



Annual Report 2024

Maison de la Gare

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Maison de la Gare's mission is to improve the living conditions of vulnerable talibé children, and to give them hope of a better future.

These children live in extreme poverty. They are often exploited by their Koranic masters and exposed to all kinds of dangers. It is in this context that Maison de la Gare provides support and assistance to remedy this injustice.

The exclusion and marginalization of talibé children is a brutal denial of their rights as children. We try to provide solutions through our services. We take a holistic approach to their needs in terms of security, food, health, education, psychology, training and empowerment.

In collaboration with all stakeholders, the Ministry of Justice's office for Educational Action in Open Environments (AEMO), the First Response Center (CPA), private associations, communities and local authorities working in child protection, we strive to make a significant contribution to the well-being of talibés in the Saint Louis region and throughout Senegal.



OUR ACTIVITIES

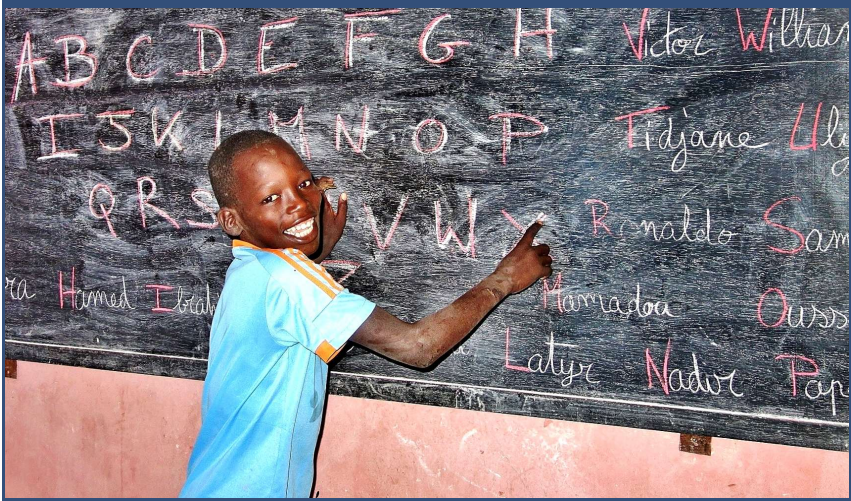
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Our center is an oasis of peace and security for talibé children, where they can relax, laugh and feel protected and appreciated.



Our classrooms open the door for children to the world of reading, and to the skills they will need to function in society.



We provide healthcare in our infirmary, and in the daaras.





We give food and, when needed, clothing to the children.

Our apprenticeship programs are a gateway to productive, independent lives.



Our street educators rescue desperate children from the streets and reintegrate them into safe situations.



Our microfinance program is a launch pad for budding talibé entrepreneurs.



Karate and soccer are invaluable outlets for the children.

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



2024 IN NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY SHELTER

- 143 talibés children housed temporarily
- 83 talibés reintegrated into their daaras
- 44 talibés returned to their families
- 15 talibés referred to other centers

EDUCATION

- 36 children on average participating each day in basic education courses in the center's classrooms
- Over 60 daaras represented in the education programs, with children of all ages

HEALTHCARE

- 476 treatments on average in the infirmary each month for talibés ages 3 to 22
- 59% of treatments for cuts and other wounds, 26% for scabies, and the rest for dental and vision problems, burns, diarrhea, malaria, broken bones and other issues
- 1,938 treatments of talibé children in 91 visits to daaras where they live
- 14 talibés hospitalized for critical conditions

DIRECT SUPPORT

- At least 2400 nourishing baguettes given to children each month
- Clothing and shoes distributed to 100s of children

CHILDREN ENTERING THE CENTER

2,560 visits registered each month

667 different children each month

126 children on average each day

126 daaras on average represented each month

2,493 different children registered during the year

2024 IN NUMBERS

PERSONNEL TRAINING

- 2 team members enrolled in university courses
- 2 team members taking refresher courses
- 2-day first-aid training for the entire team

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

- 30 older talibés trained in poultry farming, in two production cycles
- 12 vulnerable youth, including 3 talibés, completed 12-month tailoring training.

