

Final Report

CmiA Community Cooperation Programme

NOUVELLE SOCIETE COTONNIERE DU TOGO (NSCT), 2022

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The CmiA Community Cooperation Programme supports the cotton farming communities beyond sustainable cotton cultivation

- Supporting projects for **CmiA cotton growing** communities.
- Developed by verified local CmiA partners based on a **demand analysis from the communities**.
- Project areas: Education, Health, and Gender equality.
- CmiA partner brands can become community project **funding partners**.



Our CmiA Community Projects in figures



With the CmiA Community Cooperation Programme, the initiative is working together with local cotton companies and textile companies to improve living conditions beyond sustainable cotton cultivation in the areas of education, health, and gender equality. The following projects were implemented by 2022:







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Dormitories for girls



Buildings have been equipped with solar energy



Classrooms





School gardens

Latrines

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Water supply in three Togolese villages

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Budget:

Total project costs: 14,021 EUR Funding amount: 10,190 EUR Applicant contribution: 3,831 EUR

Project status:

Completed (since June 2023)

Beneficiaries:

2,329 people, 48% of them women



Cotton made in Africa

Background information



Despite efforts by the Togolese government and other organizations to improve the supply of portable water, access to drinking water remains a major problem in the regions Savanes, Central and Northern Plateau in Togo. These regions are also highly exposed to the effects of climate change, in form of increased drought and unpredictable rainfall patterns. Women are forced to walk an average of 2 km to reach the nearest source of potable water or use polluted water from dams. Due to these challenges, three villages have been identified to help them with access to drinking water.

These villages are Namare/Puob-n-kpaad (NAKI OUEST, SAVANES), Tchokoroko (WELLY, CENTRALE) and Aloba (GAME, PLATEAU-NORD).

The project is supported and coordinated by NSCT, a limited company with different shareholders (51% owned by the Singaporean OLAM International Group, 25% by the National Federation of Cotton Producers Group (FNGPC), and 24% by the Togolese government).

Project Outputs

During the project period, the three planned boreholes were drilled, installed and equipped with Human Power Pumps (HPPs).

Sustainability will be ensured through the establishment of a borehole management committee in each community. This committee will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the boreholes and will rely on a fund raised from small contributions from community members to ensure the maintenance of the boreholes and the promotion of preventive measures against waterborne disease. In addition, the management committee will receive WASH training, as well as training in equipment management and financial management, so that they can share their knowledge to community members.

One month after the beneficiaries were able to use the water from the boreholes, NSCT conducted a small survey in the community to determine the changes brought about by the work. Access to drinking water is a major step forward in health:

- Drinking and cooking water significantly reduces the incidence of diarrheal diseases, especially among children.
- Personal hygiene and washing clothes in clean, abundant water are important factors in reducing skin diseases.
- Fatigue and pain from carrying water, especially for women, are reduced.



Beneficiaries individual feedback



"My name is LAMBONI Lady, I am 25 years old and there are eight members in my household. I would like to thank NSCT and my colleagues for their efforts. With this borehole, we have an easy access to drinking water, which was difficult to get before. When we came back from the field, we had to go to a water point and stand in a long queue to get a small amount of water for the family. But today I have water in quantity, quality and close to my home. I can only thank God and the donors and pray that the cotton production will develop, so that I can get more help from the NSCT."

LAMBONI Lady from the village Namare



"2023 is a blessed year for us because we never expected to have a borehole in our village. We suffered too much, and it wasn't even drinking water. As we want a second one, we're going to redouble our efforts and have a good production and finally a good harvest this season. Many thanks to our donors."

BABISSA Yawa from the village Aloba



"In the village of Tchokoroko, we're delighted that a borehole has been given to us. We used to suffer to get water, but with the borehole next door we can spend more of our time working in our fields and on other activities."

PATCHATI Akossiwa from the village Tchokoroko



"My name is KALABINA Yao. I would like to thank sincerely the new cotton company of Togo and the donors for the realization of this work in our village. Water is life. And the incidence of diarrhea will reduce in our environment."

KALABINA Yao from the village Tchokoroko

Village Namare



The new borehole of Namare

Women of Namare fetching water



Impressions Village Tchokoroko



Daily activities at the new borehole of Tchokoroko

Impressions Village Aloba







First sip from the new borehole in Aloba





Construction works







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Cotton made in Africa, an initiative of the Aid by Trade Foundation, is one of the world's leading standards for sustainably produced cotton. Its goal is to help people help themselves via trade in order to improve the living and working conditions of small-scale cotton farmers in Africa and to protect our environment.

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