



Caravan to Class

BRINGING LITERACY
to villages around the fabled
Timbuktu, Mali



IMPACT REPORT 2022-23



Founder's Message

Caravan to Class began its journey to bring literacy to villages around the fabled Timbuktu in 2010 inspired by the fascinating place, with a number of UNESCO World Heritage sights, the lure of the desert, the incredibly hospitable and soulful people and of course the wonderful children. With all of these amazing traits, today Timbuktu is still recovering from the takeover by militants linked to Al Qaeda in 2012. The chronicling of this dark period in the Oscar-nominated film, Timbuktu, raised awareness to the importance of supporting this deserving area.

Since we built our first school in 2010, Caravan to Class, with the support and generosity of our donors and friends, has become an important force for the revitalization of a place we care deeply about.

In 2022, Caravan to Class will build our 16th school in the village of Takaigrout bring the total number of children we have helped to provide an education for to over 5,000. We are still guided by the simple principle that every child deserves the right to an education.

After seeing four successful years of our Bourse Jackie program, we deepened our commitment to providing university scholarships and academic support to a select number of female high school graduates from Timbuktu. I was so proud and grateful to see the first university graduates from this program in 2021. We know our Bourse Jackie program provides a life-changing opportunity for a very deserving and special group of young women. In 2022, we will have provided full university scholarships to twenty deserving young high school students from Timbuktu.

Thank you again for your interest and support.



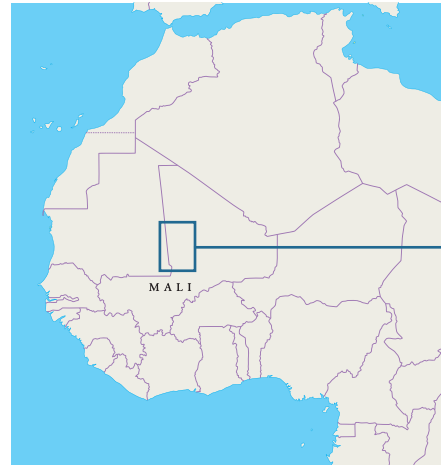
Sincerely,
Barry Hoffner
Founder



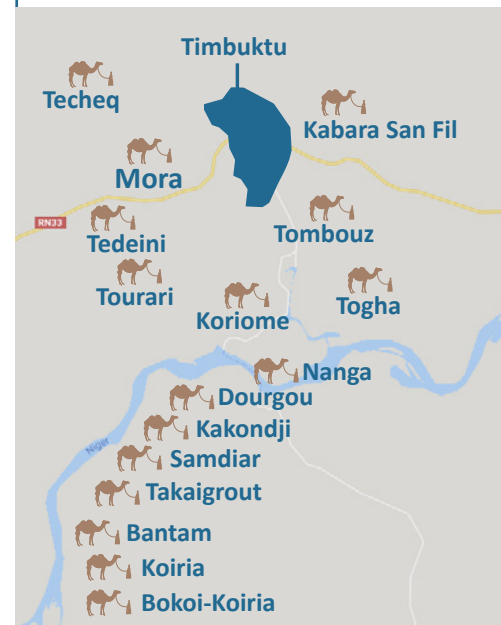
Where We Do What We Do

Timbuktu, Mali

Timbuktu is a city in the West African nation of Mali situated 20 km (12 mi) north of the River Niger on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert.



CLOSE UP OF TIMBUKTU REGION



= Caravan to Class-Built School Site

We are grateful and could not advance our important mission without you.

Aïcha Dicko

My name is Aïcha Dicko, I am a Malian from Timbuktu and attended the Bahadou school for my elementary and middle school. After, I went to the Garba Maïga School for high school in Timbuktu. I have been very courageous since my early childhood, I never gave up. I was content with the limited resources my family had to get me through my performance at school. After school, I focused on household chores, home lessons and exercises. The scholarship is going to bring a very important change in my life. It will allow me to enroll in a private university, an asset that I did not even imagine two months ago. My dream of becoming an economist is therefore possible because of the Bourse Jackie scholarship.



