



AGHBALOU FOR EDUCATION

ACTIVITY REPORT 2018

The Aghbalou Association for Education has undergone a change of scale in its actions. After having focused on one school in particular, that of Douar Shib, it has undertaken to extend its support to other establishments in the Haouz region, by widening its scope of intervention.

Several organizations, public and private, individuals or legal entities, solicited or not, have made this extension possible through their donations. We were thus able to equip schools with computers, and to ensure the distribution of monthly magazines of which we received up to 800 copies per issue. These magazines were given out permanently, while the library's three-wheel drive vehicles continued to provide a free book borrowing service.

We financed the construction of a sanitary block in a school near Marrakech which had none. We have installed in several schools, wood burning heating devices (electric devices being forbidden by a circular of the Ministry of National Education), when we noticed the increase in winter of the number of absences of the pupils.

We have been able to involve more students from other schools in various activities. Whether it is the visit to the Casablanca Book Fair in February, where in previous years we sent 44 students and chaperones, the maximum that a coach could carry, and where thanks to the support of the National Railways Office (ONCF), we were able to use a whole carriage.

It is the same desire to benefit as many people as possible that dictated that we allocate some of the 225 bicycles donated by a Norwegian association to the pupils of other schools. To make it easier for them to get to their school, sometimes 4, 5 or 6 km away, and thus contribute to the fight against school drop-out.

As in the previous two years, we allowed a group of students to spend three days in Fez on the occasion of the Festival of Sacred Music. This time, the trip was by plane, as the Marrakech-Fez air link had just been opened. In the summer, as in 2016 and 2017, we were able to send students to a summer camp by the sea in Mohammedia, a sea that perhaps most of them were seeing for the first time.

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An invitation to Rabat from the Academy of the Kingdom will allow about thirty students to attend its solemn session, to spend four days in the capital and to visit its historical monuments and museums.

Several visits to the school of Douar Shib deserve to be mentioned, among them that of the Governor of the Province, several foreign ambassadors accredited in Morocco who made the trip from Rabat, once in group at the initiative of the Representative of UNICEF for whom it was the second visit.

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