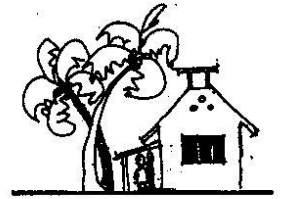


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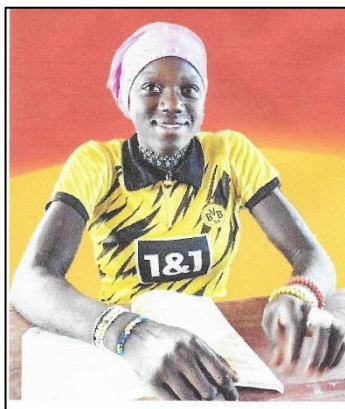
A huge THANK YOU from many students and their parents. Our communities were hit with the same inflation issues as the rest of the world. The cost of our schools is now \$30,000 due to the shortage of supplies and increased cost of materials and fuel. It's still a great deal and your year end donations will provide two new schools – one in Mali and one in Malawi.

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We know that poor learning conditions and overcrowded classrooms lead many children to drop out of school or never enroll in the first place. That's why the first step towards enrolling out-of-school children is to make sure that they have safe, modern structures to learn in.



But it doesn't stop there - buildOn (our partner in Mali and Malawi) continue to help. As the new school is being constructed, their staff and community leaders go door-to-door and talk to parents about the importance of educating their children. After the out-of-school children in a community are identified, those that are behind in their education are enrolled in Accelerated Learning Courses that allow them to catch up on the lessons they have missed. 4,522 out-of-school children (2,154 girls and 2,368 boys) were enrolled in Mali's schools in 2022.



Girls growing up in rural Mali have limited options for their futures. Ramatou Diakite's parents struggled to provide for the family on the meager profits they earned from subsistence farming and charcoal production. To help make ends meet, 10-year-old Ramatou dropped out of school and headed to the nearest city to try to search for a job as a domestic worker. Underage and without much of an education, she felt that this was the only career path open to her. For three years Ramatou spent her days doing domestic chores for wealthier families, while sending whatever small earnings she made back home. Then, in 2022 Ramatou happened to be home when her parents were helping to build new classrooms for her village school. Thanks to their time on the construction site, Ramatou's parents were convinced to re-enroll her in school. She is currently taking Accelerated Learning Courses and will soon be ready to rejoin her peers in mainstream sixth grade classes.

Political instabilities still plague northern Mali but our villages in the south are insulated and the government continues to provide teachers. In fact, in 2022 they sent an additional 166 teachers to schools in the region in an effort to move them to safer territory.



Thank you for making this all possible.



Ann Keeble
Secretary and CFO