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Letter from the Editor

September has seen many volunteers who left after a busy season in our destination. The project of the month is undoubtedly the Microfinance Project; great initiatives have been noticed from the volunteers. The volunteer Fabian Zissel (Germany) gives you a little summary of what they have achieved with one of the beneficiaries of the Microfinance's loan.

The summer kindergarten project ended with a great celebration for the children in the hall of "Daaray Guneyi" kindergarten. Saint Louis welcomed many people at the beginning of the month due to the great celebration of the Magal 2 rakkas.

We received two great donations from a former Journalism volunteer Melanie Horstead (UK) and our twin volunteers, Arthur and Reine Pfister who was doing a Care Project at Hlm Talibe (Street Children) centre.

The Sounds of the World website has been launched, finally. It's a great project that supports the local bands; I am managing this Project in Senegal. By the way I would like to inform that this edition of the newsletter is the last one I will write, my lovely sister Arame Faye, who was replacing Fina while she was on maternity leave is going to take over as the new Information Manager for Senegal. For my part I will be focused on Sounds of the World Project and try to make it a big success! :)



I invite you to please support as much as you can the local bands from our social media. First by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/soundsoftheworldnetwork> and secondly by visiting regularly our website: www.sounds-of-the-world.com.

It's been great to give you news from my lovely Senegal. Hope you enjoyed it!
;)

Good luck to Arame. Thanks for staying tuned :)

One love to all of you!

Habib Diaw



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 Habib

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.

Microfinance volunteer story: Setting up a pizza shop in Saint-Louis!



The Microfinance Project in Senegal aims at helping Talibés to secure a sustainable future for themselves through small scale entrepreneurship. Our team came up

with the idea of selling pizza in Saint-Louis' suburbs. Everybody loves pizza. Unfortunately, at the moment pizza is solely offered in certain restaurants in the city centre. These places tend to be fairly expensive and are not affordable for the vast majority of Senegalese families. Our aim is to offer a pizza at a fraction of the common prices (500 FCFA vs. up to 4.000 FCFA) and still achieving a return.



To get the project started, all volunteers in the Microfinance project (**Fanny**



Laliberté, Phineas Leslau, Michelle Poirot, Cressida Shaw, Fabian Zissel) and its coordinator, **Ousmane Ndiaye**, donated 24.000 CFA to buy an oven and the ingredients to prepare the first pizzas



.Four of our beneficiaries (**Zakaria Diallo, Mazide Diallo, Mouhamed Baldé, Souleymane Wane**) were invited to a ‘pizza workshop.’ **Zakaria** already runs a ‘Tangana’ (small restaurant) in Pikine Angletall while **Mazide,**

Mouhamed and **Souleymane** are new beneficiaries who are in the process of getting their own business started. We spent one afternoon together explaining them the recipe and involving them in the preparation of the first pizzas. Fortunately, we successfully handled a traditional Senegalese oven and we satisfied all our tasters.



Before starting the sale of the first pizzas we prepared a large poster and flyers to be distributed in Zakaria's neighbourhood. At the same time we started visiting office buildings in the city centre and offered the delivery of pizzas. So far, the delivery of pizzas turned out to be most promising. Besides the office buildings we were asked by several people if it was possible to deliver pizza for the birthday of their children. Further, we invited all volunteers and the Projects Abroad staff to the HLM centre for the first 'pizza night'. We raised 30.000 FCFA and donated it to the centre. Our aim is to organise this event on a monthly basis.

The pizza project turned out to be highly profitable. It created a lively interest among the Talibés and we are willing to help further beneficiaries to create their own pizza businesses. Starting from now we need to make the project known to more people in Saint-Louis. A potential milestone is the end of school holidays in October. We then want to try selling pizza to the students during their breaks.

Ultimately, we hope that future volunteers see that initiative can result in such successful projects. And: keep the pizza project going, "mooi" (Nice) :)





By Fabian Zissel

Great donation by The Talibes Trust, an great initiative by former volunteer Melanie Horstead!

