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December is the month when we think about the end and a start at the same time! It is the end of a year and a hope for a new start!

December, the month when happiness and joy are visible on people faces and smiles, the month when we start taking out some vests and sweats because it gets colder in here!

December is also the month during which lots of volunteers left Saint-Louis, leaving there everlasting impressions.

Discover, in this edition, how we celebrated the volunteer ever growing commitment all over the world on the 5th on December by painting and renovating the ASF Care Centre.

Share the joy given to the street children (known as Talibes in Senegal) by Marc Grossman a former care volunteer.

And last but not least, the fights for a nicer and cleaner environment through Nancy Fingers volunteer activities. Indeed, Nancy Finger is a former Human Rights volunteer from Germany who did a great job to remind people the necessity to consider 'the impact of garbage on health' and so much more!

Enjoy our last monthly newsletter of the year 2013 and start 2014 in happiness! 2013 has been a great year of love, knowledge; attention and success shared at a large scale...Let us make 2014 greater!

Have a good read

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We would like to invite you to find our Official Facebook Group by searching Projects-Abroad Senegal – The Official Group. Also, if you would like, add us as a friend so that we can be in touch before, during and after your trip to Senegal.

My Facebook name is Arame Projects Abroad. Or if you are a Twitter fan, you can also follow the

latest news here, our name is Proj_AbroadSN.

Best wishes from Senegal.



December 5th, International Volunteer Day



International Volunteer Day is a day when we celebrate and recognize the hard work of volunteers all around the world. At Projects Abroad Senegal, we celebrated that day by renovating the ASF Care centre. This centre is the place where the street children, known as talibes come to benefit from the assistance of

our care volunteers.



The renovation consisted of painting the centre and giving it a new look! The painting activity lasted three days. The Thursday 05th and the Friday 06th were open to all volunteers from every project willing to participate to the renovation of the centre. Thus many other volunteers joined the painting, such as Natalie a journalism volunteer. The Projects Abroad staff also contributed to the brand new look of the centre, they spent time at the ASF Care Centre with the volunteers.

And the Saturday 07th, the professional painter EL HADJ Ndiaye ended the renovation. This painter is one of our partners, as we usually work with him on our 2 Week Special renovation sites.

Donation from Marc Crossman to the ASF Care Centre



Marc Grossman is a former care volunteer from Germany who worked for two months at the ASF Care Centre. The ASF care centre is a place where the street children, known as Talibes, come to benefit from the assistance of Projects Abroad volunteers, as they teach the children and treat their wounds. The centre is also the place where they can have some leisure activities as every child needs to.



Two years after his journey to Senegal, Marc sent the centre a donation for the children. The donation consists of 26 t-shirts, 04 football jerseys, 10 for, short, shoes, soccer balls, tennis balls and a dart game.



The coordinator and male nurse of the ASF Care Centre, Atou Kane Seck and Amina the other nurse of the centre gave the

clothes to the talibes. The talibes was really happy to receive new clothes and games.

The dart game and balls will be used during the leisure activities organized for the children once a week at the ASF Care Centre!

The children are grateful for that donation that proves that the centre is still in your mind Marc!

Big thanks to you on behalf of the children and the community!

Situation of the Trash in Saint-Louis, something that matters to Nancy Finger (Germany)



Nancy Finger, German engineer, volunteered at the Human Rights Office in Senegal. That office aims at contributing in the improvement and advancement of humans rights through creating awareness and providing support to locals. The Human Right volunteers are generally involved in lots of awareness campaigns and lessons based on some basic



legal aspects. They also write a report based on a topic chosen with the help of the coordinator of the Human Rights Office.

Nancy chose to write about the trash situation in Saint-Louis. Indeed, conscious of the importance of a growing awareness about the protection of our environment, Nancy decided to work on the trash problem in Senegal, particularly in the city of Saint-Louis. Saint-Louis is a really beautiful city whose beauty is being jeopardized by a population ignorant of the importance of keeping their city clean.

- Research process

Right w Nancy started investigating in order to prepare her report. In the beginning, she used written sources such as the internet.

Later on, she decided to conduct interviews of the different parts of the population fully interested by the subject. She interviewed people such as journalists, doctors and people in their families!

The cleaning agents, important part of the population studied, were also interviewed. To know and really experience their working conditions, Nancy even spent time with them and shared one of their mornings at work.



- Presentations

In the middle of her research process, Nancy realized that “it is important to create awareness, make people aware of the trash problem and make them understand the importance to change things”.

After she gathered a lot of information, Nancy thus organized presentations in order to talk about the problem of the garbage in the city. The presentation whose topic was “Trash impact on health and recycling importance” included three parts. First the impact of garbage on health was treated, then recycling concepts exposed. Finally, the



situation of the management of garbage in the City of Saint-Louis would be addressed.



Her presentations started at the Projects Abroad Centre, where her office is located. The aim was to explain to locals, all the health problems related to trash. Most of the volunteers, locals from the neighborhood and some of the cleaning agents attended that first presentation. The presentation was such a success that Nancy was asked to extend her

audience and go to high schools in Saint-Louis.

Nancy sensitized over one hundred young students as she went to three different schools. Nancy was also invited to one of the workshops of the Voices of the World Journalism Club, where she animated an interesting debate on the same topic.



• Donation

On her last day, Nancy made a great donation to the cleaning agents that she met during her interviews. She was confronted with their hard working conditions and serious lack of means. Affected by their situation, Nancy

did a donation that she achieved with the help from friends and family in Germany.

Nancy donated over two hundred masks and gloves to those cleaning agents clearly happy to receive such equipment so needed for their job.



Have a look at our Photos album :

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/projectsabroad.senegal/photos/>

Have a look at the videos taken in our projects on our YouTube Channel!

Sports Football Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtWkkV5HLs4>

Care Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwlfgrOVsEY>

Music and Culture Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUzWh2eSXmk>

Microfinance Project :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaP4GakDTkk>

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