



Newsletter 67

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Dear friends and supporters of Yaoui e.V.,

With this newsletter, we send you our warmest greetings and look forward to the Easter holidays and the latest information about the association and Yaoui.

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Location and time will be announced later!

Feel free to block off the afternoon.

1. General Meeting 2026

Our annual general meeting took place in January 2026. The detailed minutes are attached to this newsletter. We were delighted to welcome a new member.

It's worth noting that the average age of those present this year was significantly younger than in previous years.

In summary, the association's work in 2025 was successful. The projects decided upon in previous years were implemented, thanks in part to the excellent contact with Yaoui, which was further strengthened by the trip of two members in 2024.

... Projects included funding four teachers in 2025 (total cost: €4,080), financial support for the installation of a photovoltaic system (the school now has a reliable and independent power supply and is no longer dependent on generators), the purchase of a multifunction printer (used for teaching, exams, and administration, and as a source of income for maintaining the solar system), the expansion of the school library with new textbooks (through earmarked donations), and the distribution of gym bags to local students who participated in the art competition we initiated.

For the coming year, and for upcoming projects in 2026, requests submitted to us by the committee in Yaoui were presented to the general assembly. These new projects, which were voted on at the general assembly, will be discussed in more detail later in the newsletter.

2. Anstehende Projekte im Jahr 2026

2.1 Support with School Lunches

As already presented at the members' meeting, many parents can no longer afford school lunches due to increased costs (7 cents per day per student), resulting in approximately 200 fewer students attending school. It was decided that the association will cover the costs for the same number of students as the local support association ARRY for an initial period of one year. This is expected to be 50 children, which translates to approximately €700 (50 children x 200 school days x 7 cents).

2.2 Procuring PCs

The previously approved project to procure PCs will proceed as planned. The budget for this, as decided at the last general meeting, is €1,750.00.

2.3 Further Roof Repairs

Unfortunately, a building's roof was damaged in a storm a few weeks ago. The local authorities approached us to ask if the association could contribute to the roof repairs. Upon request, we received a copy of a quote. The total cost amounts to €607.17, of which the ARRY support association has already paid €305.00. The board has decided to grant the request and will contribute the remaining €302.00 towards the repair costs.



2.4 Water for Yaoui

We would like to inform you about a recent issue that has been brought to our attention:

The village of Yaoui has a well located within the school grounds. However, due to a growing population, this well no longer meets the village's water needs. As you can see in the photo, the villagers are also forced to obtain water from other sources.



Therefore, a second well is needed. Preparations for this have already begun. However, the village will not receive any government support for the well's construction. The village community itself has already raised one-third of the costs, allowing the drilling to be completed.

The ARRY support association has now requested additional support from the association by covering the remaining sum of €4,500 to complete the remaining work.

Unfortunately, the request was only made to us after the members' meeting; otherwise, we would have been happy to discuss it with you in detail. Since this is such a fundamental issue for the lives and health of the people in Yaoui, after a thorough review of the association's assets, a breakdown of expected expenses for 2026, and a forecast of anticipated income, we have decided to provide the village community with the funds. We hope this is acceptable to you. A water management association is being established

to maintain the well in Yaoui. Water will be provided for a fee, and the revenue will be used to cover future maintenance costs.



3. Visit from Yaoui!

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming visitors from Benin from September 10th to 21st, 2026!

Leo Adje, who succeeded his father Isaac as General Secretary of the ARRY Support Association, our long-time contact person in Yaoui and our direct contact for all matters concerning the association, the school, and local projects, has announced his intention to visit Germany and meet our association. It is his wish, and ours as well, that he get to know the members of our association.

The dates were intentionally chosen so that he can attend Pützchen's Market (September 12th/13th, 2026) and also coincide with the following weekend's 20th anniversary celebration of Yaoui e.V. (September 19th, 2026).

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In addition, we would like to further intensify our contacts and discuss future cooperation and upcoming projects with him.

4. Anniversary – 20 Years Yaoui e.V.

For the reasons mentioned above, among others, we have set the date for the anniversary celebration for Saturday, September 19, 2026. We will share more detailed plans for the event in upcoming newsletters. As decided at the general meeting, we want to keep the costs for the celebration as low as possible for the association and therefore request a contribution towards expenses from all participants.

We will announce the exact location and time later. The celebration will likely take place in the Hilden area, as Leo will also still be in Hilden at that time. Until then, we would like to cordially invite you to the celebration of the association's 20th anniversary and encourage you to attend in as large a number as possible.

We, the board, and our visitors from Benin would be very happy to see you there.

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Until then, we wish you a Happy Easter and a wonderful spring.

Matthias Sorsoli, Yanic Sorsoli, Martina Noske und Markus Brinkmann

The Board

