



Enterprise for Vocational Development

## Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving day, and I hope today will be filled with joy as we all remember the good things we've been blessed with in life. This year, after having just come back from Chad, this holiday has taken a deeper meaning for me. This was my 7th time in Chad, and this time around was particularly difficult. Goals and expectations were immediately met with unexpected obstacles. Nationwide fuel shortage, widespread malaria, and cases of Typhoid fever among people we work with, are but a few of the setbacks that came our way. In spite of it all, we are thankful for the progress we made in every project!

I have become accustomed to seeing the differences between a place like Chad and countries such as France or the US. There is no comparison. I must say, there is so much to be thankful for on a daily basis. It is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the quality of life we enjoy. It is also an opportunity to renew my desire to see to the accomplishment of ENVODEV's projects in Chad. The road to development is a very long one. Likewise, if it weren't for the efforts and struggles of so many people who came before us in our own country, our lives too would be very different.

**Below is an update of each project. I'm pleased to share with you the progress we have made! None of this could be possible without you. Neither would we be able to see the foundations of our projects take shape without the efforts and collaboration of our partners in Moundou, N'djemena and in Doba.**

## *A great day to all!*

David P. De Armev  
International Director



### **Team work**

Yanice and Kevin, employees of ENVODEV, have been doing a great job preparing for the implementation of the charcoal and composting projects. Kevin has also been a valuable partner between ENVODEV and Patricia's sewing center. We are also pleased to take on Paulin (far left) as an intern. He will be assisting Yanice in the office, and helping with the composting project. Paulin was one of the first Chadians to come along and encourage my involvement in Chad back in 2008.



### **Loving the outdoors!**

This simple red box is nothing short of a sanitary revolution in Chad. Our pilot project in Belaba, near Moundou, has taken off successfully. When we learned each composting toilet would be used by at least 10 people per household, we decided to reduce the number of distributed toilets to 7 households (4 in Belaba, 1 at our office, 1 at Kevin's house and 1 at Paulin's house). The biomass used to cover the excrements eliminates odors, keeps flies away, and does away with the pit latrines which are breeding places for all sorts of diseases. Every time the bucket used in the toilet is full,



## News from Fleur de Lis

It was great to see how Patricia and her crew work so hard at improving the quality of their products! Livier Sandoval, who came to train them in the fabrication of new items, did a fantastic job creating 4 different items we have brought back to France and to the US. Patricia made beautiful purses (Moundou), coin purses (Belaba), wallets (N'djamena) and hot pads (Koutou). Named after cities in Chad, each represent the colorful creativity behind Fleur de Lis. These items will be presented in Columbus, OH, at the [ENVODEV Benefit on December 08](#). We will regularly bring more back from Patricia's Fleur de Lis workshop, so that all who wish to buy her items will be able to do so online or at ENVODEV events.

one of our staff collects it, and dispenses of the material at a designated composting site nearby, where it is monitored on a daily basis. The full bucket is exchanged with a clean one. All households collaborating in this pilot project thoroughly enjoys them and have quickly understood the benefits of using this easy, simple method of sanitation.



## The Art of Making Charcoal

Our second round of training (first one in Doba back in April), from the 24th - 27th of October, took place in Belaba. Livier, Yanice and Kevin oversaw the training of 7 women. ENVODEV helped organize a group of Chadians into an association, Association for the Protection of the Ecosystem (APRO-ECO). This association gives ENVODEV a structure to work within the context of the project, and it also gives ownership of the project to the Chadians involved.



## Home at last...

Aquilas Dadge, board member of ENVODEV Chad, helped us find a very much needed solution as we've been looking to find a place to open up our office in Moundou. It was opened on November 1st! After extensive cleaning and rehabilitating the facilities, we finally have a place where we can work, and meet with partners and officials. We now have to install lights, paint the walls, change the windows, and finally hire a night guard to protect our facilities.



## Charcoal?

Here is an example of how wood charcoal is used on a daily basis. In the spring-like stove, and in irons. The items shown in this picture belong to Patricia. Every month, she has to buy a bag of charcoal to heat up her food and keep the sewing center's iron hot throughout the day. This represents a huge expense that keeps getting more and more expensive as time goes by. Our Eco-charcoal works just as well as wood charcoal! For example, one Eco-charcoal briquette will keep an iron VERY hot for at least 5 hours - enough for the day's worth of ironing.



## Building up!

Everything that took place this last month is just the beginning. It has taken tremendous work to get to where we are at. [Please continue to support ENVODEV and its projects in Chad.](#) We thank all of you for following our news, and helping us bring these projects to reality!

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