

Grain de Sel Togo, Inc.

Scholarships for underprivileged students in Togo by Scholars



What we were up to since July 2013

Grain de Sel (GDS) Togo Inc. has completed its first year of existence with the generous support from its members and private donors. Highlights from the year are found below. In 2013-2014, GDS:

- Supported 4 grantees and organized one career development workshop at the University of Lomé in May 2014.

- Submitted a proposal to the US Department of State for a project to develop a computer lab for university students in Togo. This proposal was submitted in collaboration with partner universities and made it to the final stage. This is an ongoing venture.

- Assisted 6 Togo Fulbright and Humphrey scholars to settle-in to their new homes in Maryland, North Dakota, Illinois, Texas, New York.

- In addition to the support given to GDS students, provided material assistance to AFRICA Rendez-Vous, an active online newspaper, as a Technical Assistance package.

- Equipped a leadership training center (in Kara, Togo) with a new video-projector.

We thank you all for your valuable contribution which enables us to continue supporting our beneficiaries as well as improving our academic institutions.

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GDS GRANTEES SINCE 2013

Grain de Sel Togo, Inc.: Year 2

For this academic year, we have completed the call for application and selected 6 new grantees.

This year's seminars and workshop, designed to encourage and train awardees/fellows, will be delivered online via GDS newly created Platform.

Of the 6 grantees, Komi Langangbe is sponsored through a joint partnership with a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer from Togo. Komi is currently lodged in a furnished house offered by one of GDS board members for free.

Each grantee has his/her GDS advisor who serves as first contact between GDS and the local university.

GDS is now registered at the University of Georgia, where fundraising activities and technical meetings will take place.

GDS will continue to develop proposal for the computer labs project. GDS is also planning to offer at least two new laptops to two of its best performing students.

GDS is developing an online curriculum for awardees and their advisors.

Words from new grantees

"I have been impressed by the leadership of GDS Leaders during the career workshop GDS organized on Lome Campus in May 2014. Since then I have been working hard to become GDS grantee and here I am. Thanks for all you are doing for us". Hodabalo A.

"Being motivated and supported, I will work hard to become Doctor in Public Health" Messan Fantodji.

"The support from GDS is my strength. I am grateful to GDS. Please help me or other students to realize our career goals" Komi L.

"Now that GDS is supporting my education, I will pass all my courses with 100 % points" Jonas Weko

"Supporting all needy students would be great" Akoua.

ONGOING ACTIONS