



Ouelessebougu Alliance

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

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WE SERVE
47,218
 Men, Women,
 & Children in the
 Ouelessebougou
 Area



MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTORS

This has been an incredible year for Ouelessebougou Alliance. This year we helped 23,000 children and pregnant women get life saving vaccinations and 2,070 students attend school. Our health and education programs are thriving and we are excited to present this report to our dedicated supporters who have helped to make all of this possible.

Together we lift each other. Thank you!

Crys Lee
 Executive Director

Djiba Soumaoro
 Field Director

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OUR MISSION

To work in partnership with local village leaders to transform the quality of life in the Ouelessebougou region of Mali, West Africa, by delivering sustainable programs in health and education.

PROGRAM PURPOSES







Ouelessebougou Alliance was founded in 1986 to give Utahns the opportunity to serve a specific African community -- knowing that their assistance was going directly to the people for whom it was intended.

The Alliance's programs originate from the underlying premise that the citizens of Ouelessebougou will themselves identify the most crucial needs and locally viable and sustainable solutions.



OUR IMPACT

Healthy Villages

-  1,500 Mosquito Nets Distributed
-  23,000 Children & Pregnant Women Vaccinated
-  6 New Clean Water Wells; 1 Garden Well Repaired
-  84 Health Agents/Matrons/Matron Apprentices
-  5 villages completed Healthy Village Workshop training
-  115 Women and Children Working in OA Gardens



HEALTHY VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT

Immunizations



The Alliance partners with the Ouelessebougou Hospital District to have vaccinations distributed to the rural areas surrounding Ouelessebougou - not just partner villages. Between 2022-2023 this partnership helped to vaccinate:

- 19,000 children aged between 0 and 5 years
- 4,000 expectant mothers



"Vaccination is the best way to prevent children from diseases such as measles, tetanus, diphtheria and mumps. My brother died at 2 years old because of lack of vaccination. I did not want my children to die early because of preventable diseases. That is why I came to vaccinate my children. I thank the Ouelessebougou Alliance for supporting our vaccination program."

- Maimouna, a mother of five in Oure Village

SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE

Ophthalmology Expedition

In October 2022, Ouelessebougou Alliance (OA) partnered again with Utah Valley Eye Center (UVEC) to provide vision services that are currently not available in Mali. This team of volunteers worked with OA staff to work wonders in Ouelessebougou. Check out their wonderful results:

- 1,160 consultations & eye exams
- 4 cornea transplants
- 120 cataract surgeries
- 671 eyeglasses distributed



OBGYN Expedition

Ouelessebougou Alliance hosted the OBGYN expedition to Ouelessebougou from January 7-14, 2023. The OBGYN team came loaded with medical supplies and equipment to ensure the best surgical outcomes. They traveled at their own expense and arrived ready to serve. They saw tremendous results in one week:

- 122 total patients seen in clinic
- 39 surgeries performed
- Delivery of crucial medical supplies



Special thank you to both of these incredible teams!

HEALTHY VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT

Internally Displaced People




Internally Displaced People (IDP) are those who have fled violence in the north of Mali to find safety and security for their families in the South in places like Ouelessebouguo and the surrounding areas. To help these communities establish, the Alliance provides small-scale emergency projects in the form of disease-prevention, sanitation, and nutrition.




- 855 Internally Displaced Individuals were supported with clean-water wells, shelter, food, mosquito nets, and land by a combination of local village leaders, Latter-day Saint Charities, and Ouelessebouguo Alliance.
- 7 Clean Wells Installed in 3 IDP communities
- 52 bags of sorghum and 100 bags of rice were distributed to 300 Internally Displaced People and their families.
- IDP Communities in SounsounKoro and Siman completed phase 2 of the healthy village workshop.




OUR IMPACT
**Literate
Villages**

 2,070 students attended 12 primary schools

 377 New Students in 2023

 49% of Students Enrolled are Girls

 303 Women & Girls for Days for Girls Training

 24 Teachers Trained



LITERATE VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT

Literacy Workshops

2023 Successes

- 20 Literacy Classes
- 414 Total Literacy Students
- 212 First Year
- 202 Second Year
- 71% Students Were Female
- 20% Students Were Children Ages 12-18



About 20 years ago Oumou Samake moved to the village of Fadiobougou when she married her husband. Soon after she arrived in Fadiobougou, Oumou learned to read and write through Ouelessebougou Alliance's literacy workshops. She attended the classes for years until she got so good at both reading and writing in Bambara that she was able to become a literacy teacher.

Oumou has been teaching the Ouelessebougou Alliance literacy classes for the past 10 years. She believes Literacy classes are helping to build the future of Mali and is grateful to be a part of it.

