



**Maison de la Gare**  
**Annual Report 2023**

# VISION AND OBJECTIVES

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Maison de la Gare's mission is to help begging talibés and other vulnerable children, all of whom face intolerable living conditions. We work to promote their education and respect for their rights, and to assure their protection and safety.

Through our programs and initiatives, we strive to make a significant and lasting difference in their lives. We work closely with all stakeholders, marabouts, local and national state authorities, and community associations.

Our objective is to provide to every child that we work with:

**PROTECTION** - from all forms of violence and abuse that can harm their physical, moral or psychological well-being.

**LEARNING** – giving them access to education, literacy for the youngest and vocational training for the oldest, enabling them to acquire the skills they will need for integrating successfully into society.

**A SAFE HAVEN** - providing these children with shelter, clothing, food, and psychological and medical support.

*Cover photo: A proud graduate of our poultry farming apprenticeship program*



OUR ACTIVITES

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Begging talibé children in large numbers in our center



Enthralled in an art class



A chance to play as children



Morning karate class in the center



Cared for in our infirmary



Happy to be safe and cared for





Our precious volunteers change the children's lives, and their own



Proud moment as a talibé becomes a university graduate

Our overloaded emergency shelter welcomes hundreds of children from the street



The TV in our newly renovated library draws in many begging talibés



2023 IN NUMBERS

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| ACTIVITIES                              | OUR RESULTS   |
|---|---|
| CHILDREN REGISTERED ENTERING THE CENTER | 2680 children registered each month   |
|   | 571 different children each month   |
|   | 138 visits per day on the average   |
|   | 98 daaras on average represented by these children  |
|   | 2326 different children registered over the year  |
| MEDICAL CARE                            | 184 visits to daaras pour health care where the talibé children live  |
|   | 4543 treatments of talibé children in their daaras  |
|   | 527 treatments on average each month in our infirmary of talibés between the ages of 3 and 24   |
|   | 59% of treatments for cuts and other wounds, 27% pour scabies, and the rest for dental and vision problems, burns, diarrhea, malaria, broken limbs and other issues |
|   | 30 hospitalizations of talibés for critical issues  |
| EMERGENCY SHELTER                       | 188 children housed temporarily in the shelter  |
|   | 135 talibés reintegrated into their daaras  |
|   | 46 talibés returned to their families   |
|   | 5 talibés referred to other centers   |
| HYGIENE                                 | Clothing and shoes distributed to 100s of children  |
|   | 184 visits to daaras for instruction on health and hygiene issues   |
| EDUCATION                               | About 30 children participating in the daily basic education courses in the center's classrooms   |
|   | Over 50 daaras represented in the education program, with a wide range of ages of children  |
| STAFF TRAINING                          | Key staff trained child protection in internships with AEMO (Ministry of Justice)   |
|   | Support for education and reinforcement of the capacity of all staff members  |
| SPORTS                                  | Soccer matches in the center every Thursday and Friday between talibés of different daaras.   |
|   | Major annual tournament with dozens of talibé teams. More than 50 talibés practicing karate regularly at the center and in a local dojo                             |
| APPRENTICESHIP                          | 27 older talibés trained in poultry farming in two production cycles  |
|   | 7 talibés trained in tailoring over 12 months   |
| MICROFINANCE                            | 38 loans granted during the year totaling \$12,660 US, 19 to older and former talibés   |
|   | 98% reimbursement of loans during the year compared to contractual commitments  |
|   | 146 loans to date, totaling \$43,000 US   |





