

AGHBALOU FOR EDUCATION

## **ACTIVITY REPORT 2019**

In 2019, the Aghbalou Association for Education has been able to achieve some of these goals, including the construction of a preschool within the Douar Shib school compound, the paving of the courtyard, the installation of a stretched canvas courtyard, the equipping of a sports field and the fitting out of a library which already has nearly 3000 volumes. The planting of trees, small flowered areas and a wind turbine donated by a French company in Casablanca have earned the school the Green Flag award, which distinguishes schools in the field of ecology.

The influx of children as soon as the preschool opened testifies to the latent need, with some 40 children benefiting from a structure that meets the most demanding standards, and the diligence of an educator who is undergoing training to keep her skills up to date, while a second educator is expected to provide the children with bilingual training from a young age.

All the students receive snacks in the morning and afternoon, and we pass them on to other schools when the school in Douar Shib has been served. We have continued to do this for the magazines we receive from the Sapress Company.

The library, which used to be on a few shelves, has been considerably enriched. And the impact has been amazing. Children from an environment where books did not exist have a taste for reading, and they rush to the library or to the passage of the three-wheelers.

The number of computers we received allowed us to equip several schools. Another Norwegian donation of 225 bicycles was also divided among several schools. And as in 2018, each bicycle was donated with a helmet provided by the Traffic Accident Prevention Agency.

The activities started in 2018 were continued in 2019, English classes, music, introduction to computers and chess. There was a visit to the Casablanca Book Fair. The trip to Fez for the Festival of Sacred Music allowed the discovery of the city and excursions in the surrounding countryside, with swimming in a pool and horseback riding. For the summer vacations, Agadir was chosen for a dozen days by the sea.

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A new and very promising experience has been initiated, the correspondence between the pupils of Shib school and those of a school in France, in Haute-Savoie. This experience will help us to multiply the exchanges and meetings that can contribute to broaden the horizon of children living in isolation, and this is one of the major objectives that the Aghbalou Association for Education had set itself from the first day.