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## USEFUL DEFINITIONS

### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

### DEFINITIONS

<b>ACP</b>	Africa Caribbean Pacific
<b>IGA</b>	Income Generating Activities
<b>AJEDI</b>	Youth Action for Integral Development
<b>B.F.</b>	Burkina Faso
<b>B.C.C</b>	Book Culture for Children
<b>B.A.</b>	Board of Directors
<b>C.S.W</b>	Commission on the Status of Woman
<b>CoNGO</b>	Conference of NGOs
<b>CSW</b>	Commission on the Status of Women
<b>ECOSOC</b>	Economic and Social Council
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>FIA/ISM</b>	Women Inter Associations /Inter Migrant Service
<b>FI2L</b>	Foire Internationale du Livre de Lomé (International Book Fair of Lomé)
<b>FORIM</b>	Forum of International Solidarity Organizations issued from Migrations
<b>GROETO</b>	Group of Reflection of the Ecological Organizations of Togo
<b>STI</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infection
<b>MAED</b>	African Movement for Education and Development
<b>SDG</b>	Goals for Sustainable Development
<b>MDG</b>	Millennium Development Goals
<b>NGO</b>	Non Governmental Organization
<b>UN</b>	United Nations (Organisation)
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>OSIM</b>	International Solidarity Organisations stemmed from International Immigration
<b>PIAC</b>	International Nursery of Cinema Actors
<b>RADTIF</b>	Network of Associations of the Togolese Diaspora
<b>RIS</b>	South International Meeting
<b>RAPDA</b>	African Network for the Right to Food
<b>RODESEE</b>	Network of Organizations for Law, Education and Health
<b>ROFAF</b>	Network of Women's Organizations of Francophone Africa
<b>SIDA</b>	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
<b>VIH</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>WILDAF</b>	Women in Law and Development in Africa



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## Looking back over the past year

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GET INVOLVED IN OUR ACTIONS

Dear friends of CREDO-ACTION,,

2017, this year which is rich in activities and events for CREDO-ACTION has finally come to an end. REPORT: This year our NGO worked especially for children. Let us recall that our actions are at the level of three major elements: childhood, women and development. We have favored the children's sector for a number of reasons, among which is the development of a more pronounced taste for leisure rather than for reading, ipso facto for education. Their levels at school, early pregnancy ... with all their negative consequences etc. We must also mention other awful realities which are the development of religious radicalization in the sub-region, easy money, drugs, juvenile delinquency that more or less seriously threaten this precious childhood. Our main action for this childhood is the initiation of a children's library that we have named CLE (Book Culture For Children), and at the same time, we are, at this time thinking and drafting many projects for this childhood, left to its own account. "Humanity must give its best to children," said the Declaration of the League of Nations in Geneva in 1924. It is clear in all respects that in this world where difficulties multiply daily we cannot leave authorities and parents have the duty to care for these children alone. All our programs, projects, actions are aimed at making this childhood a "hyper-utility" to itself and to the world.

The women and the girl, however, have not been the rest. In the interests of both, the NGO has, as always, been raising awareness on the topics of early pregnancy, HIV / AIDS and STIs, and above all the empowerment of the mostly rural woman who is struggling to fully take off. These themes are irremovable, according to CREDO-ACTION.

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This is the place to thank and congratulate, in all sincerity, our partners, volunteers, employees and friends who, from near and far, are working effectively towards the achievement of our objectives.



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And we think, with the sure enlargement of our NGO in the years to come, to make proposals of laws in favor of the woman and the childhood and also to propose objectives of development for a "better-living" in Togo of first and then in the world.

Let us note that the NGO also participates from time to time in trainings and conferences that fall within the scope of its objectives.

The 2017 fiscal year, it should be pointed out, has been marked by numerous difficulties that turn particularly around financial means, thus preventing new recruitments for faster and easier execution of programs. Here at CREDO-ACTION, keeping the smile is a principle, a norm. These difficulties are a telling factor of our weaknesses. They force us to rethink our ways of “doing” so that our objectives for the poor, the fragile layers of society, for the moment, Togolese are reached.

We will never give up.

And we are more and more convinced of our experiences that the future is very promising for achieving our goals.

Thank you once again, from the bottom of our hearts to all our partners and volunteers who, we are sure, will reinforce their actions and commitment with us to make life more “liveable” to those who have lost hope.

Thank you and good reading.



