

Celebration of World Technology Assistance Day on 04 June 2025 at Bombouaka in Togo.



"A day at the Don Orione centre in Bombouaka as part of World Technology Assistance Day"

INTRODUCTION

As part of World Assistive Technology Day, celebrated on 04 June 2025 under the theme "My AT and Me", the OADCPH sent a team to the Saint Louis Orione centre in Bombouaka.

I- Presentation of the Saint Louis Don Orione centre in Bombouaka

Located 598 km north of Togo, in the Savanes region (about 12 hours' drive from Lomé), the Saint Louis Don Orione de Bombouaka centre is a community hospital offering rehabilitation services (physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychomotor therapy), general medicine, surgery, laboratory, medical imaging, ophthalmology, boarding schools for children and young people with physical, motor or cerebral disabilities, and welding, orthopaedic fitting and shoemaking workshops.



Centre overview



The OADCPH team welcomed by Father Benjamin Bayale GORE, Director of the Don ORIONE Centre in Bombouaka.

Centre overview

II- Activities carried out during the assignment

A number of activities took place in Bombouaka on 04 June:

1- Presentation of the Centre



Operating theatre



Hospital ward



Welding workshop



Some tricycles made in



Laboratory and Radiology



Orthotists' workshop



Shoe repair workshop

Interview with AT users

2- Interview with a number of TA beneficiaries



Isidore was fitted for a brace at the centre thanks to equipment sent by OADCPH following an accident.

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Mr A. was the victim of a road accident which resulted in amputation. He has been fitted with an orthopaedic device for several months now and is undergoing rehabilitation at the centre.

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Jean, a young man who was amputated following an infected wound. He was fitted with a brace and taken to At the centre's boarding school, he learnt shoemaking. He has now completed his training and opened his own shoemaking workshop.

Montessori activities

3- Special school at the centre for young people with cerebral palsy who do not attend school



The young people at the centre with Cerebral Palsy who do not attend school are supervised at the centre to practise Montessori activities in order to stimulate them.

Rehabilitation sessions

4- Psychomotor rehabilitation, physiotherapy, walking school, speech therapy

The majority of young people with Cerebral Palsy attend daily rehabilitation sessions depending on their needs (walking school, psychomotor therapy and many others)

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Walking school



Posture control session with a sit-to-stand device



Session with the psychomotrician



Session with the speech therapist

**5- Visit and interview with the teachers of the young people from the
centre at Bombouaka public Catholic primary school**



**Group photo with the teachers
of young people attending the centre.**

6- Handover of materials to support access for the most vulnerable



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**Official presentation of assistance
products to Father Benjamin.**

Football match and conclusion



**"When assistive technologies put a smile back on people's faces
a football match**

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CONCLUSION

This mission was an opportunity for the OADCPH team to experience and share the realities of a partner working in a remote region of Togo, and to confirm our support through our "help with access to services" component.

The mission had a positive impact on our team and also enabled us to mark World Assistive Technology Day.

Despite the efforts of the players in this sector, the lack of means to access equipment remains the greatest challenge.



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