

# Kadiogne Courier

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Dear Supporters,

First, a quick anecdote from Luke: I watched Senegal's first World Cup game this summer with friends in a small town in the rural north of the country. I will not forget the moment when the intense anticipation of those gathered in the family courtyard around a small television turned to pure joy as Senegal's first goal sailed home. After the night's victory, the whole town turned out in the streets, banging pots and pans and singing and dancing. And for the next nine days, through a second victory and leading up to the third game, all of Senegal was in splendid celebration, with jerseys and flags and an air of high excitement. After a defeat in the third game, Senegal was eliminated, and the country was disappointed. But the next day, everyone picked up and moved on; a friend of mine brushed off the defeat, saying, "Well, in the end it's just sport." And this whole experience reminded me of something I admire in the Senegalese constitution: they celebrate victories

in style, and they take defeat in stride. We see this every day among our partners, who face tremendous challenges but keep pushing to improve the lives of others, focusing on celebration of small victories, undeterred by inevitable setbacks.

During this past year, we have continued to engage in a range of health and education programs that you have learned about over the years, including our distribution of school supplies for the more than two thousand children in our eighteen partner schools. In this newsletter, we are highlighting a couple of admirable organizations that we have continued to support during this past year. We are grateful for your consistent and generous contributions, which allow us both to run our own programs and to support our wonderful partner organizations!

Yours truly,



Luke Klein,

Executive Director (unpaid)



Phyllis Taylor, RN,

Co-Chair

## HEALTH CLINICS IN KAOLACK



Kids of Kadiogne was thrilled to continue our support this year of the nonprofit organization Institut Mère-Enfant de Kaolack (IMEK), which is based in Kaolack, Senegal. IMEK lives out their mission to serve vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, through their three clinics that provide access to affordable health care, including inpatient and outpatient care and access to doctors, birth attendants, and nurses. IMEK recently implemented a new community-based health insurance program that for approximately \$20 per year provides an individual with access to inpatient and outpatient primary health care services at any IMEK clinic, imaging and laboratory services, annual physicals, antenatal care, and deliveries. Kids of Kadiogne was happy to provide grants that provided insurance coverage for 60 patients.

Kids of Kadiogne board member Nicholas Diamond, MPH, has personal experience working on the ground with IMEK, including the organizing of malaria and malnutrition programs that reached over a thousand patients. Nick has worked to coordinate our support of their work, which we look forward to continuing in the years to come.





## AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN MBOUR

Kids of Kadiogne was excited to continue our support of Africa Leads as they launched a new vocational school in Mbour, Senegal during the 2017-2018 academic year. Aimed at youth who were unable to attend traditional schools for various reasons, the program provides education in literacy and basic academic subjects, as well as both theoretical and practical vocational training in agriculture. Students spend part of their day studying with experienced teachers in the classroom, and their study is followed up by hands-on application of their knowledge in the school's large vegetable garden. The program emphasizes organic agriculture, which is becoming increasingly popular in Senegal. Proceeds from sale of the crops fund awards that are available to the top students upon completion of the program to help them become agricultural entrepreneurs.

Kids of Kadiogne worked closely with the Co-Founders of Africa Leads, Selamawit Bekele and Antoinette Zoumanigui (who is also one of our board members) during the planning and implementation of the school, and we look forward to continuing our support of this fantastic educational model into the future.



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