

Dakar Women's Group Charity Committee – May 2008

Thank you for your interest in the Dakar Women's Group. The DWG disburses several million CFA a year to non-governmental organizations and associations who serve the needs of women and children living in the greater Dakar region of Senegal. The Charity Committee screens applications, visits projects, delivers money and other donations, and follows-up on project activities.

If you know of or are part of a group seeking charity assistance that fits our criteria (see below) please contact the Charity Committee Chair Mindy Clemons at 77.408.4492 or dwgcharity@yahoo.com.



Most members of the Charity Committee 2008

1. Focus and Scope of DWG's Funding Activities:

The DWG supports organizations that provide services to women and children; have an impact on a large number of individuals, and are not under the direct and/or sole administration of the government. Benefiting organizations must be located in the Dakar region and functioning within local government laws.

The DWG supports numerous programs with funding up to one (1) million CFA per program. The funds disbursed by the DWG are for the purchase of program materials and/or to cover specific activities and projects. The DWG is not a long term source of funding for repetitive activities or operating costs.

2. Eligible and Non-Eligible Activities

A. Eligible for funding (not an exhaustive list):

1. *Educational Activities and School Supplies*
Tables, benches, desks, bookcases, and blackboards, etc.
Books and other instructional materials
2. *Health Related Activities and Supplies*
Wheel chairs, braces, maternity beds, pumps for a well, etc
Basic hygiene products i.e. toilet soap, toothpaste, etc.
Surgical procedures and other health care costs
Non-prescription medicines distributed in accordance with
Senegalese law.
Nutritional education supplies
3. *Household Needs*
Beds, cribs, mattresses, closets, refrigerator, etc.
Sheets, pillows, mosquito nets, etc.
Cleaning products
4. *Income Generating Activities (handicrafts, agricultural/food products, etc.)*
Equipment such as sewing machines, and computers
Materials (cloth, beads, kitchen supplies, etc)
Skill-based training sessions
5. *Construction Projects*
Materials and labor for projects such as building of a
playground, a pool (for the disabled) and a well
6. *Program/Management Needs*
Office equipment (i.e. computers, printers) provided site security is
adequate.
Skill-based training sessions

B. Activities Denied Funding

The DWG does NOT fund the following:

- Government agencies
- Intermediary organizations
- Individuals.
- Salaries
- Operating Expenses (e.g. rent and utilities)
- Food for clients
- Transportation
- Any expenses that cannot be documented

- Prizes for competitions (monetary or otherwise)
- Bibles, Korans, or any other type of religious materials
- Religious instruction.
- School fees
- Micro-credit programs

3. Requirements of Projects Receiving Funding

The DWG expects funded projects to be fully transparent about their activities and fully accountable for all funds they receive. At a minimum, funded projects will be required to:

- Interact with and receive visits from the Charity Committee Liaison officer assigned to them;
- Sign a contract, prior to receiving funding, that outlines how the funds are to be used and accounted for;
- Obtain detailed receipts for all expenses;
- Notify the Charity Committee, in writing, if the project is unable to use the funds as outlined in the contract;
- Submit a brief write-up at the end of the year regarding how funds were used and benefited the project and its clients.

4. How to Submit an Application

- Project applications must be submitted between June 1 and October 15. No applications will be accepted after October 15.
- Applications may be delivered to the Chair or members of the Charity Committee or electronically submitted to dwgcharity@yahoo.com.
- Projects will be notified of the decision regarding their applications by March 1.