Afi Yvonne BANINGANTI-HOUNGUES  
Chairperson of the Board of Directors



Dopé P. Benedicter ASSAGBA-KOUDADJE  
Executive Director



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## CREDO-ACTION

### **a humanitarian organization of faith and action,**

Founded on April 16, 1996, CREDO ACTION is a non-profit, apolitical organization whose overall mission is to promote Comprehensive Development. It prioritizes women and girls in rural areas in the sense that it works to provide them with a better quality of life, promoting them in all areas (health, education, social, rights ...). And this naturally means strengthening their capacity as an individual and / or group.

This is justified by the fact that by prioritizing the rural woman, we prioritize their children and consequently the entire rural community.

### **We are recognized nationally and internationally**

We are officially recognized by the Togolese State under No. 1012 / MIS-SG-DAPSC-DSC, published in the Official Gazette No. 1012 / MIS-SG-DAPSC-DSC of September 11, 1998. We obtained ECOSOC status of United Nations in 2007. We finally obtained the status of NGO in June 2015 under number 794 / MPDA / 2015.

### **Our Vision Summarised:**

"Promoting women and children for sustainable development"

**Our Strategic Orientations:** Support and accompany grassroots populations, especially women, to:

- Increase agricultural productivity
- Increase incomes of agricultural products
- Access credits; health for all
- Undertake income generating activities
- Manage health, education, training and human rights issues
- Provide for the needs of their children and their communities
- Take care of the orphaned girl.

**Our areas of intervention:** agriculture and food security, health, education / training, nutrition, income generating activities, protection and rights of children, gender equity, water, sanitation and health for all.

**Target Groups :** Rural women, orphan girls, groups, cooperatives and grassroots communities.

**Our Intervention Approach :** It is based on the accompaniment of the grassroots' organizational dynamics. The main intervention approach of CREDO ACTION is part of an action-training research logic. It is also participative in that the perspectives of the beneficiaries, the respect and the equity between the social categories in the exchanges are constantly taken into account in the decision making.

**Geographical Areas of intervention :** CREDO ACTION intervenes in the Maritime region particularly in the Prefectures of Avé, Lakes, Vo, Zio, Gulf and Lomé Commune. It is already planning to expand its activities throughout the Togolese territory in the short and medium term.



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## Organization's Profile

### Members and memberships

As of December 31, 2017, CREDO ACTION has thirty (30) members.

### Functioning

As usual, the Board of Directors held four (04) meetings in 2017, one meeting per quarter. These meetings are used to adopt the program of activities and the estimated budget of the year to follow. Other meetings (held by all CREDO-ACTION members) constitute periodic follow-up and reporting of activities. The B.C.C project and the lives of the orphaned girls of the Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata Children's Home that continue are the most followed.

Besides these already mentioned meetings, the NGO holds regular meetings with all of its members to reflect on the search for new partners and better management of the NGO.

### Partnerships

We are affiliated with national and international organizations that share the same visions and goals as CREDO ACTION. They are :

**UNCTAD:** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

**RAPDA:** African Network for the Right to Food

**ROFAF:** Network of Women's Organizations in Francophone Africa

**RODESEE:** Network of Organizations for Law, Education, Health, Environment and Economy

**UN Women**

**CoNGO: NGO Conference**

**SAMARITAN PURSE**

**WILDAF-Togo:** Women in Law and Development in Africa

## THE CREDO-ACTION LEADERSHIP TEAM

### The Board of Directors



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BANINGANTI-  
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*Executive Secretary*



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### The Conselling Office



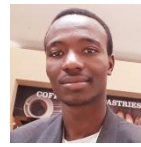
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*Counsellor*

### The Communication Office



Koffi Jean-Pierre PARBEY  
*Communication Officer*

### CREDO-ACTION B.F.



Yacoubou H. Sylvestre  
THIOMBIANO,  
*National Representative*



Steve Léonce SANON,  
*National Representative  
Deputy*



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The data presented in this report, unless otherwise indicated, reflect the activities of the NGO CREDO-ACTION, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

## Our Actions in 2017 : Presentation, evaluation, appraisal,

### NOVELTIES AT CREDO-ACTION

#### Removals and accommodation

At the end of July 2017, CREDO-ACTION moved its Hanoukopé office to Hédzranawoé-Sagboville.

