

Every year Artists For The World chooses a small reforestation project in the world, to support!

Join us – every donation helps to plant trees!!it's also our oxygen we breath... ;-)

Artists For The World support 2012 :

"A lot remains to do in Burkina Faso and that is why we, the association of young people for nature, intend to contribute to the fight to defend nature in this way. We want to change the future in Burkina, so that one day it will not be written 'Burkina Faso is a desert country !' We call our brothers and sisters to mobilize themselves for the re-forestation operations which take place from July till August every year, so that the forest deposits its suitcase with its numerous rains and animals in our region."

**Bruno Nana,
President of the association,
article in the Observateur Ouagadougou,
2008**



The Association of Young People For Nature (AJPN) was created in 2006.

It's aims are:

- To strengthen the co-habitation of young people for the maintenance of vegetation
- To mobilize members around viable projects
- To assure the education of members for the conservation of nature
- To fight against desertification

The AJPN consists entirely of volunteers who contribute to buy native seedlings, fruit-bearing trees, and non-fruit-bearing trees : mahogany, bété wood, iroko/kambala, tracqué wood, agnigré, samba and others.

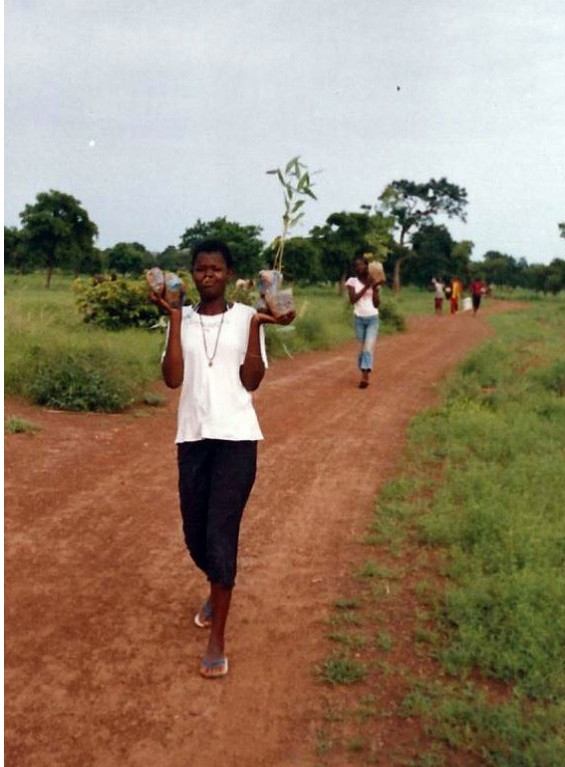
Every year they raise money for planting trees in zones where the desertification increases highly and in villages to raise the awareness of the local rural population, often illiterates, to the importance of the conservation of nature and.....trees.

Artist for the Word decided to, initially, help the AJPN to plant more trees during a period of 3 years.

We want to support the initiative of the AJPN with 250 trees per year.

They give short theatre plays to explain the subject and also run quizzes for the children, whereby every child who answers a question correctly receives a tree for each right answer. Then, together, the young people of the association and the population of the village plant the trees which the association has given them.

In this way, the association noticed that the trees (particularly those received by women) have a real chance to grow and to survive.



Artistes For The World board member Jacques Morard taught for one year in an elementary school in Burkina Faso. In 2012 he visited the school again. It had grown from teaching 200 elementary school children in 1997, to 1,200 elementary, secondary, and junior high school students in 2012.

The school was a private initiative of one local man. He set it up as a non-political and non-religious school, open to girls and orphans. It was financed through the payment of school fees - by those who could afford to pay them.

A group of Jacques's ex-students founded an association to fight the progressing desertification in Burkina Faso. We took the decision to help them to plant new trees, because we are sure all the money they receive will go directly into the project !

"If the population is not involved and sensitive to this critical situation, the trees do not survive. But if people really understand the importance of protecting nature, they look after the trees which are already there. This is the only way to change things in the long term ".

Jean-Baptiste Zongo,
treasurer of the association

"Thanks to these theatre plays, we can laugh and awaken interest in the local population as to the vital importance of protecting nature. Many villagers do not know their alphabet. So, by raising awareness through the plays – especially ones that make people laugh and think, the association touches the spirit, and this is much more effective!"

Roland Armand Kaboré,
secretary of sociocultural activities



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