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It's been several years that CSD is has been involved in France in a program for educational support and access to culture for teenagers in the Goutte d'Or district in Paris.

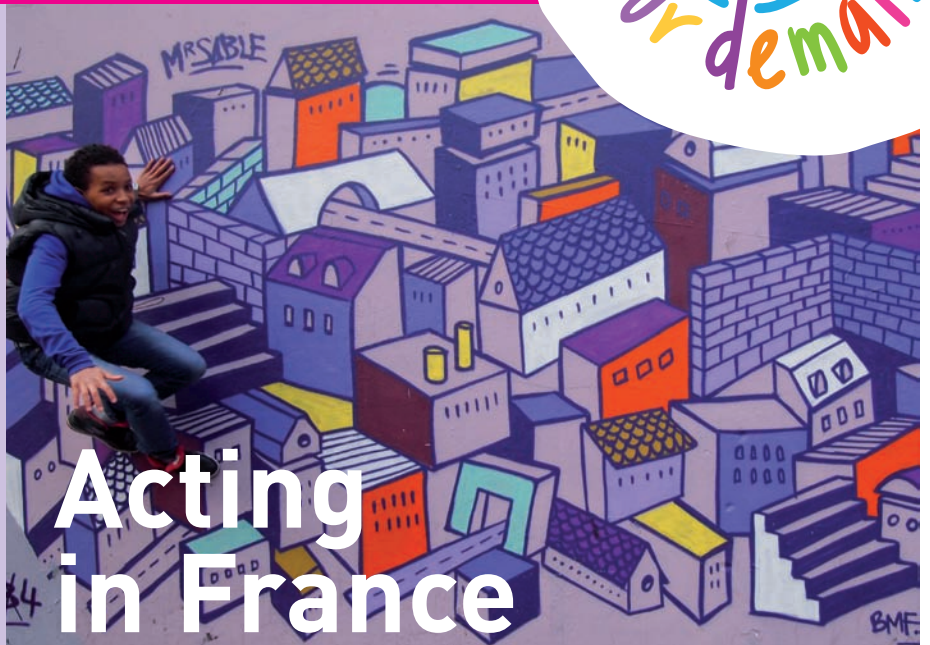
Nowadays we want to invest more in our country by carrying out our values : equal opportunities, interculturalism and optimism. Also, in this third newsletter, we let you discover our new project to support young adults from social services.

We need your help, your ideas, your financial support, your involvement by our side to follow our actions and implement new projects.

Thank you all for your support, we also would like particularly to thank Martin GALLARD, who's ending his mission in Cameroun among our local partner.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fanny Turpin
Présidente



Acting in France

Young people from social services become worried when their age of majority gets closer : **there is no more financial support from families or social care institutions.**

As of this birthday, some of them can benefit from "contrats jeunes majeurs", for 3 months to a year, extendable. Nevertheless, this type of contract tends to become scarce, gets shorter, and in some departments has been suppressed. **These young people without stable family structures or financial support get to a very poor independence and are pushed into short professional training with random financing.** It should be noted that any single failure to a review session leads to the cutting off of funding. Those early and forced independences can have tragic consequences : 20% of the homeless has left the family home before 16, this proportion is 6 time higher than in the rest of the population.

It is against this background, financial instability and limited chances given to those young adults, that **CSD proposes to implement a project in favor of those adults by given them a grant to finance concrete actions (driver's license, professional training fee ...).** This project would be doubled with a social and cultural support given by members of CSD or by contact persons. In addition to the work done by experts of social services, this action aims to allow young adults to develop their project, familiarize themselves with the workplace into which they want to integrate and **give them a key element of their success.**

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Great news !

On November 24th, CSD received the Ideas label. This label ensures good governance, proper financial management and effectiveness of CSD's actions.



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When a triple world champion invites herself at Terr'Ativa in Rio's Favelas ...

Gevrise Emame, triple world champion and Olympic medalist of Judo, is supporting our Brazilian partner. During her last trip in Rio, **this French judoka, came to visit TAB project to talk about her experiences** and to give a little demonstration for the recipients. Children were impressed by her charisma and also by her generosity.

FOCUS ON THE LAOS

When scholarship gets along with health !

Despite progress made in water supply these past years, in rural areas, water supply coverage remains low, with 40 % of the population who does not have access to proper infrastructures.

Numerous schools still don't have access to water and de facto, to latrines. However impact of latrines is immediate on scholarship. They limit school failure : pupils are less sick so more present at school. They encourage girls' scholarships by giving them toilets that respect their intimacy and favor pursuit of study thanks to improvement of their conditions. Finally, latrines make easier hiring of new teachers.

Sensitive to this issue, **CSD has financed for years water distribution system in several schools. Some of those projects were implemented in 2015.**

The first one focuses on Ou Neua Secondary school, in the far north of the country, in Phongsaly province, where more than 600 pupils have not had access to either water or to latrines. At the request of the school director, **CSD has financed for 13.500 euros, a connection between a close source and the school, with the construction of a reservoir, several fountains and 9 latrines. Impact of the project was immediate with a drop of pupil absenteeism rate and 8% of additional boarders.**

The other project was implemented close to Vientiane : **Construction of an ultra-violet filtration station for drinking water for the 320 pupils at the primary school in Ilay.** This construction, more complex, was made possible with proximity of the Capital. Cost : 11 800 euros.



PORTRAIT Thor Yang scholarship student

Thor is sponsored by CSD for 30€ each month. This help is essential for this 4th grade student who learns French in the Ecole Normale Supérieure of Luang Prabang. Nowadays, he can devote himself totally to his studies, his previous jobs of watchman and gardener were not compatible with the pursuit of his university course.

Thor comes from an isolated village of Houaphan province, where his parents cultivate a rice paddy at the Vietnamese border. He is the eldest of twelve children. As is the case for a lot of young Hmong ladies, two of his sisters dropped out of school at the end of the primary, the other are still in class.

Thor is certainly one of the most motivated and curious student of his class. But why learning French, whereas no one of his relatives speaks this language ? Thor was interested by professional opportunities. **Having the Baccaureate is already exceptional for him, but going to Luan Prabang, university center of the north, is a real adventure.**

His ambition : going back and teaching French in his province which has a lack of qualified French teachers.

Our ambition : make him discover our culture thanks to **CSD's volunteers, Zoé and Coraline**, whose are developing our Francophonie program in Luang Prabang.

Thor is not the only one; other students are looking for sponsors in order to finance their academic studies.



Learn French in Laos, What for ?

Official language until 1975, French was taught in all schools of the country. **Molière's language has always known how to keep its attraction, and turns out to be an asset for the professional future of the young generation.**

Contrary to popular belief, study of French is not only addressed to the elite but **remains available to poor young adults.**

For a Laotian student, learning French is a way to ensure a future in the tourism sector, in a really popular destination for francophone people. It is also a way to create opportunities to integrate French companies, to have access to professional literature or to follow academic specializations dispensed in French.

Finally, we should not forget high demand of numerous bilingual schools all over the country which are in need of qualified teachers.



Compter sur demain, c'est agir aujourd'hui !