Celebrating Our Past,
Reaching Toward Our Future

I am pleased to introduce our annual report which highlights accomplishments from our past fiscal year ending June 30 2017. Since starting at Ouelessebougou Alliance in January, it was evident to me we have a wonderful community of supporters. I salute the Alliance pioneers and all the many people who have been a part of this great cause over the years. And I welcome the new friends who share our passion to bring hope and new opportunities to the villagers of Ouelessebougou.

Because of you, thousands of villagers are on the path to sustainability. We have much to celebrate this year. As you will see, the villagers are reaching their goals for sustainable health and education. However, we also acknowledge the continuing hardships and challenges of one of the world’s most impoverished rural regions. Your support is critical for us to continue providing life-changing programs that will improve the quality of life for villagers today and for generations to come.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your contributions this year. Together we are making a lasting difference in Mali.

With sincere thanks,

Judy Hut
Executive Director
Our Mission

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

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 PROGRAMS SERVE OVER

23,500 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN in 25 Villages
Our Impact

HEALTHY VILLAGES

1,200 mosquito nets distributed

5,543 children & pregnant women vaccinated

26% increase from 2015-2016

2 solar pump wells installed in OA Women’s Training Garden

75 health agents & matrons trained

108 women received gardening & nutrition training
Under our health initiative, the Alliance began a Nurturing Nutrition program in 2014 to address the continuing concern of malnutrition in rural Ouelessebougou. In 2016, the Alliance started a pilot program in our Famana school. The garden is split into two halves. One side is for the students; the other is a women’s garden. Over 40 women oversee individual plots and receive nutrition and gardening training from the Alliance. 120 students learn the same lessons taught to their mothers. Both parent and child take this knowledge and foster good nutrition at home. Our goal is for families to work together to fight malnutrition. By employing proper gardening practices, they will be able to grow a variety of healthy foods and have a guaranteed food source. This will create a generation that suffers less from nutrition-related illnesses.

“We can eat our vegetables and the children are healthy to go to school.”

- Sida Doumbia, Mother in Famana
Traditionally, village girls are expected to help their mothers with gardening and tending their siblings during school hours. Since the inception of our education programs, the Alliance has worked closely with the Village Education Councils to educate village parents on the importance of sending their daughters to school. **This year the number of girls attending school increased to 48%.** Unlike their mothers, these girls have access to a school, sanitation, teachers and quality learning. Our schools continually have a higher girls’ enrollment rate (over 20%) than the rest of Mali. The Alliance remains committed to keeping girls in school. One way we do this is by partnering with Days for Girls International to provide sustainable feminine hygiene kits which allows girls to stay in school all year long.

“**I love being in school because I am learning. I can read and write and count in French.**”

- Awa Bagayogo, 5th grader in Famana
2,230 students attended 12 primary schools

New school in Famana for 130 students

2,000+ Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits distributed

48% students enrolled in school were girls

66 teachers trained

1,900 school supply kits distributed
FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

84% of expenses went directly to our programs

REVENUE

- 45% Individuals & Foundations ($101,743)
- 30% In-Kind ($85,207)
- 25% Special Events ($151,482)

EXPENSES

- 84% Programs ($327,836)
- 8% Management & General ($29,346)
- 8% Fundraising ($31,297)

To view our audit and full financials, click here.

What's Next?

In our 32nd year, we will continue our grassroots approach to provide locally vetted programs that make a lasting impact. Our goal is to reach even more villagers and increase sustainability through local training and leadership opportunities. Our new projects include constructing wells for the student garden and launching a Days for Girls enterprise, the first ever in Mali.
THANK YOU!

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our community. We believe your contributions not only bring life-changing opportunities to our village friends in Mali, but also make a profound impact on all those who reach out to provide assistance. Our work is only successful because of you -- the many committed individuals, partners and foundations who support and believe in our mission.

We are grateful for all of our wonderful donors and volunteers!

+300 VOLUNTEERS contributed more than 4,700 HOURS OF SUPPORT

Photos (left to right):
Donating time on ophthalmology expedition
Volunteering at annual Gala Auction
Brookwood Elementary outreach & fundraising
Tanner LLC donated school supply kits
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Jen Beckstead, Finance Manager
Help deliver lasting change
Your continued support will transform lives in Ouelessebougou

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<td>A recurring monthly donation provides ongoing support and stability for our work, allowing you to spread the financial impact of your giving year-round.</td>
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<td>Corporate donations, event sponsorships and workplace giving programs are all ways your company can come together to support the Alliance’s work.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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