The old location that was

**225 ADABAWERE street, 105 OTN Hanoukopé- Lomé** is now replaced by:

**47, Haho Boulevard - First turn right after the traffic light, Hedzranawoé-Sagboville**

#### CREDO-ACTION opens its office in Burkina-Faso

In 2017, CREDO-ACTION officially opens its office in the rural district of Matiacoali.

#### CREDO-ACTION initiates a Children's Reading Library

August 15, 2017 CREDO-ACTION inaugurates its new premises by initiating a Library for Children which it denominates B.B.C. (Book Culture for Children)





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### Our commitment to the woman and the girl continued in 2017



"CREDO-ACTION strongly believes that Goal 5 of the SDGs is so crucial for the Sustainable Development of Humanity as a whole. A world where women are relegated to the background is a world where development is already built on rotten pillars. It will not last long."

**Afi Yvonne BANINGANTI-HOUNGUES, Chairperson of the Board of Directors.**

### Our actions in 2017:

#### FOR THE FEMALE GENT IN GENRAL

**CREDO-ACTION enhances its capacities in terms of gender equality by participating in the 61st CSW<sup>1</sup> (Commission on the Status of Women)**



As member of UN-WOMEN<sup>2</sup>, CREDO-ACTION participated this year at the 61st session of the CSW, which was held in New York from March 13 to 24, 2017. This conference focused on *Economic Empowerment of Women in a fast-growing globalized world* and on *Sustainable Development*. Moreover urgent and inherent themes were addressed: : *female leadership, the near-absence of women in peacekeeping missions, nutrition, sexual or physical violence, and daily discrimination against women and girls in education, at work, denial of sexual and reproductive rights of women, breastfeeding and even the impact of climate change on women's rights* worse still the inaction of policies and civil society .

The situation or position of women in our "so-evolved" world is bitter, notes *Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka*, executive director of UN-Women

Aware that women contribute concretely to economic growth at the international level and concerned about the legitimacy of their empowerment, CREDO-ACTION puts women at the heart of its concerns.

<sup>1</sup> CSW (in French: C.C.F): Commission working exclusively on gender equality and the empowerment of women

<sup>2</sup> UN Organization on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment



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For its part CREDO-ACTION has retained that it has the inescapable duty to "do better" through sensitization, supporting any action in the sense of SDG 5 and seeking more partners to support and / or execute projects in the same direction. Our goal is to arrive at a world where gender inequalities will be "things of the past". *This SDG must be even included in the civic training of our little ones*, do we think now at CREDO-ACTION.

- **Improve the economic situation of women through "action on the ground"; our target in 2017: rural women from Ando-Avedji and Kpomé**

Priorizing the rural woman, we sensitized and trained women in Ando-Avédji and Kpomé on their empowerment. These localities, being difficult to access and deprived of electricity and adequate sanitary structures, their female populations lives depends mainly on subsistence agriculture, livestock, and small craft shops and this in precariousness. To support women in their efforts to empower themselves, three (03) training themes have been selected by our NGO, namely: IGAs as a whole, Red Pepper Cultivation and the Importance of the electronic mill based on solar panel. In the straight line of IGAs, the women of Ando-Avédji and Kpomé were trained to produce individually or to establish themselves in cooperatives or even to create micro-enterprises, which will facilitate the realization of more profits and an improvement of level and quality and life. The choice of red pepper is explained: It is consumed everywhere on the planet for its taste and its therapeutic benefits and is also industrialized. *Soil preparation, nursery production, planting techniques and plant maintenance, harmful and parasitic diseases, and the harvesting and marketing of products* in this sense were the subject of training.

The awareness of the importance of the solar panel-based electronic mill was the "perfecting element" of these campaigns.

In most developing countries, molding is part of the process of making agricultural products consumable. The addition of the Solar Panel-based electronic mill to existing mills boosts the sector. Used to grind coffee, this type of mill has the particularity of being durable, inexpensive, practical in a private environment of electricity but also and above all respectful of the environment. It turns out to be also a means of livelihood.

We plan, if our human and financial means allow us to give more extensive training to these women during the year 2018.

## PRIORITY YOUNG GIRL

- **CREDO-ACTION mobilizes and educates young girls in Lomé and their parents about early pregnancy.**

*"According to our research, sub-Saharan Africa has the highest fertility rates among 15-19 year olds (with 103 births per 1,000 girls). Their negative impacts are affecting our teenagers and especially our girls on all levels: health, education, social, economic,... Remember that pregnancy in a girl under 20 is at greater risk than in his elder. All this is already a serious problem that no one should be indifferent to"* **Mrs Dopé P. Benedicter ASSAGBA-KOUDADJE, Executive Director**

The first scourge that takes the African girl out of the school system today is early pregnancy, unwanted or unexpected.



