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INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABLE
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Growing Forward

Dear Friends,

In a continued time of uncertainty and turmoil, the Institute for Community Partnerships and Sustainable Development has continued to place one foot in front of the other. Challenges will always arise; however, we are fully dedicated and believe in our vision of a vibrant and flourishing Africa in an ever-changing world. And the world sure is ever-changing!

While reflecting on the past year, we must take special pause to continue to send gratitude to our community of support—all of you. Due to your support and generosity, we were able to bring hope into the year of 2021. From that hope, we created action— even in a world that, at times, continues to feel stagnant.

A main highlight of this past year has been the completion of the nursery building. This structure, covered further in the following report, sparks renewed energy in the already thriving Ecosystem Restoration Program. The nursery

building holistically encompasses all aspects of our mission and goals by providing a space for youth to progress in their education and leadership, enhance nursery production, and serve as an economic catalyst for the local community. We look forward to seeing how one building can not only be a training/educational facility, but also reach out its arms throughout the region.

As we enter into 2022, we look forward to our sixth crop of seedlings at the nursery, leadership development programs with the youth program, and continuing to build relationships that nurture the mission of our organization. We could not do it without you. We will never be able to show the amount of gratitude we hold for each and every one of you for believing and supporting African communities to be at the center of their own development. A sincere thank you for being a part of ICPSD.

With gratitude,
The ICPSD Board Members

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About ICPSD

ICPSD values collaborative and innovative change making. ICPSD strives to act as a facilitator for equitable partnerships at all levels of the community in Togo, such as (but not limited to) universities, non-governmental organizations, businesses, international institutions, tribal governments and all levels of city and country government. Partnerships – while focused at the local level – are not limited to the country of Togo.



We believe communities thrive when the work together.



MISSION

Promoting and supporting community-driven development through partnerships and the sharing of knowledge and expertise.



VISION

A vibrant and flourishing Africa in an ever-changing world.



VALUES

Collaboration
Innovation
Changemaking



Ecosystem Restoration Program

We believe communities thrive in healthy ecosystems.

Togo is one of the top five countries in the world for fastest rate of deforestation. As a result, less than five percent of the land in Togo remains forested. The reoccurring funds provided by The Forest members allow ICPSD to maintain and grow the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP). ERP directly supports the reclamation, restoration and preservation of ecosystems in Togo through the utilization of native species and community development.

The Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) was the heart of our activities in 2021, with seedling production and several out-planting activities, construction of a storage/educational facility and small living quarters at the nursery, and outreach activities involving the communities and nomadic herders around the ICPSD out-planting site.

In 2021, we were still not able to conduct workshops or collaborate with the local women’s coop Lolonou for outplanting due to COVID restrictions. However, it provided us the opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the local school system. We worked with students from Notsé High School and grade-schoolers in Mangotigome, a small rural community about 10 kilometres from Notse for a successful out planting season. The remaining seedlings were planted at the ICPSD experimental outplanting site in Djokoudawou.

Unfortunately, we also encountered some setbacks in 2021. We had many incidents of nomadic herders and their cattle moving through our out-planting site. They destroyed many trees. This situation prompted us to reach out to local authorities in charge of regional transhumance for conflict resolution with the nomadic herders. Our board president, Romuald Afatchao, held multiple community dialogues. We were able to reach an agreement with all the parties involved. As part of that agreement, we put 50 signs all around the out-planting site clearly showing that the site is private and open range is not allowed.



Trees from our 2016 outplanting plot



Youth at a local elementary school with the seedlings they planted and will help care for.



Research & Storage Facility



Over the years, we have experienced issues with theft as well as loss of equipment due to the elements because our makeshift storage facility at the nursery degraded considerably. Thanks to a large donation by Maria Cardamone and Paul Matthews of the Paul Matthews Trust, we were able to complete a much-needed storage facility and studio living quarter at the nursery. The storage unit will house nursery and research equipment, compost, and seed. In addition, we are renting the studio free of charge to two high school students who in turn will help with chores at the nursery. This win-win situation is the start of a new support system we intend to extend to students in need in our local community of Notsé.

In addition, thanks to generous donor support in 2021, we purchased and shipped 10,000 new seedling containers and 400 trays for the nursery. These acquisitions will considerably increase our seedling production capacity for the coming years. We will begin to phase up seedling production over the next few years from an average of 5,000 seedlings per year to around 10,000 years. A big thank you to Stewe & Sons for supporting ICPSD with deep discounts on the seedlings trays and containers.



Youth Community Development Program

We believe in youth as community leaders.