Bintou Boureïma Touré

BOURSE JACKIE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, GROUP 3

My name is Binta Boureïma Touré and I bear the name of a Senegalese friend to my father who raised me in Dakar from age three until thirteen. I returned to Mali to continue my studies in 2017, went to the Mahamane Alassane Haïdara high school in Timbuktu. I had a first failure in passing my Baccalureate and questioned myself, asking what went wrong? The next attempt was successful and I got the information of the Jackie scholarship, which I take the opportunity to bow to her memory "Rest in Peace". Obtaining this scholarship was a sigh of relief and I can only thank God and thank you in return for this great initiative of the Bourse Jackie scholarship, including the opportunity to go to Ghana to learn English. This scholarship will also allow me to access private universities and finish faster than when I am in a public but nevertheless I will combine the two at the same time. I would like to study business management because I would like to create my own businesses but also participate in the development of my country and also reduce the country's unemployment rate by hiring young people for work.

Fadimata Inamoud

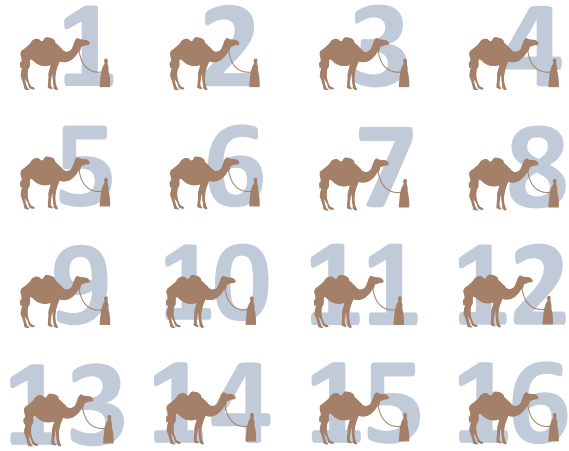
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I am Fadimata Inamoud, I am 18 years old, I come from a modest family, I started school in 2010. I spent my elementary and middle school in Timbuktu and then to Abba Cissé for high school. Every morning I do my chores at home before getting ready for school, often I take the goats out before going to school. I was going to stay here in Timbuktu to do the university because of the expense that the University of Bamako but thanks to God and to you I found out about this noble cause which is to honor the memory of Jackie. I was amazed by the announcement of my admission to the competition. When I learned the number of participants in the competition and the number that should be retained I said to myself I will likely not have the chance to be one of the 5 girls selected. But I encouraged myself to do the best I could and was amazed to be selected among the 5 scholarship winners.



Our Impact

16 Schools Built



 **1.5 MILLION MEALS**

20 University Scholarships



Basic Local Language Literacy for 300 Women

 **200+ TEACHERS' SALARIES PAID**

 **1,500** notebooks, pencils, erasers, etc.

"Caravan to Class is doing important work on the ground in creating the first generation of literacy in the villages where they operate."

— Ambassador Cynthia Schneider, PhD
Co-founder, Timbuktu Renaissance Initiative, Partner



Why We Do What We Do

We're passionate about educating children, especially girls, in rural Timbuktu.

% OF GIRLS IN TIMBUKTU WHO ATTEND SCHOOL:	EDUCATION LEVEL	URBAN TIMBUKTU	RURAL TIMBUKTU
	Elementary	18.3%	5.9%
Middle School	12.1%	2.2%	
High School	5.4%	0.5%	
University	1.6%	0.05%	

Source: Mali Population Census 2009, National Institute of Statistics

Why We Are A Compelling Investment

\$60

Cost/Student school year (operational support—salaries, food, supplies, etc.)



\$143

Cost/Student school year (including construction of school)



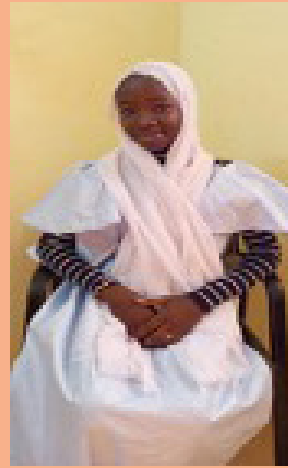
"We are proud to partner with a small, all-volunteer, passionate organization like Caravan to Class. They are driven by a mission in a way not usually seen with larger organizations."

