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PROJECT FOR "INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL INITIATIVE SCHOOL FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED CHILDREN IN SOKODE, TCHAOUDJO DISTRICT"

REPORT 11 OF THE HEARING-IMPAIRED CHILDREN'S PROJECT

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A school for the deaf and hard of hearing was created in Sokodé in 2006 under the name VIVENDA. It had 15 deaf and hard of hearing children, including 7 girls and 8 boys, and only one (1) teacher.

The school was entirely funded by financial contributions from parents and certain NGOs such as "CAMPAGNE DES HOMMES" based in Kpalimé .

Due to a lack of funding, the VIVENDA school was closed during the 2019-2020 school year.

Following the school's closure, the deaf and hard-of-hearing children who attended were left at home, without any support within the education system. This further complicated the lives of both the parents and the children.

This is how a woman from Sokodé, a seamstress by trade, offered to take over the schooling of these children in need, whose numbers were steadily increasing. The School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children of Sokodé, under the name KAMADAR (ESMK-Sokodé), was thus established for the 2020-2021 school year.

Using her own funds, this woman then rented a 6-bedroom house with a yard and a playground to house ESMK-Sokodé. She hired a teacher from the former VIVENDA school to teach the students.

Aware of the financial difficulties faced by parents in general, and those of deaf and hard-of-hearing children in particular, and recognizing the desire of almost all these parents to see their children educated and trained in a specialized school, ESMK-Sokodé has chosen not to request any contribution from parents already affected, in order to encourage their children's enrollment. School uniforms, supplies, and snacks are all fully covered by the school.

Presented to the administrative, religious and customary authorities of the central region, as well as to the population through communications and meetings, the initiative to open ESMK-Sokodé was welcomed and congratulated by all stakeholders, as the need for such a school is real.

ESMK-Sokodé, the only private specialized school that takes care of the schooling of deaf and hard-of-hearing children, aspires to become a reference school that could one day benefit from the support of the Togolese State through the allocation of specialized teachers.

It was in the search for solutions that the promoter of this school met with the NGO CAV to request the support of these financial partners.

This project therefore falls within the framework of result 3 of the 2021-2025 strategic plan of the NGO CAV, entitled: "The education of girls in rural areas and the fight against trafficking of children in general and of disabled children in particular are improved by the end of 2025".

Since 2023, with the financial support of various partners through GlobalGiving , a leading fundraising organization, several actions have been carried out. These include, among others:

- Recruitment and training of two (2) additional teachers;
- Coverage of the salaries of the three (3) teachers, the Director and other support staff;
- Acquisition of teaching materials and consumables (tables, chairs, bench-tables, cabinet, chalk and specialized tools for the hearing impaired), etc.;
- Acquisition of three (3) children's play modules;
- Financial support for classroom rental costs, water and electricity bills throughout the school year;
- Acquisition of a plot of land with an area of 2 ares and 25 centiares for a school construction project;
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Currently, within the framework of the implementation of this project "Supporting schools for hearing-impaired students" in the prefecture of Tchaoudjo , the NGO CAV was able to mobilize a sum of \$3,164.38 between December 2025 and March 2026, of which \$3,150.58 from the COCHRAN Family and \$13.80 from anonymous donations.

In collaboration with school officials, it was proposed to continue the fundraising so that the sum could allow the next stage in the construction of the school.

Done at Sokodé, on July 13, 2026.

For the NGO CAV, the National Coordinator



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