YCDP PARTICIPANTS AT COMMUNITY OUTPLANTING EVENT OCTOBER 2021

The Youth Community Development Program (YCDP) is designed to facilitate leadership development that supports the personal and professional growth of participants. It supports local middle and high school aged students as they explore ways to build local capacity, self-reliance, and knowledge for the betterment and sustainability of their community. As a group, students elect peer leadership as well as the leadership initiatives they would like to learn about and share with the community

CURRENT YCDP ACTIVITIES

ENGLISH, MATH & COMPUTER TRAINING

PERSONAL FINANCE EDUCATION

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

TRADITIONAL DANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY

TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING (GRIOT)

YOUTH SOCCER TEAM

SKITS AND POETRY

CITY TRASH CLEANUP

As we eased out of COVID restrictions in 2021, the students were able to start gathering in person together again and resume group activities of dance, supplemental study, collaboration with the Ecosystem Restoration Program (primarily through outplanting activities) and more. There was a lot to catch up with regarding school, so ICPSD was able to hire a mathematics instructor to help supplement students' classroom instruction.

ICPSD youth were treated to a trip to Lomé as part of the Experiential Learning Program. They were able to tour the capital of their country, learn about their history and visit the ocean, some for the first time! Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the Palais de Lomé was still closed. We plan to return with the youth to this colonial landmark turned national arts center to view the incredible Togolese artwork and outdoor sculpture and botanical garden as well as artifacts from the kingdoms and traditional communities of Togo.

Last year we mentioned the happy challenge of not enough space to accommodate the growing number of students participating in YCDP. We were able to acquire an additional office space next to our current one, where we house computers and provide math and English lessons. In 2022 we will be looking to partner with a local organization for a larger meeting room with air conditioning. This will provide more space and climate control to keep students focused and comfortable during their lessons. I will also allow us to expand the computer lab in our additional office space.



Welcome: Kossi Bruno Yao

Mathematics Instructor

Kossi was born in Côte d'Ivoire. While attending the University of Lomé he started working as a volunteer for Lycée de Notsé (LYNO) which he continued to do until joining us here at ICPSD.

He became interested in ICPSD because he has been given so much and wants to give to others in return. This year he would love to see the youth gain solid computer skills.

"What excites me about my work at ICPSD is the preparation of all the thing I do to enable young people to acquire new knowledge they did not know before." - Kossi Bruno Yao

Learn more about Kossi and the ICPSD staff on the ICPSD blog: <https://www.icpsdafrica.org/post/meet-the-team>





Experiential Learning Program

LEARNING THROUGH
CROSSCULTURAL EXCHANGE

With COVID still limiting activities, 2021 meant we had to get creative! Thanks to technology, we were still able to facilitate a 5-week virtual cultural exchange and interaction between ICPSD youth and University of Idaho (UI) students.

ICPSD shared information regarding Togo's history - including the ramifications of colonialism and white saviorism - with UI students while ICPSD youth created a short film about current aspects of Togolese culture. UI students prepared and shared a video about some current aspects of American culture and how they spend their time as students. Next, ICPSD youth filmed and shared the process of making Fufu, a popular and well loved Togolese dish. UI students then gathered, made and enjoyed the Fufu dish. UI students filmed and shared the process of making a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including information about the historical and modern day contexts of the holiday. ICPSD youth then gathered, made and enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal. Finally, ICPSD youth and UI students connected via a live Zoom session for several hours, teaching each other dances and celebrating their experiences and learning together.



Partnerships



Bella Porte



Bilimon



Donor Highlights

Thank you to all of our 2021 donors!

Donations are what make ICPSD's support for local communities in Africa possible. ICPSD is so grateful to those who have lent their support. With the advent of things like Facebook fundraising and giving through Amazon, information is not always provided to us for people who have supported ICPSD in these ways. If you donated in 2021 and your name is not listed below, please contact Whitney at whitney.schroeder@icpsdafrica.org.

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Idaho Gives 2021 Highlight

Over 50 donors raised \$3,198.63 in a week's time! Our best Idaho Gives fundraiser yet!

Save Date for 2022 Idaho Gives - May 2-5. If you would like to be a fundraiser for ICPSD during Idaho Gives, sign up here: <https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/icpsd>

The Forest



HELP US FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE & BUILD COMMUNITY

The Forest is a community of monthly donors actively fighting climate change & deforestation through the empowerment and support of community. The Forest are people like you giving anything they can to help communities in Africa define and pursue their own sustainable development. The Forest members cultivate forests, both figuratively through their support of sustainably minded community development and literally through direct support of the growing and planting of native tree species.