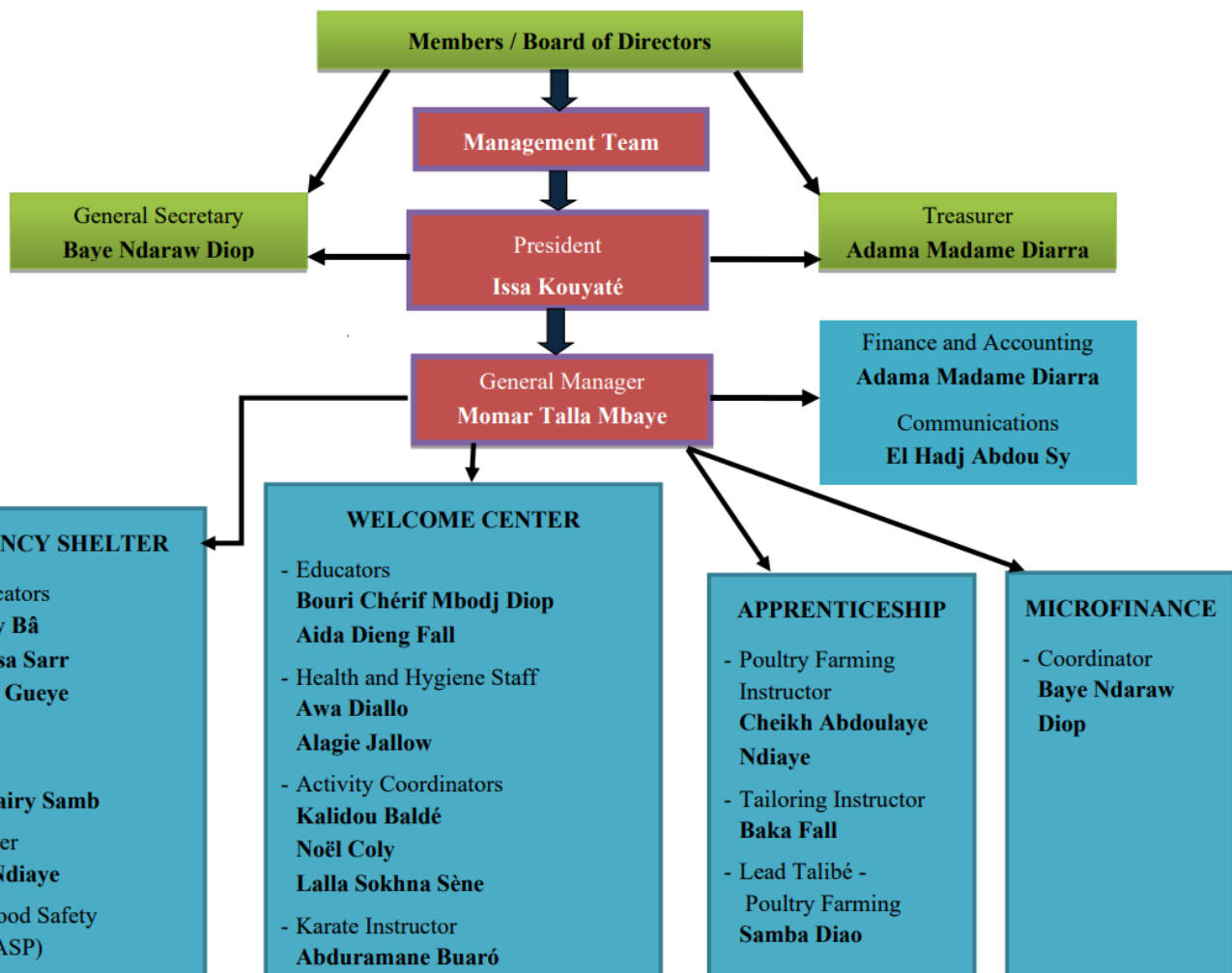
OUR PEOPLE

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Maison de la Gare's staff members bring their dedication, experience and professionalism to all our programs for the begging talibé children. They count on the active participation of four former talibés as team members.

Our Board of Directors guides the strategy and management of the organization. Its members represent staff, community organizations and major donors.

## Maison de la Gare Team



# CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Since its creation in 2007, Maison de la Gare has been dedicated to finding lasting solutions to the problems of talibé children. Our challenge has been, and remains, to get communities and authorities to make the necessary decisions to eradicate child begging. To continue our work, we need to sustain and grow the support of our backers and individual donors around the world.

We devote our energies to supporting these children in every way possible, while working with others to put an end to their suffering.

Our priorities for the coming year are:

- ✓ To maintain and strengthen our care and assistance activities supporting begging talibé children.
- ✓ To strengthen synergies with local and national networks working to end child begging.
- ✓ To encourage the participation of older talibés in our activities and decision-making.

