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Togo (West Africa)

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**Milano Fondatore
Milano alla Scala
Lomé Agape**

Project launch with the commitment of the 3 clubs



Girls are growing: the project and the commitment of the 3 clubs continue



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In 2003 the clubs of Milano Fondatore and Milano alla Scala, in equal, direct and continuous partnership with the linked club of Lomé Agape, put into action the “Au Rayon de Soleil” project: an orphanage in Togo for young girls. The orphanage currently houses 17 girls between the ages of 10 and 15.

In the context of Sorooptimist International – Unione d’Italia, it represents the first project implemented by two Italian clubs in partnership with an African club.

The object of this initiative is to provide for the education, health and safety of the girls hosted in the orphanage.

The three clubs are committed to looking after the young guests until they are able to enter the work force with dignity and self-sufficiency and integrate into society as independent women (around the age of 18).

In particular some of the members of the two Milan clubs directly monitor the project through a personal commitment, including yearly trips (at their own expense) to Lomé. To date, 4 trips have been made by a total of 21 participants.

This project affords the opportunity to work closely with our African Sorooptimist sisters in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the European Federation. The friendship link among the 3 clubs has been the key to this collaborative effort.

This project, in which the Biella and Trento clubs have also participated by actively supporting special initiatives, is open to all interested clubs of the Union and the Federation.

In 2007, the two Milan clubs established the “Au Rayon de Soleil” Committee in order to raise funds directly and transparently. For additional information about the project and/or to signal private or club-driven donations, please write to:

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For donations: wire transfer to the “Au Rayon de Soleil” checking account, IBAN Code IT84M0558401603000000027828.

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