

BWEF President Fred Eckhard has known Noëlie Zongo since 2009, when he first visited Burkina Faso. She was at that time Treasurer of our sister association, *Solidarité Goëlo-Burkina*. After two years of negotiations with the 1% Fund, led by Nicole Hochschild in Geneva, we obtained the grant to help Noëlie improve the infrastructure of her dressmaking school for high school dropouts, CEMEF in Koudougou.



*The Center before it was redone.*



*A fresh coat of paint makes a difference*

Eight solar panels 275WC were installed.



With 12 batteries 2V-440AH.



Previously there wasn't enough room for all the sewing machines. Some machines offered by the Chinese Government were Singer knockoffs (called Singar) and were constantly breaking down.



Now, the new machines have been installed.



Including this specialized one, an overseamer.



Zénabou, former student and now assistant to the Director, tries it out.



Zénabou showed the students how to use the new machines.



Meanwhile, the ceiling was repaired.



Walls and ceilings were painted.



Eight Panasonic ceiling fans were installed.



And the 35 students were delighted.

