

## How does Hirondelle de l'Avenir contribute in helping children in Benin?

Through its sponsorship and long-term development programs, Hirondelle allows independent future to generations. We need your help to sustainably improve their living conditions. We conduct developmental programs in Benin centering around children's health and education.

Today in Benin, poverty, illiteracy and health issues are part of many obstacles that prevent children's rights from being safeguarded.

Our developmental programs involve children, their families, local communities, but also local authorities and NGOs that all have a role to play in children's well-being.

We also work in the field daily through our social workers, dispensaries, maternities, schools and orphanages.



## How are your donations being used?

A donation to our organization will contribute to improve the living conditions of children, their safety, protection of their rights to enable them to choose and freely build their future.

Your donation allows children to access education which represents a real leverage against children's

exploitation, violence and early marriage, but also a developmental tool that enables Benin to emerge from poverty.

Your donations contribute to the funding of Hirondelle de l'Avenir's developmental programs.



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## Sophie Thouvenel, Co-founder of Hironnelle de l'Avenir

### Founder of Hironnelle de l'Avenir-France

The "Hironnelle de l'Avenir" NGO is first and foremost the story of an encounter between Sophie Thouvenel, an environmental student in Paris in the 2000s, and Romaric Tchokpon a young Beninese at the origin of the project.

A common vision and passion have them pushed to create Hironnelle de l'Avenir Benin Romaric therefore became the founder of the association in Benin and their friend Rodrigue,

the Secretary General. As for Sophie, she coordinated the actions in France.

For two years, nearly 25 French volunteers went on site and various environmental, health and social issues projects have emerged. Everything was running perfectly, but they

felt like doing more. They then decided to embark on a more social project by creating children sponsorship in villages.

That's when Sophie decided to create Hironnelle de l'Avenir France. Since 2008, the creation of the French branch has made it possible to raise funds in France as to finance the sponsorship of 500 children in Benin as well as development programs.

A 15€ per month sponsorship allows a child to go to school, to access the necessary medical care and to have one meal per day. Families are numerous. Children, girls especially, are not attending school and most of them generally work very young to financially support the whole family.



## Health access (nutrition, water, and care):

- Vaccination campaigns, medical examinations, distribution of nutritional supplements to compensate for food deficiencies, work in
- Partnership with canteens, myopia screening campaign,
- Distribution of mosquito nets with care for people suffering from malaria.
- Wells construction.



## HIRONDELLE DE L'AVENIR ALSO WORKS ON...

**Priority programs for development in Benin**, in addition to its sponsorship programs and its support for programs development of the NGO's international network.

**Access to education:** taking in charge of school fees, canteen, school supplies and uniforms.

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**Access to culture:** building libraries, a mobile cinema which travels the country with awareness-raising movies and international cartoons.

**Income-generating activities for women:** the goal is to set up commercial activities (gari production) or small businesses (sewing, catering).

### **Fight against early pregnancy:**

- Awareness-raising among parents, local authorities and children - Young girls' sponsorship