

## **Program Partners**

### **Narcisse Kaboré, Project Coordinator**

Narcisse Kabore has worked in international programs for the developing world, including: microfinance, budget and project management, food security, fundraising, agriculture cooperatives, and farm products packaging. Narcisse has a B.A. degree in economics and a Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Geneva. Narcisse is committed to helping AZN with fundraising, maintaining records, and preparing financial and technical reports.

### **Maya Trotz, PhD., University of South Florida (USF)**

Maya Trotz, PhD, is a professor of civil and environmental engineering at University of South Florida (USF). Her engineering department students researched the use of renewable energy sources to power water catchment basins in Burkina Faso. USF engineers are ready to lend their technical expertise to issues of sustainability and water quality that arise in Ramongo and elsewhere.

### **Guy Fipps, PhD Texas A&M University (TAMU)**

Guy Fipps, PhD is Director of the Irrigation Technology Center at TAMU. The Center is providing technical research and information vis-à-vis quality and sustainable irrigation systems associated with new rainwater catchment basins. Dr. Fipps is a well known technical expert of water irrigation systems, having advised water projects in Afghanistan, Australia, Burkina Faso, China, and Iraq.

### **Iris Patten, PhD University of Arizona (Formerly University of Florida)**

Dr. Patten is a professor of land use planning who has conducted applied research on water filtration systems. In April 2009, Dr. Patten visited the newly constructed basin in Sisené where she collected data and information from the villagers and project participants. This information is currently being used by a cadre of graduate students to determine how best to take advantage of local materials in building water filtration systems for catchment basins in Burkina Faso.

### **Chantal Kabore, PhD Animal Husbandry**

Chantal Kabore is a professor of animal husbandry at the University of Ouagadougou who has provided guidance to AZN and villagers for the first rainwater catchment basin constructed in Sisené. She is willing to continue to provide advice and technical assistance to villagers in Ramongo.

### **Clementine Dabire, PhD Agriculture**

Dr. Dabrie is an agriculture professor who has taught university students in Ouagadougou and in Bobo-Dioulasso. She has provided guidance to AZN in its efforts to assist farmers and educate them about organic farming and export markets for dried products.

### **Thomas Vollrath, PhD Agricultural Economist**

Thomas Vollrath is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Burkina Faso 1967 – 1970. Dr. Vollrath has chaired the Friends of Burkina Faso's Projects Committee since its inception in 2002.

### **Kathleen McDonald, President Community Building Group (CBG)**

Kathleen McDonald was a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso 1971 - 1973 and has been working with AZN since 2007. She is president of Community Building Group, Ltd. (CBG), a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in Florida, U.S.A. that partnered with AZN on the rainwater catchment basin built in Sisené. CBG's commitment is to fund-raising, cross cultural exchange; leadership development; and mentoring women, students, and young people.

### **Ousmane Traoré, Msc, Degree, Graduate from the University of Ouagadougou**

Ousmane Traoré assists Give Water Give Life with information collection, government contacts, and promotion.

**Ibrahima Zerbo, Eng. Degree, Polytechnic University of Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso**

Ibrahima Zerbo is a graduate student in engineering who gathers technical and local information for the design of the rainwater catchment basins and irrigation systems.

**K. Laetitia Kabore, Eng. Degree, Polytechnic University of Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso**

Laetitia Kabore is a graduate student in engineering who gathers technical and local information for the design of the rainwater catchment basins and irrigation systems.

**Bagnetl Blaise, Graduate MSc from University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**

Bagnetl Blaise is a committed member to providing research needed for the success of the use of rainwater catchment basins in many villages in the Give Water Give Life project.

**Awa Zerbo, Msc Social Science, Graduate from University of Ouagadougou**

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**Adama Traoré, Eng. Degree, Polytechnic University of Bobo Dioulasso**

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