



School library for the children in Dedougou

63 languages are spoken in Burkina Faso. However, the official language, which is also the language of instruction, is not one of these many languages - it is the colonial language, French. Many children start school without speaking a word of French,



especially in rural areas of the country. Many children do not speak French outside of class or at home. Children from families whose parents are illiterate have a particularly hard time in school because their parents cannot help them with their studies. With the school library, we want to support the children in Dedougou, where most of them come from disadvantaged families, in their educational path. In Burkina Faso, there are only libraries in some of the big cities



by reading and significantly improve their vocabulary in French.

Most families do not have books at home. This means that many people have no contact with written texts at all. The school library is intended to give children access to books, which is very special in rural areas. Thanks to the support of the Oliver Herbrich Children's Fund, the project has built a bookshop within the newly built children's center. The children should develop fun and enjoyment with books outside of class

Through the different subject areas of the books on different topics, the children should learn that "knowledge" is acquired through books. The photos give you a small impression of how well the offer is received by the children and how enthusiastically many of them devour the books. So that the students also acquire basic knowledge in informatics

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We have set up a computer corner in the library so that students can gain basic computer skills. The Hey-Alter association donated 15 very good computers to us in July this year so that the school children in Dedougou can gain their first experience with computers. The computers were handed over to the school center in mid-October and installed in the computer corner of the school library. The large solar system that was built to provide energy for the bakery project has also been used to power the computers since then. Since then, the senior students in particular have had the opportunity to gain basic computer skills and familiarize themselves with computers.



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