COMMUNITY PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Henna & Seamstress Sponsorships



Every year, our field director, Djiba Soumauro, selects impactful projects that build the Alliance's relationship with the village of Ouelessebougou. This year, one of our community projects was to sponsor five women to complete professional henna training and one to complete seamstress training.



We are pleased to announce that after three months of focused training, our henna sponsorees have completed the program. The women have already started making money to support their families.

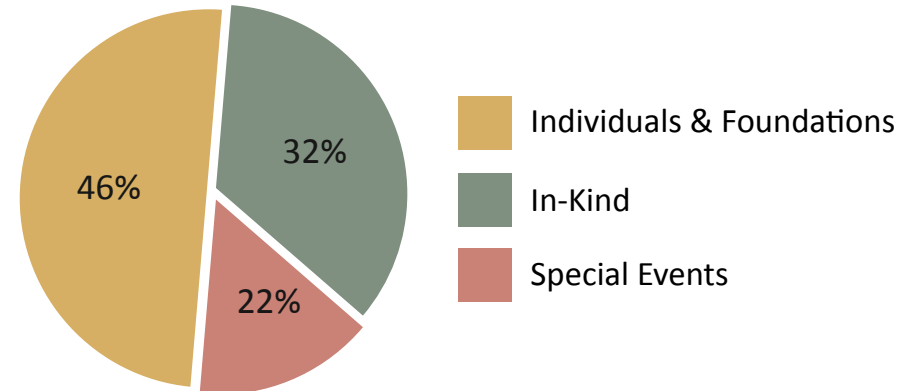


Our seamstress student is still working through their 3-year program. Once she graduates, she will have the opportunity to join our Days for Girls micro-enterprise project.

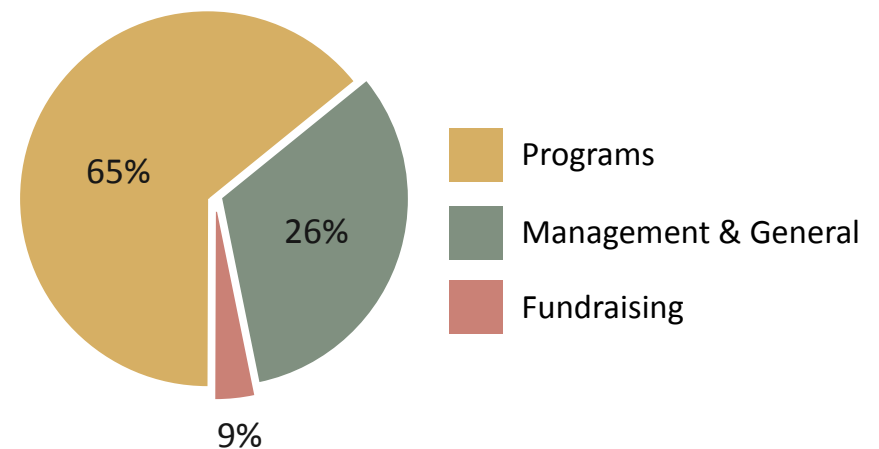


FY 2023 Financial Report

Revenue



Expenses



We work hard to honor the investment you make in our programs. Our resources are spent to address the urgent and long-term needs of the villagers. Our donors can feel confident knowing their assistance goes directly to serve a specific African community.



WHAT'S NEXT 2023 - 2024

In our 39th year, we will continue to build our long-term relationships with the communities surrounding Ouelessebougou. Our new projects include:

- Expanding literacy program to 3 new villages
- Incorporating Health Agents/Matrons into other aspects of our programming
- Growing mosquito net distribution to 2,000 nets
- Building 3 new wells to support community health centers.

THANK YOU
Volunteers



Our work is only successful because of you -- the many committed individuals, partners and foundations who support and believe in our mission. Together we lift each other.

OUR TEAM

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HELP DELIVER LASTING CHANGE

Your continued support will transform lives in Ouelessebougou

ONE-TIME GIFT

Individual donations, no matter the size, support our operating costs and allow us to provide ongoing programs that affect thousands of men, women and children.

CORPORATE

Corporate donations, event sponsorships and workplace giving programs are all ways your company can come together to support the Alliance's work.

GIFTS OF STOCK

A gift of appreciated stock is a simple and tax-efficient way to ensure your donation makes a big impact in transforming the lives of villagers.

MONTHLY

A recurring monthly donation provides ongoing support and stability for our work, allowing you to spread the financial impact of your giving year-round.

IN-KIND

An in-kind donation can be budget relieving goods or services or a contribution to our fundraising gala. Both allow us to defray costs and give more to our programs.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts and bequests allow your support of our programs to continue beyond your lifetime. We also gratefully accept donations as a tribute in someone's honor.

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