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The action that CREDO-ACTION has chosen this year to curb this scourge is awareness-raising campaigning.

In the course of it, CREDO-ACTION first recalled the consequences of early pregnancy for the girl, the author, their families and communities. The causes, we have emphasized, are also and above all to be fought. They are among others, the lack of education and sexual information still considered taboo, early marriages, precocity of sex life of our girls, violence and sexual abuse.

After recalling the usefulness of anti-pregnancy methods and at the same time exposing their limitations, CREDO-ACTION told her audience that the best way to fight is, tarry and remain abstinence before marriage.

Communication between young people and adults about sexuality has also been strongly encouraged.

In addition, we recommended that future mothers who are minors be surrounded by affection for their psycho-emotional balance and that of their future child and that. As soon as mothers, school and community reintegration and their psycho-school support will prove indispensable.

We are already planning to expand our actions for the sexual health of girls by mobilizing more resources to carry out sensitization of this kind in rural areas, to distribute contraceptives, to support young mothers in difficulty, train and equip young girls to train other girls, strengthen maternal and child health services, now integrate sexual and reproductive health into our training, set up with the agreement of local and traditional authorities regulations to curb early pregnancies.

- **Our NGO distributes parcels to the five (05) best in each class of MYOSOTIS School of Daguè (including girls) and educates children about HIV / AIDS and STIs.**



School education is imperative nowadays. In Togo, the abolition of primary school fees contributes to a marked improvement in the levels of girls in school. However all the girls are regrettably not worried about studying. CREDO-ACTION believes in the “sleeping” potential in these girls. In 2017, we distributed school kits to the five (05) best classes at Primary School MYOSOTIS Daguè including girls to encourage other girls to follow their lead.



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This ceremony also gave us the opportunity to talk to them about STIs, a real evil that we care less and less about in Togo. Not only did we talk to them about their endless deleterious consequences such as the weakening of the immune system, infertility, impoverishment, marital conflict, ectopic pregnancy, meningitis and nervous system infections, the complexity of treatments, the imminent death, but also means of prevention, in this case abstinence, the rules of hygiene (the sterilization of the objects than can hurt, the nonuse in common of the contaminable objects such as syringes, toothbrushes, blades ...)

Especially teenagers have learned that it is necessary for them (those who are already sexually active) to protect themselves during sex.

- **The care of the orphaned girl continues**

The orphan girl occupies an important place in our concerns. It is because of her vulnerability and especially as a future mother, she is prone to provide humanity with her possible best.

The main actions of our Association:

- The care of six (06) orphans entrusted to adoptive families
- The care of sixteen (16) other orphans in our Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata of the NGO CREDO-ACTION:

Our sixteen (16) girls in house are supported on all levels (financial, food, health ...) so that they can continue their studies.

### Educational life of our Girls Reported :

Our sixteen (16) girls at the Children's Home are supported on all levels (financial, food, health ...) so that they can continue their studies.



The academic performance of our girls for the year 2017 is estimated at seventy-five percent (75%) of success and twenty-five percent (25%) of failure, it is twelve (12) admitted to the upper class and four (04) stranded. A more or less satisfactory result that CREDO-ACTION is determined to improve. Note that their eldest is in Terminale class upper sixth form at seventeen (17) years old.

Education is still of paramount importance to us. This school year we proceeded as usual to the distribution of school kits to our orphans.

In addition to education, we regularly train our girls in practical and manual work to make them independent. In this sense, our girls were trained this year in I.G.A including:



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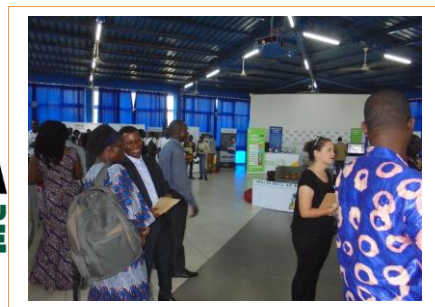
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- The manufacture of liquid soap
- Market gardening (tomato, lettuce)
- Knitting
- Making mobile phone pouches

## CREDO-ACTION, Its unwavering commitment to education more and more confirmed

### Our actions in 2017:

- CREDO-ACTION Enhances its capacities by participating in the International Book Fair of the Lomé



From 10th to 13th of November 2017, CREDO-ACTION took part in the First edition of the International Book Fair (FI2L) organized by the Togolese Young Writers Club called "Le littéraire (the Literary)" around the theme "*Book, instrument of culture*" at Blue Zone of Cacaveli (Lomé).

