Plan Burkina Faso Namentenga



Wenemi Zidouemba and her community

Community name:

Dargo

Information for:

Erbacher U. Katrin Kleinblote Amp

Information collected by:

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Person Interviewed:

Wenemi's mother Sibidbila

Introducing this update

This report follows a visit to Wenemi's family and uses a standard format to ensure that it provides an update on how Wenemi and her family are and outlines the work that Plan is doing with them and their whole community.

Strengthening a bond

Wenemi's mother Sibidbila told us that Wenemi enjoys playing with dolls, but does not help her family with chores because she is too young. Perhaps you would like to know more about these activities? Or perhaps about her life in the community? Below are some key facts, but please also write and send greetings to Wenemi and her family. Wenemi is still not able to write her own letters, but we will work with her and her family so they can send you a message.

Wenemi's Health

Wenemi has been healthy over the last year.

Wenemi's Education

Wenemi is still not going to school because she is too young.

Wenemi's family situation

There have been some changes to who lives with Wenemi over the past year.

Sibidbila was excited to tell me about the birth of Wenemi's new sister who was delivered in this year at the health center.

The family's access to basic services

Wenemi's family are still using an open field or public area for their toilet facilities.

There is enough water during both rainy and dry seasons. It comes from a borehole with a hand pump.

The water is safe to drink at all times.

The nearest health facility is the dispensary which is about forty five minutes away.

What has been happening in the area where Wenemi lives

The projects undertaken to benefit Wenemi's community include:

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Last year, we have launched a new right of child project called "Kids' Wave" locally named "Bibir Radio" and have broadcasted sketches on different child rights themes in partnership with 12 national and local radio stations giving children and adults information about children's rights and duties, as well as discussing possible ways for ensuring those rights. We have also supported the national polices of birth registration with \$ 42000 under our Universal Birth Registration project line. To give the opportunity and to improve the community especially women and children participation in the whole process of program design and implementation we continued to actively embrace the worldwide CCCD approach, setting up Community Advisory Council in each province.

Dargo is a newly affiliated Plan village and we were working last year involving leaders, volunteers, women and children under the process of child centred community development. As a result, a training session has been organised for peer educators on HIV/AIDS.

Support has been provided to the local department of education DPEBA for the coordination of several activities related to education and literacy training such as evaluating literacy centres, organising teachers training and competion to select and reward best pupils. 40 school children have been selected as best pupils and have been rewarded with text books.

In health domain we provided health districts with 2000 treated nets sold at subsided price of \$ US 2 and have helped trained volunteers on insecticide treatment. We have also supported sensitisation campaigns on HIV/AIDS and the setting up new centres for counselling and testing. In the potable water domain we have drilled 184 boreholes equipped with hand pumps in 153 communities.

The country statistics show that 50 % of school-aged children are still not getting an education and this with a gender inequity: 49% of boys compared to 36% of girls. We continued working to address these issues constructing 185 teachers' houses, 149 new classrooms all provided with 6443 adequate equipment, supporting training for 3000 schoolteachers nationwide. At the province level, we provided 22205 primary school students with supplies, paid 60 secondary and 10805 primary scholarships and organised campaigns to raise people consciousness about education in general and particularly girl's education.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this report. We will continue to work with the community to improve the life of Wenemi and all the other children in the area, for them to be able to realize their potential.

Through your link with Wenemi you share in the work of the whole community. Your contributions help to fund community projects that families are doing with Plan to benefit their children. We thank you for your continued commitment..

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