

Gruppo Aleimar Onlus
&
OCPSP Institute - Benin



DAILY BREAD FARM

**INTEGRATED PROJECT FOR THE SELF-SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HOSPITALITY
CENTER AND THE FAMILY REINTEGRATION FRANCESCO MASSARO
AGNANGNAN (ABOMEY) – BENIN**



1. PROJECT IN BRIEF

TITLE

The Daily Bread

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

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BENEFICIARIES

130 children, of which:

- 40 children of the center in long-term care;
- 40 children re-homed (as well as brothers and sisters);
- 20 children rolling with short hospital admissions;
- 30 children with day care.

TOTAL AMOUNT

57,700 \$

REQUESTED AMOUNT

41,200 \$

REALIZATION TIMES

12 months.

Expected start: January 2015

Completion : December 2015

2. SUMMARY

The project consists in the implementation of a farm next to the hospitality center (C.A.R.F. Francesco Massaro) and the nutritional one co-managed by Aleimar and Sisters of the OCPSP for over ten years. The aim is to contribute to enhance the diet of the children and more generally to the self-sustainability of the two already existing structures.

The area on where the farm will be built is a plot of about 17,000 sqm. It is a bequest in favor of the religious institute in Benin of the OCPSP Sisters with an exclusive bond of socio-humanitarian purposes.

The beneficiaries are 130 children.

The estimated cost is 57,700 \$ and the request to the donors is 41,200 \$.

It is foreseen a co-financing by the Diocese of Abomey and the OCPSP Institute that in addition to provide the land, will make available the staff (religious and lay) to carrying out the various activities (coordination of farm and farming activities and coordination of the sales activities and training for local operators).

Abomey municipality offered the sponsorship of the project, recognizing its human and economic value.

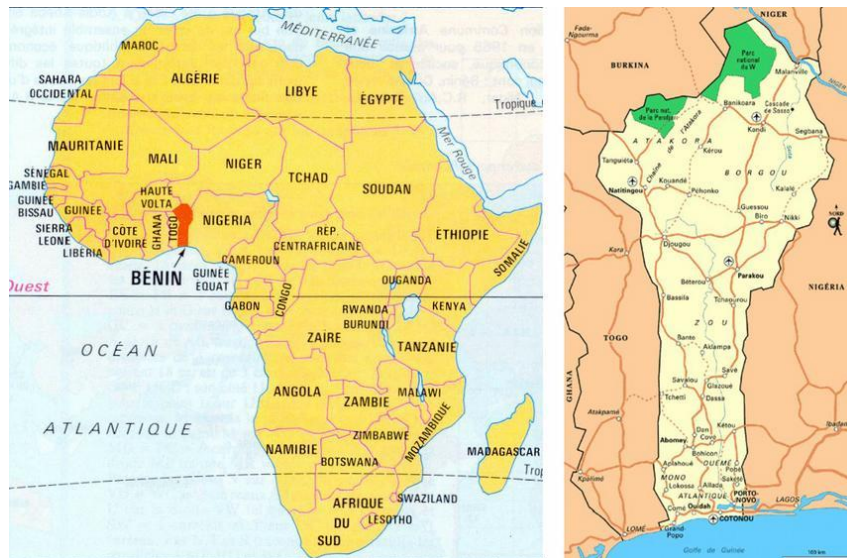
The project shall be executed in 12 months, starting in January 2015.

3. INTRODUCTION

Benin is a country in Central Western Africa classified by international organizations as belonging to the category of low-income countries in sub-Saharan Africa. It presents data both economic and social standards very low. Here below some data in comparison with Italy (in brackets)¹:

- Extension: 114,763 (301,000) sq km
- Population: 10 (61) million
- Average age: 18 (44) years
- Urban population: 45% (68%)
- Life expectancy at birth: 61 (82) years
- Fertility index: 5,1 (1,4 children born/woman)
- Literacy level: 42% (99%)
- School life expectation: 11 (17) years
- Drinking water availability: 84% (100%)
- Per capita average income: 1600 (24.200) U\$/year
- Human Development Index: 166° (25°) place¹

¹ <https://data.undp.org> - 2013



Benin economy is very poor and largely depends on subsistence agriculture, cotton cultivation – predominantly oriented towards export – and regional trade.

Zou region is characterized by a fertile land but little used in agriculture because mostly occupied by woods or high wild vegetation. The economy depends on agriculture (corn, millet, cassava, yams and fruits) and retail trade of agricultural products, handcrafts, tools, household items, etc.. Abomey and the nearby town of Bohicon are places of transit for trucks going to Burkina Faso or Niger (cotton, diesel and other products transport which arrive by ship in the Cotonou harbor) useful for the local businesses.

The chief town Abomey (ancient capital of the kingdom of Dahomey) has about 150,000 inhabitants; except two or three small towns, the whole region has classic African villages made up of mud and straw huts without electricity and running water.

Agnangnan, where will be built the farm, is a suburb of Abomey.