CREDO-ACTION attended the literary debates around the works of the Ivorian authors:

« *Les confessions d'un enfant microbe-* ( *The confessions of a microbe child* ) » by Samuel Degni, « *Ne touche pas à mon homme-* ( *Do not touch my man* ) » by Hilaire Kobéna et « *Le Crime du Professeur Djounga-* ( *The Crime of Professor Djounga* » by Sévérin Bouatini which deal with subjects to which CREDO-ACTION is interested. They were: post-electoral and relational crises, pregnancy in schools and all their alarming consequences. CREDO-ACTION also visited the exhibitions and dedications of the works of authors including Togolese authors, the exhibitions of Institut French and Goethe, Bibliomobile, Maison des Jeunes (Youth House), Maison TV5 Monde, the children's space of the FI2L... As for the novels afore-mentioned, we plan to study them in 2018 with our children. The visit of the "lane" of Graines de Pensées made us discover a young author Mondowè Sage TCHANTA born in 2002. This leads us to study an opportunity to create a program to make young authors and authors among our children. The lectures and training workshops on digital books given by Mrs. Stefanie Kastner of the Goethe Institut of Johannesburg and Mr. Julien Devriendt, Digital Manager of Choisy-le-Roi media libraries have allowed us to discover the unlimited wealth of digital literature and of us and to delve deeper into those of the physical literature.

All the "wealth" accumulated at this fair will serve to strengthen our educational programs.



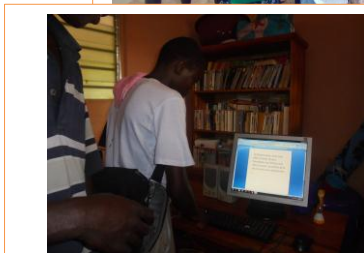
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- **Creation and animation of B.C.C, the CREDO-ACTION Library**

On August 15, 2017, day of the inauguration of its new office, CREDO-ACTION created a surprise by presenting to the population of HEDRANAWOE its new socio-educational and cultural structure B.C.C (Book Culture for Children), a reading library dedicated mainly to children. Its activities take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during school holidays and Sundays during school periods and regularly welcomes between ten (10) and twenty-five (25) children.

The activities in which these children participate: reading novels and books, film screenings and educational cartoons, documentary films of history and computer science in French and English with subtitles, written and oral expression exercises, and dictations, practical introductory courses in the computer, theaters, drawings ... meet an increased interest in these children and their parents. We want to make of these children "replete brains" but also and especially "thinking brains", The aim is to make them future leaders, leaders, "professionals" ... nationally and internationally in this current world where amateurism is no longer tolerable.



- **CREDO-ACTION distributes school kits to girls of its Children's Home Thérèse d'Agbata and to young readers of B.C.C**

In pursuit of its educational goals CREDO-ACTION ensures a good start to school year 2017-2018 to its daughters (girls of the Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata) by providing them with the necessary school minimum and also distributes school items to young readers of B.C.C., a symbolic contribution to the good start of the 2017-2018 school year.





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- **CREDO-ACTION rewards the five (05) best of each class of MYOSOTIS Secular Private School in Dagué in the Prefecture of the Lakes**



In April 2017, CREDO-ACTION, still in the framework of its pro-education objectives, distributed parcels containing toys, sweets, clothes ... new to the best students of the Private Secular School MYOSOTIS. The goal behind this action was to encourage these children who are already excellent to persevere and do better and at the same time prompt other students to imitate them. An action that did not lack positive appreciation from teachers, parents and pupils themselves.

## **CREDO-ACTION, Continues its actions for Comprehensive Development**

### **Our actions in 2017:**

Always concerned by Comprehensive Development CREDO-ACTION has enhanced its capacities in 2017 by taking part in forums, conferences and seminars.

