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Newsletter 66

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Dear friends and supporters of Yaoui e.V.,

after a bit of a break, we're back with our latest newsletter. The year is drawing to a close, and we hope you find some peaceful and reflective moments during the upcoming Advent season.

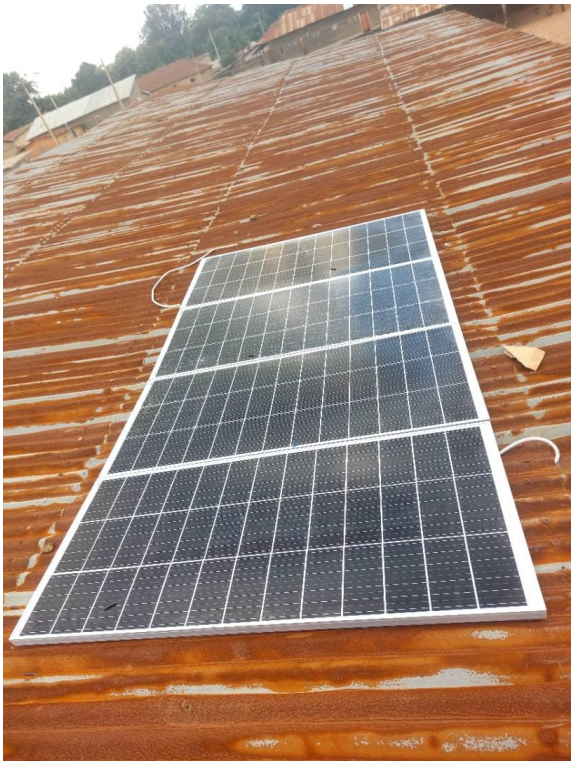
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1. Current Projects

the new schoolbooks purchased with your support have been labeled with the donors' names, as previously announced. Reviewing the numerous photos showing the donors' names is proving more time-consuming than anticipated. We are still sorting the documents and will contact the donors with the corresponding documentation as soon as possible.

We are delighted to receive positive news from Yaoui: the photovoltaic system, installed in part thanks to donations from the Yaoui e.V. association, has been put into operation. The printer, also financed by the association, is now in use. Here are some photos of the work carried out on site:



PV panels on the roof surface



Electrical sub-distribution installed according to local standards



Furnishings and many new schoolbooks in the Recreation Center



New Printer in Recreation-Center

The school, or rather the board of the local support committee, has inquired about future projects that the association could support, in addition to funding teachers' salaries. These include, among other things, co-financing daily lunches for the students. The board is currently in close contact with the school to obtain more detailed information, costs, and key figures.

We hope to be able to tell you more about this topic at the next members' meeting. The board considered it an important project overall, as it would support the provision of essential meals to students, going beyond basic provision.

2. Report Pützchens Markt in Bonn Beuel Pützchen 2025

The Pützchens Markt fair took place in Bonn-Beuel during the second week of September. As in previous years, members of our association helped out again this year, and we are delighted that five of our members volunteered their time to support the work of the parish by working on the Nommensen Church's food truck.

The proceeds from the food truck sales have since been donated by the parish to various projects. We have learned that the Yaoui e.V. association received a very generous donation of €4,000.00. On behalf of the members, the association, and the school in Benin, the board of directors extends its heartfelt thanks for this donation!

3. Merchandising - Year-independent photo calendars (for the holidays)

We would like to remind you of our photo calendars featuring wonderful images of life in Benin and Yaoui, designed by the association's creative team. The calendars are not tied to any specific year. We can give them to you or send them in exchange for a donation; perhaps you'll find a lovely gift for the upcoming Christmas season.

DIN A4 picture calendars are available for a donation of €20.

A few copies of the postcard calendar are still available for a donation of €12, however the calendar overview refers to the year 2025.



DIN A4 Picture Calendar



Postcard Calendar

You can view the calendars on our website and order them directly online via the link www.yaoui.de/Kalenderbestellung.

The proceeds from donations will go towards the association's upcoming projects, among other things.

4. Save The Date – Annual General Meeting 2026

We are pleased to announce the date of our next general meeting. As always, we look forward to a large turnout. This year, it's even more important, as the coming year, 2026, will be of particular significance for the association – more on that in a moment.

We welcome any exchange of information and ideas regarding the association's work! The general meeting will again be streamed online via Microsoft Teams. All those who have registered for online participation will receive a link to log in to the meeting before it begins. Detailed information, including details about the meeting location, will be included with the invitation to the general meeting.

Save The Date Annual General Meeting 2026:

Samstag, 31.Januar 2026 um 17:00 Uhr

5. 20 Years of Yaoui e.V. – a very special anniversary

It's hard to believe, but the Yaoui Association was founded 20 years ago. To be more precise, in the summer of 2006.

Starting with seven founding members and their volunteer work, the association has grown considerably. Initially referred to by some as the Yahuhi Association, it now boasts 95 members (as of December 2025) who support our work and, consequently, our projects in Benin through their membership fees. We are also grateful for numerous other supporters and donations, which we use in close consultation with you and our contacts in Yaoui. We would like to celebrate this 20th anniversary in a special way and would like to involve you in the preparations. Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how we could celebrate this event together? We would be delighted to discuss this with you, for example, at the next general meeting.

We wish you a peaceful Advent season and a merry Christmas!

May you all have a good start to the new year 2026!



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The Board