We received a great donation of 100.000 cfa (£130) from former journalism



volunteer Melanie Horstead (UK). She raised this money thanks to a great project that she created, [Talibe Trust](#), which aims to help the Talibes (street children). 70.000 cfa of the money went to our Care

Project for medical aid and food at Hlm talibe centre



and 30.000cfa to our Microfinance Project, a project that help the oldest Talibes to have a small business.



Big thanks to Melanie and to all who participated in this great donation on behalf of the staff, Talibes and volunteer in our Talibes centre, may all your wishes and dreams comes true.

Donation from two Care volunteers: Arthur and Reine Pfister "the adorably crazy twins from Luxembourg"



We received a great donation of 90.000 CFA Francs from Arthur and Reine Pfister, two young volunteers from Luxembourg that stayed one month with us. These twins that did a great job



at Hlm Talibes Centre, expressed the desire to donate something before leaving.

They handed the money directly to Michelle Poirot (Netherlands) who is managing the centre's money in front of Moctar, the Country Director.

As a special request, they said that they would like that money to be used to buy clothes and medicine for the Talibes. In addition, this money will help launch a big hygiene awareness campaign.

Big thanks to you guys, your smile and hard work were a gift to the Talibes so you can be sure that this money will be well used to improve their day to day life!

End of the Summer Care Kindergarten 2013



We celebrated the end of the summer Care Kindergarten 2013 in the hall of the kindergarten Daaray Guneyi. And like every year there was food, drinks and music! The kids were very happy and they were dancing non-stop ^^.

It was so funny and the music was so good that our Volunteer Coordinator, Cheikh, couldn't help doing some dance steps! Every year, during the summer vacation, Projects Abroad organizes a free summer kindergarten where our volunteers can work and

take care of children from the areas around the kindergarten. They did arts and crafts activities, sang songs, played music, took trips to the beach, and many other activities.

Our Country Director, Moctar attended the event and congratulated the staff at the Kindergarten for their great work :)

It was great fun and at the end the children received many gifts from the "Tatas" (Senegalese supervisors), our volunteer Karine Defaye and our desk officer, Joke.



Well done to all the volunteers that have contributed to the success of this great project!

Cultural event: Celebration of the "2 rakkas" annual pilgrimage!



On September the 5th, we celebrated the "2 rakkas" annual pilgrimage in Saint Louis, Senegal. More than a thousand Murids came from all corners of Senegal to accomplish the "takussan" prayer in the city main island. The prayer symbolizes an unprecedented act of courage by Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba on the same day 118 years ago. Bamba, who was then considered as



a possible threat to the colonial administration, refused to acknowledge the French authority and prayed in the Governor's office. He was later deported to Gabon for seven years. Bamba founded the Murid sufi brotherhood and established the city of Touba which is now the second largest city in Senegal!

During and even one day after the pilgrimage, "Baye Fall" people (disciples of Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba), with their traditional outfit and their dreadlocks, wander around the city singing and playing drums.

Have a look at the pictures! :)



The Sounds of the World website has been launched! That's a great initiative by Projects Abroad which aims to promote local bands. Please visit our website, 'Like' our Facebook page and share the link with your friends, relatives and colleagues. By doing this you will give us the opportunity to promote more and more artists and help some of them earn a recorded song and get known. If you are an artist, feel free to contact me no matter where you are from; send me your details so we can add you to our bands database. It's 100% free! We and the artists will exist



thanks to your support. Feel free to send us your comments, suggestions,
love...everything! :)

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One love all!

Learn a bit of Woloff

Since I know you really love to learn woloff :)

WOLOFF	ENGLISH
Salamou Aleykoun	Hello or Good morning
Mou aleykoun salam	Good morning!
Nanga déf	How are you?
Manguifi :	I am fine!
No todo?	What's your name?
Magui todo Joey! :	My name is Joey!
Fo deukeu?	Where do you live?
Magui deukeu Saint Louis	I live in Saint Louis
Fo jeum	Where are you going?
Magui jeum liguéy	I am going to work.
Légui Légui	See you soon!



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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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