

SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Drinking Water is Healthy!

Drilling project for a well for the water supply of the population of Cacine-
Tombali Region - Republic of Guinea-Bissau - West Africa



Waiting for the well

The Friends Association of Schools of Guinea-Bissau (AAEGB) is an organization that strives to promote education and improved living conditions for those residing in Cacine. Among the projects AAEGB has developed is a school with an enrollment of 790 students and a curriculum that goes to the 12th grade. The school also has a computer training program that is available to the students and local community and staffed with volunteers from the Ser Mais Valia Association.

Cacine is the headquarters of the Quitafine (Cacine) sector of the Tombali Region in southern Guinea-Bissau, and its predominant ethnicity is the Nalu, also known as the “Chao dos Nalus” (Nalus’ Ground). It has a population of approximately 16,750; 2,500 of whom reside in Cacine. The vast majority of Cacine’s population is 35 years old or younger, and its main activities are fishing and horticulture. Cacine is also bathed by a river with the same name that has a sea arm and salty water that is useful for cooking and washing clothes.

The rainy season is a prosperous time for Cacine farmers, however, since most of the population consumes water from wells which are not tested or treated for contaminants, the population's health problems are aggravated by the wells' contamination from torrential rainwater. Therefore, access to uncontaminated drinking water in Guinea-Bissau is a major problem that has great and lasting repercussions on the population's health. Also, the scarcity of drinking water, which is very acute in rural areas, necessitates more readily available sources which are affordable and of sizable capacities. Consequently, the Board of AAEGB, aware of this drinking water scarcity in Cacine, is managing and developing a project to drill a well to supply drinking water to the population and accepts full responsibility for the completion of this initiative.

The total expense for drilling and mounting the pumping structure is 11,500,00€ - Euro (hole – 7.350,00€ pumping structure 4.150,00€), a portion of which has already been provided by a benefactor's donation of 1,000.00€. To make this vision a reality, however, a request to launch a fundraising campaign, which will run from August 2020 to December 2020, was made and accepted by Ser Mais Valia Association. Disclosure of this venture to friends and acquaintances is also important. Further, all donors will receive receipts to reflect their contributions and which provide information on the project's commencement and developmental progress.

Since "drinking water is healthy", can we count on you to assist with improving Cacine's living conditions? Please consider partnering with us in this worthwhile endeavor.

To donate just set the amount of your donation, click "Adicionar" and follow the instructions. If you do not feel comfortable with the process, just transfer your donation to the following Bank account:

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followed by an email to campanhas@sermaisvalia.org referring the value, the campaign name, your name and address, to get the receipt and news of the project progress.

Thank you.