BURKINA FASO 2018

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PREFACE

By Ella

What an experience! The **Burkina Faso 2017 – 2018 team** was very diverse, with people from several different careers, backgrounds, interests, ... and this made it so perfect.
There sure were some difficulties, like in every project, but we're proud to say we did it!

We collected money and built two classrooms and an administrative room in collaboration with **asbl Betsaleel**, a school in Léo, a small town in the south of Burkina Faso. Not only this, but we grew close to our host family, made several new friends, and most of all great memories we'll never forget. We'll be able to look back on this year with a smile on our face.

PREFACE

Now, what's next? A new project of course, with new people!

Our 2018 – 2019 project will be together with **Sari foundation,** in collaboration with the local communities. Not only will we have new students this year, since 2018 there are also 4 new board members. Suzanne, who participated in the Malawi 2016 project and Melanie, Robin and me from last year's project in Burkina Faso.

Thanks to everyone that supported us. It is thanks to all of you that our projects are being realised.

Follow our Facebook page, Instagram and newsletter to stay tuned about our activities and hopefully we will see you at some of them! For example, you're already kindly invited to our yearly charity dinner that will take place the 30th and 31st of March 2019.

See you!

Ella De Gregoriis
15 March 2019

WHAT IS EDUKADO?

Edukado organizes construction projects for students in developing countries. Every project is somehow related to education. As such, Edukado contributes to one the major sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

During an academic year, a group of students works together as a team to complete a solidarity project from beginning to end. They start by getting in touch with our local partner, the beneficiary of the project. Based on their expectations, needs and wishes, and taking into account the local requirements and limitations, they draw up the construction plans. The students then promote the project and organize several activities creating awareness about their initiative. With fundraising events, subsidies and scholarships, they raise the budget required for the project.

Finally, in summer, the students get to enjoy what is probably the most exciting part of the project: they travel to the respective developing country to construct the building, in collaboration with the local community. In an intensive two-month cultural exchange, the students eat, work, sleep and live with the local population. Offering this unforgettable and life-changing experience to students is an essential part of Edukado's philosophy.

A STRONG FRAMEWORK

Edukado can rely on a wide and long-standing experience with solidarity projects in the South. This places Edukado in the ideal position to select and lead projects which contribute to a sustainable improvement of living standards in developing countries.

Although Edukado lets the students work as independently as possible, Edukado sees to a timely completion of the project and a correct use of the funds. Edukado guarantees that 100% of the donations make their way to the South directly (e.g. raw materials, labour). All other costs are fully covered by fundraising activities.

Edukado also performs a thorough screening of its partners in order to guarantee the project's sustainability. Each project is carefully selected based on aspects such as the scale of the project, the need for a construction, the reliability of the partner and political stability of the country. Furthermore, in order to qualify for an Edukado partnership, the Belgian partner organization must have a sustainable and long-standing relationship with the local partner in the South. After completion of the construction, the Belgian partner bears the responsibility of supporting the project in the long term.

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After having been active in Malawi and Sierra Leone in the past, Burkina Faso became the third African country in a row to benefit from Edukado's support. The project took place in Léo, a town located in the south of the country, about 10 kilometres from the border with Ghana.

The project consisted of the construction of a primary school for children aged between 6 and 14 years old. Together with the local school Betsaleel and the Belgian asbl also named Betsaleel, our eleven students made it a successful 2018 project!

Burkina Faso, which means 'Land of Incorruptible People', is paradoxically enough far from being corruption-free. During the last decade of Blaise Compaore's rule, the country has lost a huge amount of money due to corruption and mismanagement in economically important sectors such as mining. Although the battling of bribery proved to be a difficult task for the new authorities, which came to power in 2014, the country's corruption rate declined moderately in recent years.

As its neighboring countries, Burkina Faso is blessed with an abundance of natural resources such as gold, phosphates, manganese, marble, etc. It nevertheless remains one of the poorest countries in the world. Recent reports estimate that roughly 40 per cent of Burkinabé lives below the poverty line. One way to combat the country's high poverty rates is to invest in education.

The overall state of education leaves much to be desired. The percentage of children in full-time school and the literacy rates are among the lowest in the world. In addition to that, the education system is characterized by geographical and gender disparities. In 2010, the percentage of female out of school children in the rural primary education amounted to 68% against 22% in urban areas. The respective numbers for male being 61% against 16%, displays the gender disparity. However, significant progress has been made over the past years as a result of innovations in education launched by the government.

Further progress is expected as the country received, in May 2013, a grant from its development partners to support the development of basic education; reduction of disparities; improvement of the quality of education services; decentralization of the management of the education system; and development of literacy and non-formal education.

In order to respond to the abovementioned challenges as well as to the lack of educational infrastructure in a country experiencing a demographic boom, Betsaleel, together with Edukado, committed themselves to support Burkina Faso's efforts in giving more children the opportunity to go to school.

... and they managed to do so, and how!