Aleimar in Benin

The commitment of Aleimar in Benin is, in favor of poor and abandoned children, started in 2000 and has increased over the years also differentiating the types of interventions. The initial distance supports have been supported by cooperation projects towards the development for the promotion of local communities in which children are integrated till realize, in recent years, multi-annual programs to achieve the self-sustainability of the communities. In the health field Aleimar has built and manages a nutritional center in Abomey and sponsors hygiene and health training activities in several towns and villages. Aleimar also supports hospitality centers (in Natitingou, Boukoubé and Perma), the hospitality and professional training center in Toucountouna, kindergartens and primary schools in Natitingou e Kpossegan and a project for the promotion of OEV (Orpheelins et Enfants vulnérables – OVC Orphans and Vulnerable Children) in collaboration with Caritas-Benin.

Gruppo Aleimar's investments in Benin (supportships + development projects) amount about to 250,000 \$ per year.

4. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Agnangnan's center opened in 2006 to respond to the needs of hundreds of families of Abomey and the nearby villages to find hospitality and cares for children orphaned by mother at birth and to compensate for the inability of the existing center of Abomey to meet the many requests for help. The frequent deaths of women in the childbirth very often involves the removal and abandonment of newborns, malnutrition and frequent diseases.

After constructing the first building, where the small children of Abomey were transferred, arose the need of a "nursery", where children between 15 and 36 months can be transferred and a nutrition center to host the small orphans with a nurse (older sister, aunt or grandmother) or to offer them a daily health-nutrition service.

Now the center is equipped with the following care services:

- hospitalization orphaned infants in long-term care (orphans without relatives who can take care of): 40 guests;
- hospitalization orphaned infants with nurse in short-term care (maximum 3 months): 20 children per year;
- hospitality daily service for nurse with infant for training and assistance (included infant formula): 30 children per year;
- children care (long-term guests) reintegrated in the family: 40 children.

The center tries to make up for all needs of the children but needs, in turn, of new activities generating income that contribute to its self-sustenance. Thanks to the farm Aleimar wants gradually address it towards the economic autonomy independently by ALEIMAR'S SUPPORTSHIPS gradually being reduced over the time.

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The project aims to start an innovating and sustainable farm activity that can improve the living conditions inside the hospitality center and gradually lead to the management and financial autonomy of the center itself.

The objectives are:

- ✓ increasing of food production;

- ✓ improvement of the nutritional intake of the children both guests of the center and integrated in family and followed by the center;
- ✓ decrease of the costs of the center for the purchase of food outside;
- ✓ trade of the production surplus.

6. BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries: 130 children as follows:

- 40 children of the centre guests in long-term care;
- 40 children reintegrated in family (as well as brothers and sisters);
- 20 children in rotation with short hospital admissions;
- 30 children with day care.

Indirect beneficiaries: the families in the surrounding villages.

7. METHODES

The project will be implemented with the cooperation of the Institute of the Sisters OCPSP with which Gruppo Aleimar has signed an undertaking agreement for the management of 3 host centers (Toucountouna, Natitingou and Agnangnan). The Sisters will manage the in-site activities with the collaboration of lay staff.

A local company manages the implementation of the farm, formerly known by Aleimar. Construction materials are purchased locally.

Planned activities:

- 1) Implementation of an agricultural activity of agricultural products (peanuts, soybeans), vegetables and breeding of small farm animals according to the principles of sustainable agricultural economy (e.g. composting, innovative technologies of food storage, etc.).
- 2) Start up of a business for the sale of products.
- 3) Setting up of short training courses for agribusiness and managerial accounting for the dedicated staff.

Implementation phases:

- 1) Construction of a wall for the separation of the activities.
- 2) Start of the cultivation of agricultural products (peanuts and soybeans, vegetables).
- 3) Construction of a well with 6 water points, spaces to house animals (hen-house, rabbit hutch, shelter goats) warehouse for storage of feed and other products, compost bin.

- 4) Animals purchase and start of the breeding.
- 5) Organization of a business for the sale of products.
- 6) Setting up of short training courses for agribusiness and managerial accounting.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- 1.1. Increased caloric intake.
- 1.2. Varied and balanced diet based on local food products and in compliance with the various developmental phases of children.
- 2.1. Sale of products in the existing premises or in the local market with revenues increasing over the years.
- 3.1. Most qualified personnel in the management of income-generating activities inside the center.

It expects to get the management and financial autonomy of the center within 5 years.

8. QUOTATION

The total cost is 57,700 \$.