— Norm Shubert,
President of Charles and M.R. Shapiro Foundation, Donor

Halimatou Traoré

BOURSE JACKIE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, GROUP 3

My name is Halimatou Traoré, I am 18 years old, I was born on April 30, 2003 in Timbuktu. I started school at the age of 7. I spent some of my school years in Bamako during the crisis in Timbuktu but returned to finish high school at Mahamane Alassane Haïdara high school in Timbuktu. Thank God I participated in the JACKIE scholarship competition and was admitted among the top 5 girls. I was informed about the competition thanks to an older sister and while listening to the Radio and then provided the documents needed to apply. I was very happy to win this competition because studying in Bamako is extremely expensive. The competition is a great relief for me and for my family. I can only say thank you. The circumstances of the granting of the scholarship, the passing of Ms. Jackie, are sad but we thank Caravan to Class for their commitment to our education.



Fatoumata Mohamed Randane

BOURSE JACKIE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, GROUP 3

I was born in Timbuktu, where I spent most of my childhood but we had to leave because of the 2012 crisis and lived in Bamako for a while. It was not easy to adapt to a new place, a new environment, discover another language which was not my mother tongue. At school in Bamako, we were called the refugees from Timbuktu. After a month of arriving in Bamako my father died, the pain was great and had to be endured as a child. I saw my mother die of grief and sadness. I had a hard time concentrating in class due to the absence of Daddy. But thanks to the support of our mother and the feeling that our father had of seeing us succeed at school motivated me. I did well at school and then we returned to Timbuktu so I could attend Mahamane Alassane Haïdara high school in Timbuktu. To have this scholarship is for me a great privilege for an orphan girl and a chance for me to assert myself and to fight for my goals. This is only a once-in-a-lifetime chance and I will put it to good use and also to pay tribute to Jackie in her memory and her family.



Our Programs

School Construction:

We build schools in carefully selected villages through a very thorough criteria-based (objective and subjective) approach. We build a new 3-classroom building with metal doors, windows and roof and equip the schools with desks/chairs and chalkboards. We have used the same skilled mason for all of our school construction projects.

School Support:

We commit to supporting the schools' operations for a period of three years, paying teachers' salaries, providing school supplies, procuring supplementary food, and providing school uniforms.

Female Adult Literacy:

With each school we build, Caravan to Class also implements a Female Adult Literacy program for the mothers. With this, the mothers can personally know the joys of literacy and be better advocates for education within their families.

Young Women's University Scholarship Program:

With an anchor grant from a longtime donor, we launched a university scholarship program in 2018 for Timbuktu female high school students to attend university in the capital, Bamako, Mali. Through a very competitive process, we selected the first five young women as grantees. This "Bourse Jackie" scholarship will fund tuition, room, board, and transport.

Our 3 Step Model for Building a School in 8 Months:

Month 1	Month 2	Months 3-8
After screening, a village is chosen and a contract is signed.	Ministry of Education confirms agreement to certify school as Public School.	CONSTRUCTION BEGINS! If there is no existing school in the area, we will set up a temporary tented school to use during construction.
		PLUS: We Continue To Provide Support for School Operations for 3 Years After Construction!

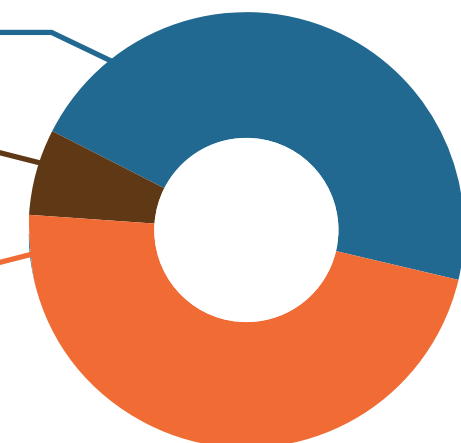
Budget Distribution

School Construction **46.3%**

Admin, Transport, Misc. **7.1%**
(mostly local costs)

Operational Support **46.6%**
(paying teachers' salaries, providing food and school supplies)

TOTAL: 100%



*Certified Financial Statements and 990s available on our website CaravantoClass.org

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a world
where the
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