



## Soccer Academy Bassila



### School with attached football academy in Bassila

#### Slogan for the project: Education and sport for the future of the children in Bassila

##### **Initial situation:**

The SG Bornheim 1945 e.V. Grün-Weiss would like to build a school with an associated football academy in Bassila in the future. Bassila is a town and municipality in the Donga Department in the West African country of Benin. Bassila has an area of 5,661 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 130,770 in 2013. The country of Benin is considered poor, but politically stable. With an area of approximately 112,622 km<sup>2</sup>, it covers about one third of the total area of Germany. Benin's economy is highly dependent on agriculture and trade with neighboring countries. Exports include cotton and other agricultural products. Imports are mainly machinery, energy, chemical products and food. The small industrial sector consists mainly of agricultural processing companies and manufacturers of consumer goods.

We have a contact person in Germany, Mr. Mouhamed Katawouri. Mr. Katawouri has been a volunteer coach at the SG Bornheim 1945 e.V. Grün-Weiss for 9 years. During this long time, Mr. Katawouri has always been very committed and has integrated himself and his family very well into the club.

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Mr. Katawouri came to us with the idea of setting up a school with a football academy in Bassila. We would like to do our best to implement this project with the local authorities and Mr. Katawouri.

The SG Bornheim 1945 e.V. Grün-Weiss has many years of project experience and therefore we want to support this meaningful project. The successful projects of the SG Bornheim 1945 e.V. Grün-Weiss include the establishment of the club's own family center at the sports facility with homework supervision (2007) and various refugee projects. The "Skyline Soccer" project, which was founded in 2016, deserves special mention. The aim was to take in unaccompanied refugee minors who came to Frankfurt am Main as a result of the influx of refugees in 2016. The goals were to integrate them into the association and to build a school or professional future for them. We successfully completed this project in spring 2021. The unaccompanied youths at that time are now young adults. They have built up a futsal team in the club and have clear plans for the future or have already arrived in professional life. More information about our projects can be requested or read on our homepage.

There are hundreds of children in Bassila who have no chance to go to school because they or their families cannot afford the cost of schooling, but they never stop believing in a better future. In these cases, we want to support these children.

##### **Objective:**

The aim of this project is to enable the children and young people to graduate from school. At the same time, the football talents are to be promoted in the associated football acad-

emy. In the future, they should then have the opportunity to obtain a scholarship or an apprenticeship. In addition, the academy will support the young athletes in realising their sporting careers in Bassila or abroad.

**What is needed:**

We do not need donations in kind. We need financial support. Through the financial support directly on site, the use is controlled by our association; the local businesses can also be additionally supported.

At the beginning, we will provide the school with a football academy with an initial supply of training materials. Mr. Katawouri already has a building in mind which we could rent for this project. The annual rent for this building is 1.440€.

For about 100€ per school year and child, the school education could be secured for one person. This 100€ includes the shoes, the school documents, and the lessons. We want to start this project with 25 children in October 2021. Mr. Katawouri will initially take over the project management and will travel to Bassila at the end of this year (03.12.2021) in order to accompany all necessary steps for this project on site. Mr. Katawouri has already been able to recruit numerous volunteers on site who are willing to support the project with great commitment.

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**Summary:**

The present project is intended to give children in Bassila, in their home country, an educational opportunity and thus a chance in life. The currently calculated costs are low compared to the future effects. Any financial support will go directly to the children. The SG Bornheim 1945 e.V. Grün-Weiss takes on a coordinating role to guarantee a reliable project start and to actively accompany the implementation of the project "Filling the Future of Children in Bassila with Education and Sport". In addition, we are supported by our network partner "Fair Play Hessen" (<https://www.fairplayhessen.de>).