

**Repairing and equipping a Local Classroom in Al Makhzen Village
Agoundis Valley, Ijoukak commune**



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Background

The community occupied a small village of 30 houses. The village is 105kms far away from Marrakesh and only 5kms far away from IJOUKAK (the commune). This community consists of 179 individuals: 47 women, 29 men, and 47 children. The majority lives in the village while there are 32 young men and women who have left the village for work or university. This community has done some few accomplishments, which are built a classroom for women, a local female cooperative, Repairing alleys and a rivulet of irrigation.

The locals of this village rely on different activities for living, they basically work in agriculture and ranching, also men (from 20 to 50 years old) are construction workers also they do some extra work like selling the local products such as, carob, olives, almonds. Moreover, the women in my site are engaged in the local cooperative that enable them to sell herbs (thyme, artimisia, wardrobe...), which they collect from mountains. Also they made rugs and koskous with natural herbs and sell it by the cooperative. Concerning the schooling reputation in the site, there is a primary school in the village. The secondary school is in the nearest urban village which is 7kms far away, but most students use school transport, that cost 50MAD per month.

Project and Need Statement

THE SERIOUS PROBLEM

One of the biggest issue in the site or even in AGOUNDIS valley is dropping out of school in an early age, because most of the children hadn't been indoctrinated pre-school classes or what is education, school, teacher...etc. Undoubtedly early childhood education has the greatest positive effect on children from lower socioeconomic status and children who are at risk because of family or community circumstances such as poverty and abuse/neglect, and children with disabilities and special needs. Thus, the most effective way to reduce the number of children who will ultimately drop out of school is to provide the best possible learning environments from the beginning. The case in my village would be solved by preparing these children to be active pupils.

Keeping in mind that these children present the new generation of the village that will create the village's future. It should be noted that this mission wouldn't be complicated unless we prepare a good comfortable space for the pre-school classes needed.

WHO SUGGEST THE PROJECT IDEA

The project idea was the community's suggestion. After I had done 24 pre-school sessions with 14 kids in my site and 18 sessions with 20 women. The community had noticed the improvement in their kids educational level. Moreover, the elimination of illiteracy sessions had a great impact on the women's mentality, they realized the importance of education and how much pre-school session will improve their children levels. As a result, choosing the idea of repairing and equipping was a concluding decision came from the educational activities I have done with my community during the first 3 months of my service.



WHY THIS PROJECT WAS CHOSEN

The community leaders and members chose the idea of repairing the association classroom because it's targeting both the kids, who present the new generation and also the women who are the labors of the local cooperative. Moreover, this classroom will be a space for the kids to study. 14 kids will benefit from the project, they will find a comfortable space that demonstrate the image of school to the future pupils, and got the chance to be prepared for school. Besides, this project will give the chance for 20 women to do their cultural activities.

OTHER PROJECT IDEAS SUGGESTIONS

The community had suggested 3 different ideas. The first one was a new building for the cooperative that it will be in the middle of the village with the aim that it will enable all the women to work in the village with no need to walk for 2kms in order to work in the main building of the cooperative. The second one was to repairing and equipping the local classroom, and the last one was to fix the problem of water between my village and another one. Concerning the first suggestion, after a long discussion with the community we arrive to the result that they already have a local cooperative. Which is a good opportunity and what they need is to develop it and make it a good income that would enable them to not only build a new seat but also bring new benefits for them and to the village or even the valley. About fixing or solving the problem of water, I find out that the problem is a conflict, so I can not help. As a result, me, the local association and the community ca to the agreement that repairing and equipping the classroom is the reasonable project ideas since it would solve some of the educational issues that the kid face in the primary school and it's also target the women.



Project Design

- Organization

The main project's phases are

- 1- coordinating with the local association, that will offer the transport and the labor also to fix the time by which the works will start and end.
- 2- distribution of tasks for the locals.
- 3- bringing materials and
- 4- the start of works

- Action Plan

First of all, I will organize a meeting with the main local association members to discuss the project phases and the legal documents and process of the project. Then, I will do a meeting with the association and the locals (labor) in order to distribute tasks and roles. Finally, i will prepare a schedule for the works.

The schedule

Day 1	Clean up the room
Day 2	Repairing the rotten window and build a second one (for more lights)
Day 3	Reconditioning the roof
Day 4	Repairing the floor
Day 5	Repairing the cracked wall and painting
Day 6	Equipment
Day 7	Review

- Sustainability

There are 6 educated girls that could teach both the women and the kids. One of them she was often being with me during the pre-school sessions and she taught the women whenever i am outside the village. Moreover, the women could teach each other Arabic alphabet, Quran, and calculation.

Concerning, the payment of the girl, who will teach the kids, I talked to the women and they are ready for it. They are eagerly waiting for such a chance that would improve their children knowledge and skills. Moreover, the local association confirmed that the parents are ready to pay between 30 to 50MAD, also they said that they were already working on the idea of pre-school teaching as a need suggested by the locals. They had written numerous requests to different organizations, with the aim of building a local kindergarten.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- This project will create a space for both kids and women to learn and develop their knowledge and skills. Also this will positively impact the children levels in the primary school and the women's work in the local cooperative.

- By this project i am looking for a new group of children who are correctly motivated and well prepared for school. And a group of women, who do believe in the importance and the power of education.
- One of the issues that could be caused by this project is that the women might monopolies the classroom. I will avoid this problem by giving the right of controlling the classroom.

Budget

Material	Unit cost	Quantity	Total cost
Door	2000MAD	1	2000MAD
cimat	75MAD	4	300MAD
Gypsum	50MAD	1	50MAD
Shelves	600MAD	4	2400MAD
School tables	550MAD	8	4400MAD
Peinture oil 12K	350MAD	1	350MAD
Peinture 30K (COLORADO)	550MAD	2	1100MAD
Painting colour	15MAD	4	60MAD
Contreplaqué	130MAD	9	1170MAD
window	600MAD	2	1200 MAD

Labour and Transportation 100% will be provided by the community.

TOTAL : 13.030MAD

The local classroom