SPORTS

- Soccer matches at the center every Thursday and Friday between talibés from different daaras
- Major annual tournament with a dozen talibé teams
- Over 50 talibés regularly practicing karate at the center and in a local dojo

MICROFINANCE

- 54 loans granted during the year for a total of \$18,465, 13 of them to older or former talibés
- To date, 200 loans granted for a total of \$59,800

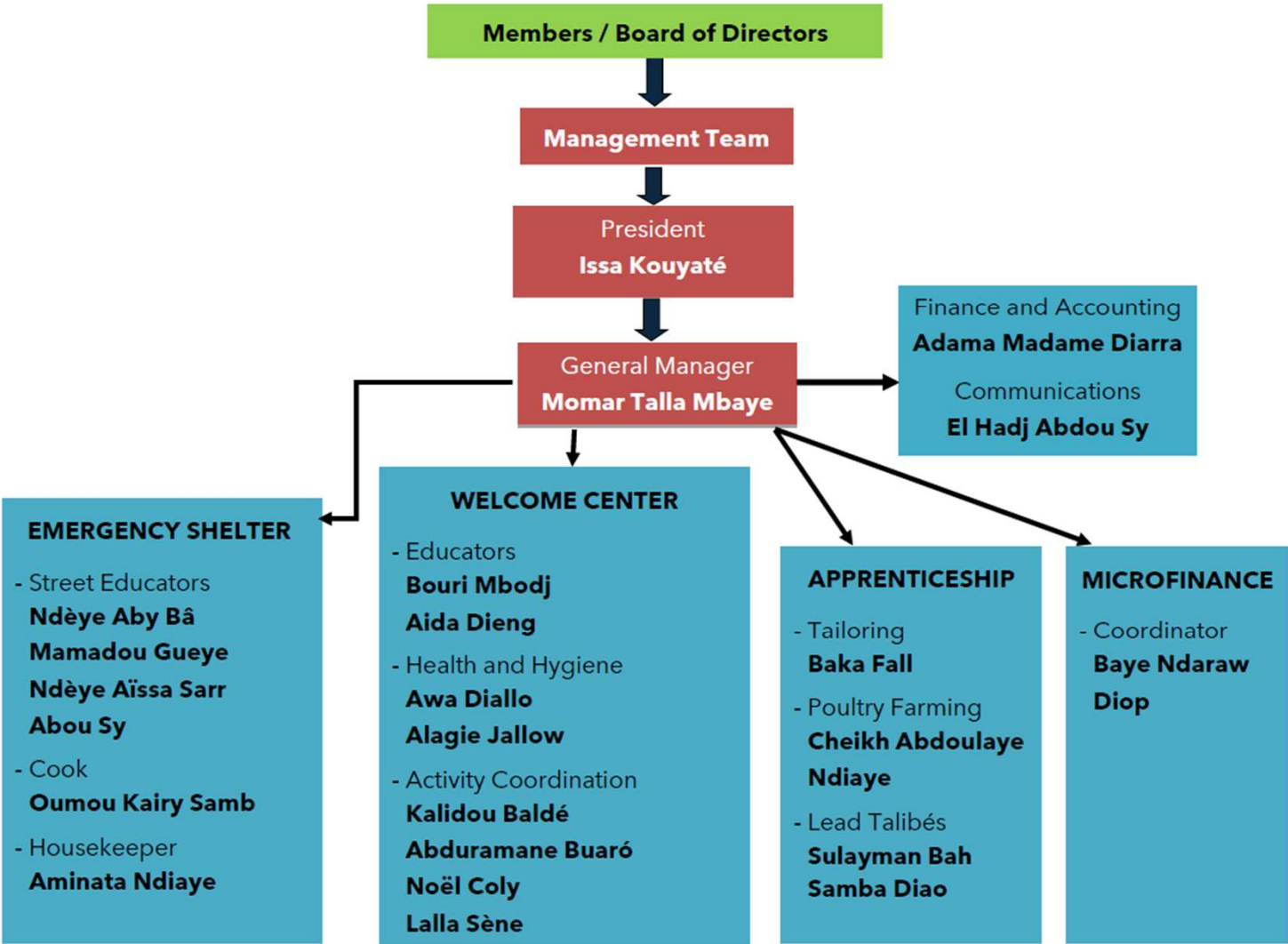
OUR PEOPLE

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Maison de la Gare staff members combine dedication, experience and professionalism in carrying out our programs. Their work is strongly supported by the active participation of five 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’s Team



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Since its beginnings in 2007, Maison de la Gare has been working to find lasting solutions to the problems of talibé children. Our challenge has been, and remains, to get communities and authorities to take the necessary decisions and to act to eradicate child begging. We must maintain and extend our relationships with our backers and individual donors around the world through the publication of reports, newsletters, and spreading information about our activities on various communication channels.

Our main challenges and prospects include to:

- ❑ maintain and strengthen our care and assistance activities supporting talibé children,



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- ❑ strengthen cooperation with local and national networks working to end child begging,
- ❑ encourage the participation of older talibés in our activities and decision-making, drawing on the collaboration of their marabouts,
- ❑ accompany and support as many beneficiaries as possible in their quest for vocational training and empowerment.

Maison de la Gare strives for and is committed to the well-being of talibé children of all ages, and to giving them the opportunity to lead healthy, productive lives.



One of the beautiful murals created by volunteers in our center

2024 FINANCIAL RESULTS

(US dollars)



Maison de la Gare
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - 2024

