

Grain de Sel Togo, Inc.



GDS Grantees for 2013- 2014

WHO IS GRAIN DE SEL TOGO, INC.?

Launched on July 27th 2013, Grain de Sel Togo Inc. (GDS Togo) is a non-profit organization aiming to promote education through scholarship and grant to hardworking and needy Togolese students in public universities (Universities of Lome and Kara).

This academic year 2013-2014, we are supporting four grantees for a total amount of \$ 2,300 (\$ 575 per scholar) and for the upcoming year, we are planning to support at least 20 students in addition to the current ones.

With generous support from people like you, we have been able to help these students not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with programs in professional development, education, counseling, and networking.

Recognizing your valuable contribution on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank you for your assistance.

We hope you will continue to support our actions and put smile on face of underprivileged students by helping them working successfully towards their academic studies for a brighter future

Sincere thanks.

Brad K Hounkpati, Founder and CEO



Sandrine Segou,
University of Lome, Togo.
3rd year ESOL Student



Sinda Bayolana,
University of Kara, Togo.
3rd year Law Student



Kokou Ayetchona,
University of Lome, Togo.
3rd year Health Student



Didier Bandawa Takao,
University of Kara, Togo
3rd Yr Geography Student

OUR ACTIONS IN TOGO

On May 16, 2014, GDS organized in Lome, Togo (West Africa) a Career development workshop for GDS current grantees and their fellows from both universities. Participants learnt how to respond to or apply to a job offer, and how to use CVitae5 software to generate outstanding resume and cover letter. Additionally, linguistic skills were also discussed. More than 100 students participated to this seminar.

This seminar was animated by the CEO Brad Hounkpati, who was on research trip to West African countries. He met University officials and GDS National Representatives to discuss GDS' mission and plans.

The CEO met also a group of US Exchange Visitor Program alumni in Lome to discuss future joint projects, including computer labs for both universities. This project has been one of the top finalist of the 2014 AEIF .

GDS also offered two laptops: one to the grantee Didier and one to AFRICA Rendez-Vous as a Technical Assistance pack to give them the power to do more.

Activity Report



First Anniversary Meeting

L: DCEO
M: CEO
R: DFO

July 27, 2013 - July 27, 2014: GDS First Anniversary.

GDS Board members met in Philadelphia to celebrate the first anniversary of GDS, which is made possible by the continuous support and generous donation of donors and GDS members.

GDS also contributed to the admission and settle-in for 2 Togolese graduate students to study in France.

Call for 2014-2015 GDS scholarship is being prepared and will be launched earlier in September 2014. We are planning to support at least 20 students this year.

This year, GDS has contributed to coming and settling of 6 Togo Fulbright and Humphrey grantees in Maryland, North Dakota, Illinois, Texas, New York.