



Benna Tribe School - Ethiopia

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For whom ?

A project for the people of the Benna Tribe, a poor pastoralist community. They are about 4'000, including 1000 children.

Where about ?

The school will be built in their village located in the lower Omo Valley, in southwestern Ethiopia. It will replace the current structure used for the education of some of the children

Why this project ?

A building made of wood and earth currently resides within the village but cannot accommodate all the children because of its limited capacity. In addition, it represents a real danger due to its precarious structure and its permeability to animals. About 1/3 of the children benefit from this outdated and inappropriate school for education. The second third of these children go to neighbouring villages and travel between 10 and 15 km through the hazardous environment of this region. The last third is mainly made up of girls. These are restricted to the parents' homes because of fear of a dangerous itinerary where kidnapping, attacks or even rape frequently occur.

This school will offer an independence and autonomy specific to the tribe, an autarkic place adapted for all the children of this pastoralist population. Not only will the children have a fair and secure social environment, but the parents of this tribe will also gain serenity about the daily lives of their children, and especially girls.



The budget

The Benna Tribe School budget was provided by the construction company commissioned during our visit in September, and is in line with the amounts needed to build the school. It is based on a school of the same type built recently in a neighbouring hamlet.

On the right you will find the summary of the school budget converted into CHF. It amounts to CHF 68,000 and takes into account all expenses, including the transport of materials to this remote region, excavation, salaries and finishing. The work will require a total of 40 people, all of whom will come from local populations.

Sommaire du budget en CHF

A. Sub Structure

1 Excavation & Earth Work	CHF	<u>9 569,33</u>
2 Masonry Work	CHF	<u>4 252,37</u>
3 Concrete Work	CHF	<u>8 391,40</u>

Total A 22 213,10

B. Super Structure

4 Concrete Work	CHF	<u>6 263,30</u>
5 H.C.B Walling	CHF	<u>3 171,34</u>
6 Roofing	CHF	<u>7 010,40</u>
7 Carpentry & Joinery	CHF	<u>5 316,80</u>
8 Metal Work	CHF	<u>5 665,40</u>
9 Finishing	CHF	<u>7 582,20</u>
10 Glazing	CHF	<u>980,60</u>
11 Painting	CHF	<u>935,45</u>
	CHF	<u>36 925,49</u>

Grand Total en CHF 59 138,59

TVA 15% en CHF 8 870,79

Total with TVA en CHF 68 009,38





Chapy

Abeje



Our local partners

Chapy (in dark blue) is our local contact, and is at the origin of this initiative. As a member of the For Equity association, he is our guide and our local relay and ensures great reliability in this project thanks to the relationship we have created with him for three years now.

Abeje is the chief construction engineer of the school. As his family comes from the poor farming communities of this region, he only carries out development projects for these populations with his company, whether it is wells, schools or medical centres.



D emo

Aila



Demo is the local governor of this region with about ten different tribes. Originally from the Benna, he introduced us to this population and welcomed this project with great joy and relief.

Finally, Aila is a member of the Benna Elders' Council. For several years, this Council has been campaigning for children in this community to have equal access to education. He was the one who welcomed us during our visit to their village.

How to support us ?

To participate in the realization of the Benna Tribe School:

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