	2023	2024
REVENUE		
Rev. C.F. Johnston Foundation	43,940	54,028
United Nations Torture Fund	38,208	37,636
Friends of Senegal	11,160	29,669
GlobalGiving	31,461	20,358
Auxilium	0	15,308
GO Campaign	0	11,597
Other (other NGOs, Individuals)	20,004	2,543
Volunteer Program - Net	5,197	11,148
Allocated Funds - Land, Buildings, Reserves	(12,835)	(32,087)
TOTAL - REVENUE	137,136	150,200
EXPENSES		
Programs for talibé children		
Welcoming children (with food, clothing)	22,547	21,836
Health and hygiene	9,190	9,905
Literacy	12,978	10,285
Apprenticeship	13,084	17,414
Sports	5,600	6,161
Finding, taking charge of and reintegrating children	16,134	18,208
Legal assistance	6,385	5,718
Microfinance program	8,457	7,441
Apartment for older talibés	3,957	3,967
Advocacy and awareness	1,815	7,408
Other actions and support for the talibés	5,701	3,787
	105,847	112,131
Other support for vulnerable people	1,467	2,469
Internal training, personnel support	1,321	6,046
Installations	10,027	9,968
Administrative costs (office, bank, personnel)	18,381	19,306
TOTAL - EXPENSES	137,043	149,920
SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	93	279

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, 2024

ASSETS	2023	2024
Short-Term Assets		
Cash	19,771	71,463
Accounts Receivable	327	7,729
Microcredit Loans	7,891	12,354
Total - Short-Term Assets	27,990	91,546
Capital Assets		
Installations - Saint Louis and Bango	194,233	198,440
less: Accumulated amortization	(78,431)	(83,422)
Land (Saint Louis and Bango)	69,082	70,646
Total - Capital Assets	184,883	185,664
TOTAL ASSETS	212,874	277,211
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	6,899	7,639
Advances - volunteers, other	3,013	17,907
Committed Contributions	16,310	46,688
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,222	72,234
EQUITY		
Balance - Beginning of Period	1,673	1,666
Surplus (Deficit) During the Period	95	268
Land, Buildings and Microfinance Funds	184,883	203,042
Total - Equity	186,652	204,977
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	212,874	277,211

Note: For information only. Converted from Balance Sheet in CFA francs to US\$ at exchange rate on Dec. 31

