



Newsletter 68

Hilden, Juli 2026

Dear friends and supporters of Yaoui e.V.,

The summer edition of our newsletter summarizes the latest information about the association and Yaoui and aims to build anticipation for the upcoming visit from Benin—just in time for the start of this year's summer holidays.

ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

September 19, 2026

**We look forward to celebrating the association's 20th
anniversary with you at the Haus der Diakonie**

Hilden/Nachbarschaftszentrum

St. Konrad Allee 76a,

40723 Hilden

starting at 3:30 PM!

1. Current Projects 2026

We are pleased to report that two of the projects in Yaoui, for which the association had pledged financial support this year, are already well underway. We have also received recent photos from Yaoui, allowing us to see the progress for ourselves.

1.1 Further roof refurbishment

A building roof damaged during a storm required repair. The association has meanwhile paid the share of the repair costs, and the repairs have been completed.



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1.2 Water for Yaoui

The well currently available to the village of Yaoui—located on the school grounds—no longer meets the demand for fresh water. Villagers must obtain additional water from other sources; this task usually falls to women and girls, requiring significant effort and long walks.

The association Yaoui e.V. has now contributed a substantial portion of the funding for the construction of a new village well. Work has begun but is currently delayed due to the rainy season.

Photos showing the current progress were sent to us last week—take a look:



2. A visit from Yaoui!

The association will be hosting a visitor from Benin from September 10 to September 22, 2026!

Our contact person in Yaoui, Leo Adje, has finalized his travel plans to Germany. He is very much looking forward to his time here and to meeting many of the association's members.

Opportunities to do so will arise, for instance, during a visit to this year's Pützchens Markt (he is expected to be present at the Protestant Nommensen congregation on September 11 and 12, 2026). Once again this year, several association members will be supporting the congregation through volunteer work, including staffing the French fry stand.

We would be delighted if other association members—ideally those with good French language skills 😊—also came along to meet Leo and have a chat.

3. 20th Anniversary of the Association

The celebration marking the association's 20th anniversary will take place on

Saturday, September 19, 2026, starting at 3:30 PM at the *Haus der Diakonie Hilden*.

You will find a separate invitation letter attached to this newsletter email. To help us plan the event, please use the attached link to let us know whether you will be celebrating with us or are unable to attend. We would be delighted to celebrate with you! It will also be a great opportunity for you to meet Leo—and for him to meet you, of course.

To keep costs for the association as low as possible, we are asking all participants to make a small contribution towards expenses; a donation box will be provided. The association is organizing food and drinks, and we are hoping for some input from our African guest — look forward to a surprise!

Until then, we wish you a wonderful summer and great summer Hollidays.

Matthias Sorsoli, Yanic Sorsoli, Martina Noske und Markus Brinkmann

***"The most beautiful moment in a person's life is setting out for
foreign lands."***

Sir Richard Burton, britischer Afrikaforscher.