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## INTRODUCTION

Dear Laraine ,

We are once again extremely grateful for your generous gifts and commitment to the mission of AAA. Our appreciation is even heighten by the fact that this year's gift was inaugurated on the day CORONA-VIRUS was detected in Cameroon! The link between this virus prevention and your significant gift also tells the story of your commitment to LIFE and HUMAN RIGHTS through AAA's work **based on the following 3 programmes:**

### 1- "JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes" MA YEM, MA BO":

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

### 2- "Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands ( hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

### 3- "Women's economic autonomy"through our Scholarship Programme.

This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

4- Last but not least, this water well honors one of Africa's greatest community leaders, MONIQUE KABORE from Burkina Faso. **Please read information after this reporting!**

As you can see dear friend, AAA can never thank you enough!

Wishing you only the very best, please find the main steps of this project below:

Ruth Bamela Engo,  
**President AAA**



## 1- Geographical location

Region:	Centre
Division:	Nyong et Mfoumou
Sub-division:	<b>Mengang</b>
Village and school:	Secondary Education College of <b>Nkolessong</b>



## 2- Meeting with Stakeholders

A meeting was held in Nkolessong primary school between the village delegation led by the village Chief, including directors of the two chosen schools and AAA Technical Co-ordinator on **25 September 2019**. At the end of the meeting places for the well and the toilets blocks were chosen and Conventions of Collaboration elaborated to guide work on the ground.



**AAA programme Officer leading negotiations**



### 3- Construction of Water well



**Buying and transporting building materials**  
**like:** Manual pump, planks, nails, nozzles, pipes ,  
cement, irons, concrete blocks , sand ....



**Digging and Construction**

**Installation of water Pump**





4- Inauguration of MBÔMBO MONIQUE's Water Well





## 5 - Inauguration of MBÔMBO MONIQUE's Water Well



# ANNEXES



# COMMUNITY

## From Laraine Lippe:

Hello YHS Community. As some of you might already know, just a year ago, I met a woman from Burkina Faso, Monique Kabouré, at a Peace Conference. Through her, I gradually became involved as a volunteer with the women's cooperative organization (Pag La Yiri) that she had helped to found more than 25 years ago. Last December, Monique suddenly passed away, leaving a great void for many. In her honor, a Monique Kabouré Scholarship fund was established as part of the African Action on AIDS (AAA) organization. Last February, I received a very unexpected call from the President of AAA (Ruth Engo) asking me if I would be willing to raise the funds needed to make the Monique Kabouré scholarships a reality. (Hearing my surprise, she explained that she had decided to ask me because Monique had often spoken to her about me during their conversations.) Of course I immediately agreed to take on the challenge, and that is why I am currently seeking support for this most worthy cause.

### A bit about Monique Kabouré:

I really only met Monique four times during the space of what turned out to be a mere four months. Our first "chance" meeting took place early last June at a Mini-NGO Conference on Peace that had been organized by Japanese women. During the afternoon session, I suddenly found myself being "pulled over" to the other end of the room to act as interpreter as soon as I nodded "yes" to the question (posed by a rather frantic Japanese woman) as to whether or not I spoke French. When I got to my destination, I found Monique Kabouré. She was very eager to communicate to a group of Japanese women who did not understand French and I became her bridge. In

minutes, she had us captivated. Monique had the great gift of drawing others quickly and willingly into her world due to her great positive energy and enthusiasm. She immediately



involved us in her country (Burkina Faso, formally known as Upper Volta), and her work with the women's cooperative "Pag La Yiri" (meaning the Woman is the Hearth) that she had helped to found along with three other friends in 1975 as a humble solution to the realities of great poverty in her region. Since that time, the Pag La Yiri Cooperative has continued to thrive and has grown to a membership of 11,000 (undoubtedly, Monique had a lot to do with this!). It has also become a "co-ed" cooperative, as 1,000 of the current members are men. The cooperative provides a livelihood for its members with its primarily agricultural and artisan projects. I had not really begun to understand the importance of Pag La Yiri to the ongoing development of Burkina Faso until I did an internet search out of sheer curiosity one day. Lo and behold, I discovered that Pag La Yiri plays a vital role in carrying out major public health and civil engineering projects currently underway in the country.

