

INFOS-TIWIZI

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Editorial...

Two years ago, our berber-swiss association has seen the light. Our goal is to aid these berber populations of the south east of Morocco, especially schoolboys/girls and women. We wanted through our deed to break the dumbness on the premises and go beyond the postcard which presents and depicts the berber as a happy entity sometimes museographic.

These populations suffer from a deficit at the level of cultural infrastructures, educational and socioeconomic. If sustainable development means the pooling of all the resources to preserve the ecosystem in its totality, our association contributes to reinforce this large noble building. A contribution certainly modest but vital to help these populations and to work with them in a spirit of solidarity and sharing without any paternalism.

If we have succeeded today to set up projects, it is especially thanks to the French Speaking Switzerland donors, our adherents and to the executive members of Tiwizi who have never spared any effort since the beginning.

We pay tribute to the aforementioned crew at this occasion and let us wish for this year to have more adherents who would contribute to the realization of other projects in favour of these berber populations.

*Hamid Touali,
Vice president*

The Association TIWIZI Suisse soon celebrates its second anniversary...

And if someone today wonders what pushes us to do such actions in the South east of Morocco and defy the included difficulties during the practical organization, numerous administrative meanders on the premises or the financial limitations which meet a small association like ours...

Well it is enough to have a look at these children's smiles, the sparks which shine in their eyes and the «Thanks Tiwizi» written on their blackboards to get the answer...



A look at one's first steps

May 18th 2007...

After many private initiatives led in 2007 by our two founders, Cendrine and Hamid Touali, the Association TIWIZI Suisse, berber-swiss association of solidarity in favour of berber schoolboys saw the light.

TIWIZI's name means solidarity in the berber language.

The association's logo is then created by Mohand Saidi, a berber painter who becomes our local representative in Morocco.

Childlike silhouettes holding one another to form a ring of solidarity around the world coloured with the colours of our two Swiss and Berber flags and then wove a close bond between our two countries, drawing the picture of our association.

The second logo, destined for our "Operations Un élève - Des Crayons", given birth in the fall of 2008 on the occasion of a new pencils' distribution to a large number of pupils.



TIWIZI now...

The Association TIWIZI Suisse is...

... A committee of four people which assume all the tasks including the working of the association, the necessary steps to collect the stuff, the travellings to collect the gifts throughout French Speaking Switzerland, the inventory, the stocking and the pack of the stuff, the dispatch to the airport of Geneva, the search of the members in Switzerland and the partners in Morocco, the development and the maintenance of the web site, etc.

... It is also 22 subscribed individuals and collective members as well as a number of givers thanks to them we manage to carry out such humanitarian actions and dispatch much stuff.

In spite of everything, our association remains modest, many members but a little financial possibilities; one of our goals for this year, 2009, is then to manage to win over to our cause new subscribed members, patrons, sponsors, who would help us to carry on our deeds in favour of berber schoolboys in Morocco. We equally welcome new volunteers, fresh blood inside our association to work out and give shape to new projects as well as link up people in various French Speaking Swiss regions, especially for the collection of the stuff and the organization of the collection.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to reinforce our rows!

1110 kilos !

Latest realizations!

March 5th 2009...

More than ton of humanitarian material is dispatched by plane from Geneva to Casablanca then by van during 700 kms from Casablanca to Tighremt n Yigran!!

After six months of preparation, of material collection, of inventory as well as of packing, it is particularly more than 1500 books, about 300 games and toys, 143 satchels, 25 cases, various school supplies, 1300 pieces of clothing, etc, which have then permitted to our association and to all our local partners to give shape to many projects. They are as follows:

- the creation of a library and toy library inside an association for rural development of a disadvantaged region in the south east of Morocco,
- the distribution of children' clothes to 120 families which inhabit five villages of the same region,
- the distribution of one hundred satchels and school supplies to the pupils of these villages,
- the creation of two classroom libraries, one inside an educational establishment, the other inside a secondary school.

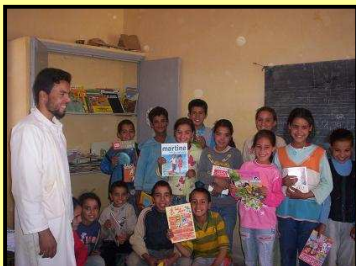
We are happy to aid this region and to show solidarity with this marginalized rural region thanks to our numerous donors and taking the opportunity to thank those who contributed to carry out these humanitarian actions.



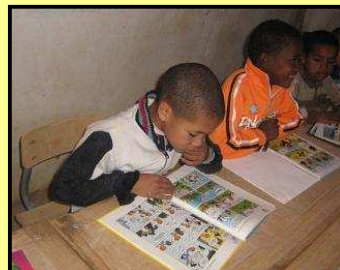
The Association Tiwizi Suisse intends to defend by its actions of solidarity to Morocco, the rights of the man, the woman, the child as well as the linguistic and cultural rights of berber populations.

The Association Tiwizi Suisse deeds are already...

LIBRARIES

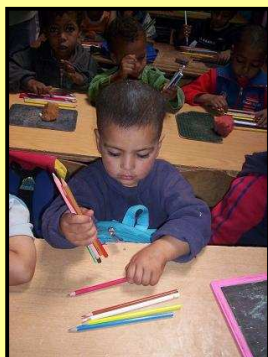


4000 books for socio cultural associations or educational establishments.



PENCILS OPERATION

16'851 colored pencils
1495 paper pencils
2616 neocolours



SATCHELS

586 satchels
111 cases
More than 20'000 papers
About 1700 pens and felt tip pens
166 exercise books
More than 300 blocks
More than 130 rulers
About 300 folders



TOY LIBRAIRIES

335 games, toys for socio cultural associations and creches.



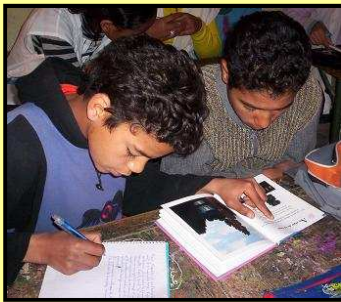
CRECHES



Educational games
Various toys
More than 100 plush dolls
Education books
etc



SUPPORTS TO THE TEACHERS



270 books of arts/odd jobs
More than 600 drawing papers/DIY
More than 4600 pencils
More than 250 felt tip pens
500 neocolours
Brushes, paint,
Looms, wool, needles,
etc



CLOTHES

1306 pieces of clothing
(babies, children)



distributed to more than 1200 pupils and 120 families!!

Our topicality:

The current projects in preparation...

Sponsorship of new schoolboys:
Offering the school kits
(rucksacks and school supplies)

Creation of an information science space
(computers, printers, scanners, educational softwares)
in the Association TAYMAT
and/or inside the village's school
of Tighremt n Yigran

Creation of a video space
(video recorders, DVDs for children and teenagers)
in the Association TAYMAT'
in Tighemt n Yigran's village

Creation of Pedagogical Resources' Library
(encyclopedia, teaching's supports, documentary books in different school disciplines)
in Goulmima's secondary school

Creation of a library and toy library
in the Association TUDERT in
Timezguit's village

Equipment of a creche
(games, toys, books, educational stuff, etc)
in Goulmima's ksar

Creation of an on-line berber handicraft shop
(potteries, weavings, etc)