



2021 - 2022

# ANNUAL REPORT



## From our New Director

I am pleased to introduce our annual report which highlights accomplishments from our past fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The past year has been a successful one for Ouelessebougu Alliance (OA). We completed five Healthy Village Trainings, almost 14,600 vaccinations, distributed emergency relief to 530 Internally Displaced People (IDP) and we had two successful medical expeditions—OB/GYN and Ophthalmology.

Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world and is facing severe drought, instability and violence in the north. Our programs work to meet the immediate needs of communities in Ouelessebougu and support them as they work to build a more stable future. Every OA health and education program supports the goals and outcomes of each other. When communities develop plans for proper sanitation, nutrition, and disease prevention they are healthier. Healthier people can be more industrious and hopefully begin to build themselves a more stable situation. When children are healthy they can go to school, learn, grow and better support their communities in the future. When mothers are literate they can make better health decisions for their families. We are proud of the synergy in our programs and so grateful for our incredible community that supports making them happen.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your contributions this year. Together we are making a lasting difference in Mali.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crys Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Crys Lee, Executive Director



# Our Mission

To work in partnership with local villagers and transform the quality of life in the Ouelessebouyou region of Mali, West Africa, by delivering sustainable programs in health and education.



Ouelessebouyou Alliance was founded in 1986 to give Utahns the opportunity to serve a specific African community -- knowing that their assistance was going directly to the people for whom it was intended.

The Alliance's programs originate from the underlying premise that the citizens of Ouelessebouyou will themselves identify the most crucial needs and locally viable and sustainable solutions.

OUR PROGRAMS SERVE OVER

# 26,000

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
in 26 Villages

# Our Impact

## HEALTHY VILLAGES



**1,000**  
mosquito nets  
distributed

**14,600**  
children &  
pregnant women  
vaccinated



**3x**  
more than  
5 years ago

**30**  
hand pumps  
and garden  
wells in OA  
communities



**52**  
health agents  
& matrons  
trained



**110**  
women received  
gardening &  
nutrition training

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

# OB/GYN Expedition

The OB/GYN medical expedition visited Mali in January 2022. As one of the world's poorest nations, Mali continues to struggle to make lasting improvements to health. Child marriage is prevalent, with a majority of girls being married before they are 18. Because women become mothers at such a young age and living conditions are so strenuous, gynecological complications are prevalent, and the need for OB/GYN care is critical. OA recruited a small surgical team consisting of eight medical professionals and three support staff to spend a week in Ouelessebougou treating village women. They integrated closely with the local Malian doctors to provide much-needed medical care for women with uterine prolapse. By the end of the week, our OB/GYN team had examined a total of 52 women and performed surgeries for 21 women.

*Special thanks to the doctors, residents, and nurses, who donated their time and energy to make this happen.*

*- OA Alliance*





# Our Impact

## LITERATE VILLAGES

1,896

students attended  
12 primary schools



48

adult literacy  
teachers  
trained



510

girls attended our  
Days for Girls  
training



49%

students enrolled  
in school were girls



30

teachers  
trained

624

school supply  
kits distributed



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

# Education Training

Ouelessebougou Alliance sponsored a very successful teacher training with subject-matter experts in the Ouelessebougou town hall for 30 teachers (including 11 women) from our 12 partner schools. OA also held a separate training for the adult-education teachers and 48 new literacy teachers were trained.

Also in these past months, OA held training sessions in their 12 partner schools on the roles and responsibilities of school management committee members in each village. The participants, school principals, and mayors in charge of education in more than seven municipalities learned a lot and discovered other challenges that they need help with.

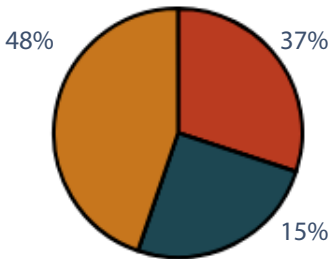


# FINANCIAL REPORT

We work hard to honor the investment you make in our programs. Our resources are spent to address the urgent and long-term needs of the villagers. Our donors can feel confident knowing their assistance goes directly to serve a specific African community.

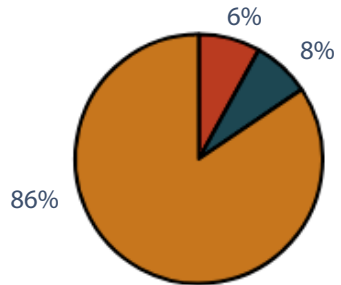
**86%** of expenses went directly to our programs

## REVENUE



- Individuals & Foundations
- Special Events
- In-Kind

## EXPENSES



- Fundraising
- Management & General
- Programs

*To view our audit and full financials, please visit our website at [www.lifeteachother.org](http://www.lifeteachother.org).*

## What's Next?

In our 37th year, we will continue our grassroots approach to providing locally responsive programs that carry real-world impact. Our goal is to work hand-in-hand with each local village to establish and strengthen their health and education councils as they implement incremental improvements in the health and literacy of the villagers, young and old. Our new projects include constructing new clean-water wells, sponsoring an expanded OB/GYN expedition, and restarting adult literacy classes with a freshly trained set of teachers.







# THANK YOU!

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our community. We believe your contributions not only bring life-changing opportunities to our village friends in Mali, but also make a profound impact on all those who reach out to provide assistance. Our work is only successful because of you -- the many committed individuals, partners and foundations who support and believe in our mission.



Thank you to all of our wonderful donors and volunteers!

Volunteers  
are the  
heart of the  
Alliance.

*Photos (left to right):*

1. Donating time on ophthalmology expedition
2. Volunteering at annual Gala Auction
3. Brookwood Elementary outreach & fundraising
4. Youth Ambassador Student Volunteers



## 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

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## Utah Staff

Crys Lee, Executive Director

Betsie Wolford, Finance Manager

# Help deliver lasting change

Your continued support will transform lives in Ouelessebougou

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## ONE-TIME GIFT

Individual donations, no matter the size, support our operating costs and allow us to provide ongoing programs that affect thousands of men, women and children.

## MONTHLY

A recurring monthly donation provides ongoing support and stability for our work, allowing you to spread the financial impact of your giving year-round.

## CORPORATE

Corporate donations, event sponsorships and workplace giving programs are all ways your company can come together to support the Alliance's work.

## IN-KIND

An in-kind donation can be budget relieving goods or services or a contribution to our fundraising gala. Both allow us to defray costs and give more to our programs.

## GIFTS OF STOCK

A gift of appreciated stock is a simple and tax-efficient way to ensure your donation makes a big impact in transforming the lives of villagers.

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts and bequests allow your support of our programs to continue beyond your lifetime. We also gratefully accept donations as a tribute in someone's honor.

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