Monique was a devout Christian. She wore an unusual ring that bore the name of JESUS quite

prominently. She demonstrated an incredible faith, even amidst her everyday reality that was far from easy, to say the least! It therefore touched me a great deal when I heard that she had died this past Christmas Eve - it seemed so fitting.

Monique's friends discussed how they could continue to carry out her wonderful work, not only on behalf of her country, Burkina Faso, but also on behalf of Africa as a whole. These friends had themselves founded an organization in 1994 called African Action on Aids (AAA) to work with AIDS orphans all over Africa. Monique had been an active member of this organization, and had set up many programs in her country to care for children who had been orphaned by AIDS. In view of these activities, her friends finally decided that the most fitting "monument" to her work would be the creation (within the African Action on Aids organization) of the "Monique Kabouré Scholarship Fund", a fund that will guarantee elementary school education for 10 young girls in Burkina Faso who have been orphaned by AIDS.

Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated, and will go a long way!

If you would like to send a donation to the "Monique Kabouré Scholarship Fund", please make out your check to:

African Action on Aids (AAA)  
and send your check to:

Laraine Lippe  
302 East 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Apartment New York, NY 10128

I will make sure that it gets directed to the right place!

For more information on AAA, please see page 14.

## Some more information about African Action on Aids (AAA)

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### Their Mission Statement:

African Action on AIDS (AAA) is based on the belief that those who die should die in peace, fully aware that they are leaving behind a caring world. We are here to form a chain of love. We strive to destroy the HIV/AIDS stigma. We treat those who are living with the virus like normal human beings. We support them in their personal struggle. We encourage them to face the future positively.

### AAA's work:

Since its inception, AAA, a non-profit, voluntary organization has been sponsoring

the education of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS who otherwise might have dropped out of school. (The first AAA-sponsored child in Uganda is now an intern in a law firm in the Ugandan capital of Kampala).

AAA chooses to strengthen existing infrastructures rather than to create new ones, and currently supports 27 youth resource centers known as "Centers of Excellence". The activities of these centers include skills training and transfer through income-generating activities conducted by community leaders. Centers offer library services and special interest clubs (photography, music, stamp collection) as well. There is also a tutoring corner that gives unemployed graduates and student teachers the opportunity to help junior students with

their homework or to prepare them for official examinations. Some of the centers have a common kitchen and run a school feeding program.

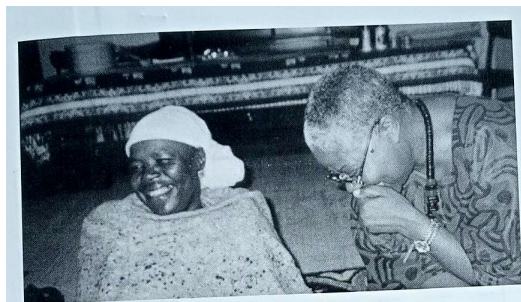
AAA is proud to announce that more than 1,000 children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in 17 countries are attending school full-time thanks to the generous expression of love and friendship of our supporters from Africa and from the larger international community. AAA's most recent project is the establishment of the "Monique Kabouré Scholarship Fund" (in honor of a wonderful friend and co-worker of AAA who passed away last December) that will enable 10 young girls, orphaned by AIDS, to attend elementary school in Burkina Faso.

Laraine Lippe





① Monique Kabore (Burkina Faso)  
 ② Ruth Bamba Engo-Tjega (Cameroon)  
 ③ Saran Daraba KABA (Guinée)



Discussion avec Ruth Bamba Engo-Tjega et Monique Kabore à Addis - Ababa - L'An 2000