Maison de la Gare strives to promote the well-being of talibé children of all ages, and to give them the chance for a healthy and productive life. We reaffirm our commitment to eradicating begging by talibé children, and to combating all forms of child abuse and exploitation.



FINANCIAL RESULTS  
2023 (in US dollars)

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**Maison de la Gare**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - 2023**

|  | 2022           | 2023           |
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| <b>REVENUE</b>                                       |                |                |
| Rev. C.F. Johnston Foundation                        | 31,083         | 43,940         |
| United Nations Anti-Slavery Fund                     | 28,836         | 38,208         |
| GlobalGiving   | 26,675         | 31,461         |
| Go Campaign (2021), Caminos (2022)                   | 20,206         | 0              |
| United Nations - Anti-Trafficking Fund (UNODC) / IOM | 14,258         | 14,524         |
| European Union - SAMU Social                         | 7,849          | 1,166          |
| Friends of Senegal                                   | 7,682          | 11,160         |
| Other NGOs, Individuals                              | 15,118         | 4,314          |
| Volunteer Program                                    | 598            | 5,197          |
| Allocated Funds - Land, Buildings, Reserves          | (21,820)       | (12,835)       |
| <b>TOTAL - REVENUE</b>                               | <b>130,487</b> | <b>137,136</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                      |                |                |
| <b>Programs for talibé children</b>                  |                |                |
| Welcoming children (with food, clothing)             | 23,285         | 22,547         |
| Health and hygiene                                   | 9,345          | 9,190          |
| Literacy   | 16,187         | 12,978         |
| Apprenticeship                                       | 9,688          | 13,084         |
| Sports   | 5,922          | 5,600          |
| Finding, taking charge of and reintegrating children | 12,725         | 16,134         |
| Legal assistance                                     | 5,463          | 6,385          |
| Microfinance program                                 | 8,747          | 8,457          |
| Apartment for older talibés                          | 4,540          | 3,957          |
| Advocacy and awareness                               | 1,846          | 1,815          |
| Other actions and support for the talibés            | 4,849          | 5,701          |
|  | <b>102,598</b> | <b>105,847</b> |
| Other support for vulnerable people                  | 3,714          | 1,467          |
| Internal training, personnel support                 | 1,582          | 1,321          |
| Installations  | 6,057          | 10,027         |
| Administrative costs (office, bank, personnel)       | 16,285         | 18,381         |
| <b>TOTAL - EXPENSES</b>                              | <b>130,236</b> | <b>137,043</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>             | <b>251</b>     | <b>93</b>      |

Note: For information only. Converted from Profit and Loss Statement in CFA francs to US\$ at average exchange rate for year.





**Maison de la Gare**  
**BALANCE SHEET - December 31, 2023**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                         | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Short-Term Assets</b>              |                |                |
| Cash                                  | 18,756         | 19,771         |
| Accounts Receivable                   | 1,194          | 327            |
| Microcredit Loans                     | 3,884          | 7,891          |
| <b>Total - Short-Term Assets</b>      | <b>23,834</b>  | <b>27,990</b>  |
| <b>Capital Assets</b>                 |                |                |
| Installations - Saint Louis and Bango | 170,238        | 194,233        |
| less: Accumulated amortization        | (67,025)       | (78,431)       |
| Land (Saint Louis and Bango)          | 67,026         | 69,082         |
| <b>Total - Capital Assets</b>         | <b>170,240</b> | <b>184,883</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>194,074</b> | <b>212,874</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                |                |
| Accounts Payable                      | 4,648          | 6,899          |
| Advances - volunteers, other          | 2,907          | 3,013          |
| Committed Contributions               | 14,656         | 16,310         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>              | <b>22,211</b>  | <b>26,222</b>  |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                         |                |                |
| Balance - Beginning of Period         | 1,369          | 1,673          |
| Surplus (Deficit) During the Period   | 254            | 95             |
| Land and Buildings                    | 170,240        | 184,883        |
| <b>Total - Equity</b>                 | <b>171,863</b> | <b>186,652</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>         | <b>194,074</b> | <b>212,874</b> |

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