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Street Children in Ouagadougou

Care and education for children and young adults in Burkina Faso

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Helping people to help themselves

CAFOC: practical and demand-oriented

Donations which really reach those in need

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The situation in Burkina Faso

In UN statistics, Burkina Faso numbers among the five least developed countries. It is endowed with hardly any mineral resources, and agriculture, which is the direct source of livelihood for more than three-quarters of the population, struggles with erosion, soil depletion and frequent droughts, and when it does rain there is the danger of flooding. Gradual climate change compounds these problems, which have the severest impact on the poor (rural) population. The majority of the population of Burkina Faso lives at or below the poverty line.

In Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, many children or young adults are living on the streets due to different reasons, e.g. because their parents have no income to feed them or they are orphans. Without access to education these young people have almost no future prospects. Malnourishment, juvenile delinquency, alcohol and drug abuse often are the consequences of living on the streets. Every day, the children and young adults struggle for survival.



ÖJAB and development cooperation

Since the early 1960s, ÖJAB has been continuously involved in development cooperation for the West African country Burkina Faso (former Upper Volta). It therefore became a pioneer in development cooperation for this country, which today is one of the focus countries of the Austrian Federal Development Cooperation.

The low level of education and training has been identified as one of the greatest obstacles and challenges for development in Burkina Faso. Hence, promoting practical and demand-oriented vocational education is an explicit aim of the ÖJAB activities in Burkina Faso.

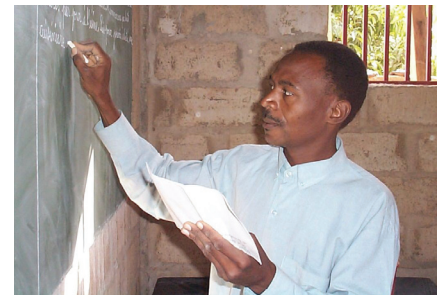
In 1970, ÖJAB founded a technical-commercial school in Burkina Faso, in which pupils have the opportunity to become well-educated, skilled workers (See left photo).

Today, ÖJAB has a local office in Ouagadougou, and focuses primarily on its charity project “Street Children in Ouagadougou”.

The money raised for this project is handed 100% to educational and training projects for fundless children and youths in Ouagadougou. ÖJAB bears all administration costs.

Support for CAFOC

With the donations collected by ÖJAB, the local education centre Centre d'Apprentissage et de Formation Continue (CAFOC) can afford scholarships for students as well as a part of teaching materials, costs for personnel and school infrastructure. ÖJAB continuously monitors the success of this project.



CAFOC accepts homeless or orphaned children and youths, often directly from the street, and teaches them basics in reading, writing, mathematics, French and English in addition to providing them with general help and support. Furthermore, they are instructed in main features of electrical engineering and metal working theoretically and



practically – two important working fields in Burkina Faso.

In combination with school education the pupils are integrated in working life: starting already in the first year of education, they get practical training in a company two days a week. Due to this dual education, many graduates of CAFOC find jobs later on – or even become self-employed.

CAFOC was founded by Issaka Zagé, who is director of this school today. He was born in Burkina Faso, completed his education at the ÖJAB Dr. Bruno Buchwieser School for engineering and electrical engineering in Ouagadougou and went to Mannheim, Germany, for further training. The money he earned during his time in Germany he invested in the school project CAFOC, which became his lifework.

ÖJAB supports this education project since 2001.