On the one hand, the students had a wonderful and enriching experience that transcended the humanitarian aspect in several ways. They have learned about the local cultures, religions, languages, food, agriculture and so much more. On the other hand, they, together with the local population, succeeded in building the two foreseen classrooms and the administrative room in only two months! One month later, in October 2018, the primary school opened its doors for about 105 children of Léo.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

2 classrooms and 1 administration room were built with a total ground area of 161 m²

11 students participated

School opened in October 2018

Asbl Betsaleel was our Belgian partner for this project

€14 310,8 was raised for the project

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It resulted to be more than just the construction of a school, we experienced an enriching exchange between cultures, religions, kitchens (loads of onions and oil) and other visions on the world.
- *Melanie & Ella*

Something fascinating about the whole experience was actually how several young people who did not know each other at first, grew close reasonably fast; learned to work together; shared experiences and exchanged views, in circumstances that for most were well beyond the comfort zone. - *Robin*

We worked hard, but we've enjoyed it a lot as well. We laughed hard about anything and then laughed with each other's laughter. We had a great time - *Lucas*

I remember very well that a teacher told me that only by our presence in this town, we would show the importance of education to the children and local population - *Melanie*

FINANCIAL BALANCE

INCOMES

Activities	**5.152,96**
Music for Live	524,15
Waffle sale	1.636,23
Charity dinner	2.634,50
Auction	358,08
Sponsoring/Subsidies	**11.646,00**
Rotary Geel	250,00
Branding	4.500,00
Brea	250,00
Stad Brussel	4.000,00
Belsquare	96,00
BCS Investissement	2.000,00
Multi	50,00
Studentenraad	500,00
Contribution of partners	**5.802,00**
Betsaleel	1.500,00
VUB-Restoweek	1.700,00
Private donations	2.602,00
Total	**22.600,96**

EXPENSES

Promotion	**3.451,37**
Website & bank costs	282,16
PR (brochures, letters, T-shirts, etc.)	594,73
Activities for students and sympathizers	1.574,48
KBS (initial cost)	1.000,00
Burkina Faso 2018	**17.666,41**
Prospecting trip	861,65
Construction School, food, transportation	14.384,31
Construction Toilet building	2.420,45
	21.117,78

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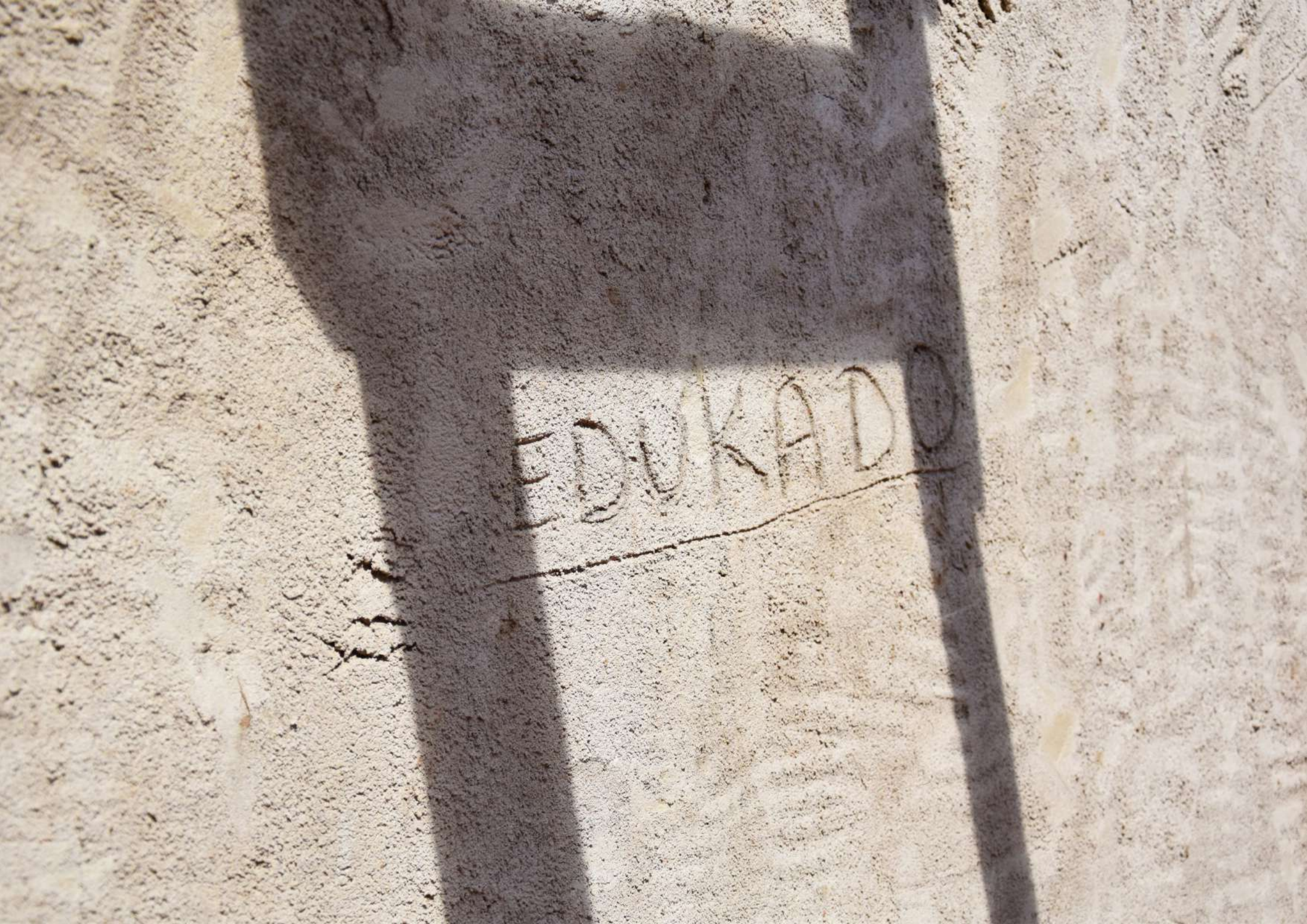
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