<https://kindest.com/the-forest>

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Agroforestry

Communities in Togo rely heavily on small family farming. This also makes them more susceptible to the ramifications of climate change. The introduction of trees increases forest cover and improves soil quality through nutrient restoration, water retention, and carbon retention. It can also provide a replenishing approach to wood fuels, a large cause for deforestation in Togo.

Community Driven Development

Community participation and leadership are the cornerstone of all ICPSD operations, including ERP. Overseen by a local forest and restoration specialist, the native plant nursery provides a place accessible to all community members in which to learn, research and trouble shoot agroforestry approaches in their unique context. Workshops put on by a local women's cooperative – Lolonu – help educate local and regional leaders and community members in native plant restoration and agroforestry efforts. By partnering with communities, local organizations and local units of government, local community members have better access to resources, support and participation that enhance local capacity while also establishing precedent for sustainable growth into the future.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Recurring donors help ICPSD have a reliable foundation of resources to work from. Help us spread the word about The Forest, where for roughly two cups of coffee a month, you can plant trees and support communities in Togo.

<https://kindest.com/the-forest>

Other Ways to Support

ICPSD is a volunteer ran organization. All board members and the executive director serve without compensation. The two founders, one of whom fills the executive director role, take primary action on programming and daily operations. Donor and volunteer contributions directly contribute to all that ICPSD does. There are many ways you can take action for ICPSD. Have new ideas on how to contribute? Let us know at info@icpsdafrica.org.



PAYPAL DONATIONS

We have lots of options for donations to fit you budget and preference.
www.icpsdafrica.org/take-action



SPREAD THE WORD

Help get the ICPSD name and activities out there by sharing our content on social media, telling your friends, colleagues, and family about us, volunteering and more.
www.icpsdafrica.org



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Do your Amazon shopping on AmazonSmile. When you do, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to ICPSD.
<http://bit.ly/ICPSDsmile>



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<http://bit.ly/ICPSDwishlist>



FACEBOOK

Start a Facebook fundraisers for ICPSD in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or just because! Or donate directly from the ICPSD Facebook page with our donate button.
www.facebook.com/ICPSDAfrica/



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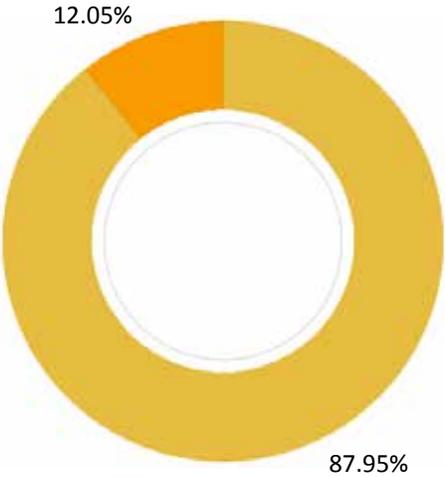
Financial Report

As of December 31, 2021

Despite the continued changes from COVID in 2021, we were able to maintain operations within COVID safety guidelines as well as construct our research and storage facility. This was made possible by a large donation from the Paul Matthews Trust at the end of 2020, providing a \$12,638.05 rollover of funds from 2020.

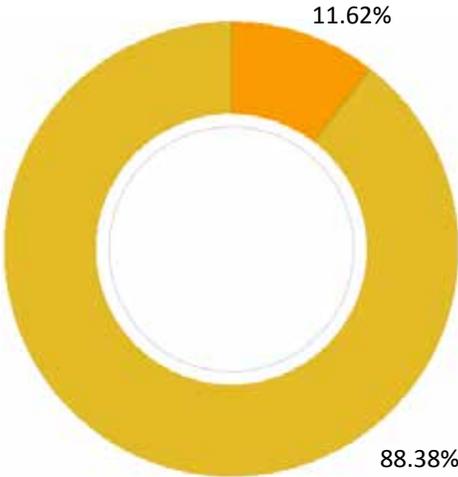
2021 REVENUE

- Total Donations
- Experiential Learning



2021 EXPENDITURES

- Programmatic Expenses
- Operational Expenses



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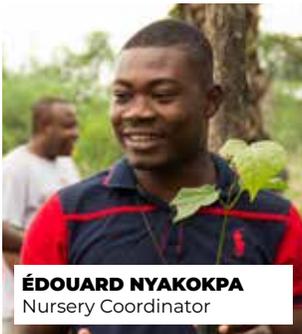
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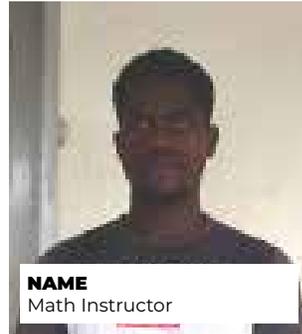
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