner villages, where medical care has been virtually inaccessible. This new clinic is now providing basic health services to residents of Hamet Doula and the surrounding villages.



## School Supply Distribution to 2,400 Children

In 2013, we distributed school supplies for 2,400 children to the 17 elementary schools that serve our 33 partner villages. Many of the families in this region are struggling to provide the most basic needs to their children, and our distribution of the school supplies that may otherwise be out of reach helps to ensure that those children have the tools they need to succeed in their education.