- **CREDO-ACTION participates in the South Togo International Meeting 2017**

Member of the RODESE network, CREDO-ACTION participated from January 9 to 11, 2017 in the seminar "**Migration and development, challenges and strategy**" organized by the associations RADTIF, FIA-ISM, in partnership with RODESE. Let us note that the said associations have seized the opportunity of a FORIM program named "RIS" (International Meeting South) to organize this seminar. The theme of this meeting was "**Migration and Development, Issues and Strategy**", "**Mobilizing the Diaspora for Development: The Place of the Togolese Diaspora in France**", and "**Advances in the Management of Immigration in the Togolese Diaspora**". These themes focused on Integral Development had as a whole objectives to promote the dual membership of the OSIMs including CREDO-ACTION to the civil societies of the North and the South and their contributions, to promote the partnership and the networking of the actors of the North and South, highlight the experiences of the Associations that contribute to the Sustainable Development of the country with support from the diaspora. Inseparable from Development, health, environment, climate, security and North / South exchanges ... were also of interest during the seminar. The organizers of the seminar screened documentary films, made a discovery of the tourist landscape of Agou and also field visits, namely visits to the achievements of NGOs working in co-development. Among these are the Sainte Teresa d'Agbata Orphanage, which met with an "honorable mention" on the part of visitors.



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- **CREDO-ACTION participates in a conference on the SDGs organized by PIAC and GROETO**

On 19/07/2017, CREDO-ACTION takes part in a presentation on the SDGs organized by the NGO by PIAC in collaboration with GROETO. Entitled "*bringing business and civil society organizations together to achieve the SDGs*", it recalled the principles of the SDGs: *universality, integration, leaving no one behind*. These principles are also based on the five (05) P: *People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnership, Peace*. Since the unidimensionality of the MDGs is a loophole, it was unanimously decided to go from eight (08) MDGs to seventeen (17) SDGs. This conference reminded us of the importance that the Whole World represented by the United Nations gives to the protection of the environment. This was the place to recall the purpose of the ACP Day of Ecology which is to curb the ecological debt of the Planet. The achievement of the SDGs concerns everyone, including us CSOs. It was an opportunity to discover the Global Compact or the Global Impact and its ten (10) principles. CREDO-ACTION is already thinking of a possible signature of its principles.

- **FI2L (International Book Fair of Lomé), a Fair at the same time "Education" and "Development"**

The presence of CREDO-ACTION at the International Book Fair of Lomé allowed it to discover two African masterpieces for Development: *l'Envol de l'Epervier, le défi de l'émergence togolaise* (The Flight of the Sparrowhawk, the challenge of togolese emergence) by Kako Nubukpo and Comlan Prosper DEH and *Pour une Afrique plus forte face aux enjeux internationaux* ( For a stronger Africa facing the international challenges) by Latévi-Atcho Elliott LAWSON. These works will be studied during the year 2018 by CREDO-ACTION to draw useful lessons. In the years to come these works and also other works of the same kind will be included in the reading program at B.C.C. Development concerns us all.

## VARIOUS DONATIONS

- **CREDO-ACTION benefits from TELEFOOD 2017**



On October 17, 2017, as part of the FAO TELEFOOD<sup>3</sup> operation, the Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata of the NGO CREDO-ACTION becomes the lucky recipient of a donation worth 5 ,321,080 FCFA from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the presence of Ms. Kayi Aguey-Wognon (Director of Human Resources at the Ministry of

<sup>3</sup> Fund created in 1997 by the Conference of the Member States of FAO which finances the actions of grassroots developments according to a very simplified procedure in favor of the cooperatives for an amount not exceeding 10.000 US dollars per project





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→ Agriculture and Hydraulics, Mr. Kossi Follyvi Sallah (Prefectural Director of Social Action in the Lakes), Mr. Oyétundé Djiwa (Program Officer at FAO) and many dignitaries.

This donation, intended to improve the living conditions of our orphans, was used to build the Orphanage's refectory, to provide the Orphanage with food, non-food items and furniture and household electrical equipment. The donation to CREDO-ACTION comes from a \$ 9200 donation to FAO by Mrs. Sddana Vincenza.

This saving gesture, greatly applauded by the whole of CREDO-ACTION, confirms the reliability of our structure.