BUDGET for the construction

Item	Description	TOTAL \$
REVENUE		
1	OCPSP contribution	12,800
2	Diocese of Abomey contribution	3,700
3	Aleimar and other donors contribution	41,200
	TOTALE INCOME	57,700
OUTPUTS		
1	Animal shelter constructions, warehouse, perimetral wall, well with 6 water points, compost bin	29,000
2	Material and tools purchase	3,700
3	Animal purchase	5,700
4	Seeds purchase	600
5	Technical manager and farmer salaries	2,300
6	Fodder	11,600
7	Medicines and health products	1,200
8	Contingencies	1,900
9	Management	1,700
	TOTAL OUTPUTS	57,700

BUDGET for the management

MANAGEMENT INCOME – CENTER OF ABOMEY					
Income-generating activities inside the center					
INCOME	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Sale of animals	5,000	14,100	16,900	16,900	16,900
Sale of eggs	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sale of agricultural products	2,500	3,700	5,000	5,000	5,000
Sale of food and household (convenience store)	2,500	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,700
Total	20,000	30,900	35,600	35,600	35,600
COSTS					
Animal purchase	5,000	250	0	0	0
Fodder	10,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Medicines and health products	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Seeds	600	1,250	1,900	1,900	1,900
Buy wholesale products for convenience store	1,000	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Consumptions	700	700	700	700	700
Personnel salaries	2,250	2,250	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total	20,800	17,450	18,100	18,100	18,100
OPERATING MARGIN	-800	13,450	17,500	17,500	17,500

9. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PARTNERS

Francesco's Friends Association will continue to cooperate in the management of C.A.R.F. and nutrition center but will not deal with the farm specifically.

10. SUSTAINABILITY

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: the annual project, replicable in the next years, will continue under the direct management of the local religious institute OCPSP, which will host on its own land the farming activities and coordinate the activities of processing and marketing of the products (vegetables, peanuts, soybeans, eggs, chickens, rabbits, goats).

ECONOMICAL SUSTAINABILITY: it has been estimated that in 5 years the operating margin of the farm is of about 17,400 \$, against 22,400 \$ that Aleimar annually donates to sisters for the management of the center.

11. EVALUATION

In 2015 will be carried out two monitoring missions by the Italian Project Manager who shall prepare a mission report each time. Periodic reports will be also required from the local project coordinator (Sister Alexandrine) about the progress of the work and the meeting minutes of the team for the part concerning agricultural and commercial activity.

IMAGES OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE



REGISTER

	Applican Organization	Local Manager
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Tax code	91526820153	
Year of establishment	1983	1914
Staff	5 employees 110 volunteers	400 sisters
Mission	Helping children in need, with families at risk, abandoned or without references	Service to the poorest and promotion of the faith through the catechesis
Countries where operates	Benin, Brazil, Colombia, Congo, Eritrea, India, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Zambia	57 communities inside of 10 Dioceses in Benin, 1 Diocese in Nigeria, 3 Dioceses in Italy, 3 Dioceses in Colombia and 2 Dioceses in Niger
Recent experiences in similar projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and management of schools and accommodation centers in Congo, Eritrea, India, Palestine and Zambia • Construction of a farm in Toucountouna (Benin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Providence Farm in Toucountouna

BANK

a. *Applicant Organization:*

Bank: Banca Prossima (Gruppo Intesa San Paolo)

Checking account IBAN: IT 69 U 03359 01600 100000100565

SWIFT: BCITITMX

Account holder: Gruppo Aleimar Onlus

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FINANCIAL PLAN

COSTS (OUTPUTS)			COVERS (REVENUES)				
Cost items	Total Outputs		OCPSP	Diocese Abomey	Aleimar and other donors	Total Revenue Dollar	
	Local currency	Dollar					
A	CONSTRUCTIONS						
A1	Construction wall to separate activities	3,900			3,900	3,900	
A2	Warehouse	3,500		3,500		3,500	
A3	Hen-house	3,100			3,100	3,100	
A4	Rabbit hutches	3,700			3,700	3,700	
A5	Goats shelters	5,000			5,000	5,000	
A6	Compost bin	3,400			3,400	3,400	
A7	Well with 6 water points	6,200			6,200	6,200	
	TOTAL A:	28,800		3,500	25,300	28,800	
B	MATERIALS & ACTIVITIES						
B1	Seeds	300	300			300	
B2	Farm tools (hoes, shovels, plows, etc.)	1,000	1,000			1,000	
B3	Tools for the food processing	1,500	1,500			1,500	
B4	Machine per fodder processing	1,200	1,200			1,200	
B5	Animals purchase (chicken, rabbit, goats)	5,300	5,300			5,300	
B6	Fodder	12,400			12,400	12,400	
B7	Health care	1,200	1,200			1,200	
	TOTAL B:	22,900	10,500		12,400	22,900	
C	STAFF						
C1	Farm manager + farmer (12 months)	2,500	2,500			2,500	
	TOTAL C:	2,500	2,500			2,500	
D	OTHER EXPENSES						
D1	Contingencies	1,800			1,800	1,800	
D2	Management	1,700			1,700	1,700	
	TOTAL D:	3,500			3,500	3,500	
	GRAND TOTAL	57,700	13,000	3,500	41,200	57,700	
	% CONTRIBUTION		22%	6%	72%	100%	
		Local currency	Dollar	OCPSP	Diocese Abomey	Aleimar and other donors	Total Revenue Dollar
		Total Outputs					