

Statement on the actions of GREEN ACROSS THE WORLD IN SENEGAL

Since 2014, GREEN ACROSS THE WORLD has been operating in Senegal as part of the exchange between schools in Vermont and others in Senegal. Three partnership agreements were signed with three schools in Senegal: the Serigne Amadou Aly Mbaye elementary school in Dakar, the Ousmane Diop Coumba Pathé middle school in Dakar and the Thierno Mamadou Sall middle school in Fatick. The exchanges aim to bring students together in the areas of culture and the environment.

What to remember after 9 years of exchanges between the two school communities?

There are many lessons to be learned because the impacts produced by the partnership are real at two levels, mainly school level and student level and also in the health sector.

SCHOOL LEVEL

- on the infrastructural environment of the school overall with technological equipment from which the school benefited to support exchanges (laptop computers, video projector and all accessories, mobile projection screen)
- on the classroom learning environment since these technological supports are used by teachers as part of their classroom practice
- the availability of the internet connection to allow exchanges between students but also to allow school teachers and students to use the internet to carry out research for learning
- the discovery of the American learning model by Senegalese teachers, notably the visit in 2015 of Mr. Malick Diop to Vermont

STUDENT LEVEL

- the exchanges allow the students to open their minds with the discovery of the realities of the life of their American correspondents
- trips which made it possible to establish physical contact between the correspondents, in particular the trip made to Senegal in April 2017 by teachers and students from Woodstock High school
- learning to be independent for students through taking charge of the themes on which the exchanges focus
- knowledge of American holidays such as Thanksgiving, Halloween and all the symbolism surrounding the turkey.

What are the prospects for these students within the framework of the sister state?

Around 250 students aged between 12 and 17 have been affected by this program since its start in 2014. The report on the population and housing census published in October 2022 shows that 50% of the population is under 19 years old. This therefore means that the age group of students affected by the program constitutes the largest segment of the population. During their higher education or at the end, they would need to strengthen their expertise and experience. The possibility of benefiting from company internships in Vermont will undoubtedly be a huge advantage. Thus, the knowledge of American culture acquired through the program and the links established with their correspondents should facilitate their integration.

Health Sector

Through GREEN ACROSS THE WORLD, the Grand Yoff general hospital (HOPITAL IDRISSE POUYE) in the city of Dakar benefited from a significant donation of consumables for the care of patients in 2018.

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