- **The Association Foyer-Charité d'Alédjo supports CREDO-ACTION with a check of fifty thousand (50.00 FCFA)**

On 19/12/2017 Association Foyer-Charité d'Alédjo supports CREDO-ACTION with a check of fifty thousand (50.00 FCFA). On 19/12/2017 the Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata receives the visit of the members of Foyer Charité of Alédjo. Our visitors offered us a check for fifty thousand (50,000 FCFA) that we used to buy liquid soap for our girls. So much are we concerned for the hygiene and health of our girls.



## **APOTHEOSIS OF THE YEAR 2017**

On December 23, 2017, CREDO-ACTION organized for its children the traditional end-of-year party called "Enfants-Noël 2017-(Chrismas-Child)". The 2017 edition, which took place at the Relais de la Commune in Tsévié, brought together the members and supporters of CREDO-ACTION, the Girls of Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata, the young readers of B.C.C and the children of the MAED Association whose President is Mr. Kodzo Médard Gnoufroun and deprived children of Tsévié. The celebration received the honorable visits of the Prefect of Zio and the Police Commissioner of the City of Tsévié. During this festive ceremony the Children of different Associations presented skits, dances and recitals, games.

It was an unforgettable opportunity for more than one hundred and fifty (150) children to be offered family meals and toys.

Given the unexpected satisfaction, CREDO-ACTION naturally plans to offer an even more enjoyable party this year to his children.



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## Difficulties encountered

Many places where CREDO-ACTION would have liked to organize many activities are often difficult to access. Important activities scheduled on Ando, for example, had to be repeatedly aborted. The limited budget of our Association prevented us from getting motorcycles or off-road cars to facilitate our travel especially to hard-to-reach places.

The lack of projects also prevented from "making more experience" in project management monitoring.

## Future Prospects of CREDO-ACTION

### Partnership Perspectives:

#### A new possible partnership

On November 19, 2017, the Children's Home Sainte Thérèse d'Agbata of CREDO-ACTION was visited by Mr. Juste GAGOU and Miss Lou VASSEUR, student in Action sPo in France in Amiens who was in training (budget session) at the National Assembly of Togo. They had to make visits to the dormitories, and assessed the needs of the Orphanage. The goal is to study, once arrived in France a possible partnership with CREDO-ACTION.

### Other partnerships in sight

- - Search for new partners for public and private financing of projects;
- - Search for experienced partners for the constitution of a think tank.

## OTHER ALL-OUT PROSPECTS

- Endowment of the Children's Home Sainte Teresa of Agbata with a Library
- Construction of NGO Headquarters with a Multi-domain Library
- Creation of publishing house of work written by children of the NGO
- Creation of a CREDO-ACTION office in each region of Togo
- Creation in other countries of the Sub-Region
- Creation of Radio and Television
- Creation of Web-Radio
- Creation of an orphanage for boys
- Construction of a theme park



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- Purchase of off-road motorcycles
- Gardening and organic farming
- Integration of environment and climate in our programs.

## CONCLUSION

The transfer of the CREDO-ACTION office from Hanoukopé to Hedzranawoe offers us to discover a young population more enthusiastic to learn. And this, to the great satisfaction of their parents. The various seminars and conferences in which we participated revealed to us our shortcomings and forces us to do better. The lives of our orphans, the difficulties encountered ..., as for them, allowed us to remember one thing: "It takes more effort and confidence to uproot the largest trees" ...

A mature analysis of the whole 2017 year allows us to conclude that it has been a more or less good year. It gives us more experience to better face the challenges and offer a "better living" to "those who have nobody".

## We thank you

The smooth running of CREDO-ACTION would not be possible without the financial and technical support of our sponsors, partners, and volunteers. Many of you are contributing to our actions this year. We say thank you from the heart. May this partnership continue in fiscal year 2018 and why not extend for many, many years to the happiness of "those who have no one". May God repay you a hundredfold. And that your efforts, even the least, may be crowned with immeasurable success.

### You are among others:

- ✧ *ETS Jose-Line*
- ✧ *FAO*
- ✧ *FIA/ISM*
- ✧ *Winner Chapel Church Prayer Group*
- ✧ *Imprimerie PYRAMIDE (Printing Society PYRAMIDE)*
- ✧ *Social Action Ministry*
- ✧ *Zio Prefect*
- ✧ *President of the Council of the Prefecture of Zio*
- ✧ *Volunteers*
- ✧ *The members of CREDO-ACTION's Leadership Team*
- ✧ *The parishioners of the Church Sainte Croix d'Agbata*
- ✧ *CREDO-ACTION employees*
- ✧ *M. ABALO*
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