

Monthly Report
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Introduction

T5 Star Events School of English is now one of the main ELT expansion projects in Guinea-Bissau serving all those who recognise the growing importance of the English language in national development. Despite a lack of materials and financial resources, the school has quickly established an excellent reputation largely due to the hard work and commitment of teachers and staff.

T5 Star Events School of English is Bissau's foremost forum for English Language speakers. Students at the school include high school teachers, teacher trainees, high school students and many others no longer involved in formal education.

Student Profiles

T5 Star Events School of English now has a total of one hundred and fifty (150) students from a diverse cross-section of ethnic groups, religions and political opinion (including one National Parliament Deputy). Most of the students are currently experiencing great difficulty in paying their fees mainly due to their parents' low incomes. For all of the students lessons at T5 Star Events School of English represent an investment in the future.

Below are (unedited) testimonies of some of the students :

My name is Isisneusa Jesus Mendes Goncalves, I am 20 years old and I live in international street in Bissau.

My situation is very difficult because my father died when I was only 6 months old and my mother has gone to portugal since I was 9 years old and I stay with my sister. When I finished my secondary school my mother broke her leg she can't work until now and she can't pay my studies. I am paying my courses with my father's little pension.

I always like english languge but I wasn't able to pay my courses but when I heard about T5 Star Events School of English and I come to study here because the courses are very cheap and there are good teachers, I knew it because I had had a T5 teacher before.

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T5 Stars Events School Of English will help me in many things : to speak, write, read, work and have a good knowledge of english language but I want T5 to extend the course hours and to solve the problem of teachers as well as creating some condition in the school such as :

- 1. Small library*
- 2. Water*
- 3. Fans*
- 4. others*

I expect with this brief text you will attempt to help us.

Thank you for this opportunities.

By Isisneusa

My name is Onessimo Edmilson Pereira Bassangue, I am living in Bairro Belem in Bissau. I am 25 years old and I am a student at T5 Star Events School of English.

My financial situation is very bad and my dream one day is to have a superior course in English Language in London but I am very poor and my parents too.

I am studying at T5 Star Events School of English because english course is very cheap there and there are good teachers and I like the environment at T5 Star Events school when I am there I am always happy because I like the place where people speak good english.

The school can help me in the future because nowadays all over the world you cant get a good job without speaking english and I want the school to have some learning equipments so that we can learn good english and I want thank the Star Events in London for what they have been doing to us here.

Many Thanks

Onessimo (Dede)

My name is Luizela Pinto Gomes, I am living in Bairro de Ajuda in Bissau and iam 21 years old I am single and living with my mother, sisters and brothers.

My economical situation is bad because I am not working and my mother is a housewife and my father is not living with us. I always face difficulties in getting the money to pay whatever I want that's why I decide to come to study at T5 Star Events School of English because it is the best school and it is the cheapest we can find.

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I think this school can help in the near future to be an english teacher and get a well paid job. We want the school to improve their conditions and to give us quality learning.

Thanks

By Luizela

I am Honorata Gomes I live in Belem neighbourhood in Bissau, I am guinean and I am 24 years old.

My lifestyle is normal because ny parents help me with money, clothes and shoes though I am not working but I believe my dreams will become true with the T5 Star Events School of english.

I am studying english at T5 because I like english so much. Today english is important in the world when you want to get a job, I have to speak and write english language and I want become an english teacher.

The school will help me to be an important person in the future and to have a good job, so whoever have chances to read this my profile please help us with whatever you can.

Thanks to Star Events Group

Honorata

My name is Junior , I am living in Reino Gam beafada in Bissau and I am running a small business and at same time a student at T5 Star Events School of English.

At the moment i living in a bad condition because the business here are not going well because of our majority of customer are public workers and they haven't been paid for threee months now.

I am studying english at T5 Star Events school of english because of the teachers because there is excellent teachers and I have never seen someone teaching english like the way they do though they lack some materials but they are doing a good job here and I think the school can help me in the near future to be able to speak good english and know grammar, again it can help me to get job in every part of the world and mainly to work as an interpreter.

Greets to Star Events Group

By Junior

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Rainy Season Course Programme

- English Language Courses for Professional and Business Purposes.
- Summer Course for public and private school students.
- Basic English courses for children aged 10 to 15.
- Methodology and Language Awareness Course for pre-service and in-service teachers.

Newsletter

T5 STAR EVENTS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH RECEIVED TWO IMPORTANT VISITS LAST MONTH.

On the 17th of May T5 Star Events School of English was proud to receive an important visit from the former First Lady of Guinea-Bissau, Elizabete N'hana Monteiro Iala, wife of ex-President Kumba Iala.

After a conducted tour of the school premises with Freddy Soares Gama, the School Director, Mrs. Iala had meetings with staff, teachers and students. The visit lasted for a total of two hours.

Her address to the school was as follows:

" I have come to visit the school because I have heard about the school reputation for teaching English and, indeed, the reputation of T5 ngo. I am very surprised to see that you are all young yet very professional and clearly committed to this country's future. Now I have a clearer understanding of the work you have been doing, particularly in the area of Women's Training. I am assuming, in front of you all, that I am going to work together with you and support you in whatever way I can and it is my intention to enlist the support of other influential figures in Guinea-Bissau."

After answering some questions posed by students, Mrs. Iala was asked by the School Director to consider becoming the school's Equal Opportunities Ambassador. Her reply was:

"Yes, it is an honour to accept this position. I am proud to associate myself with your work for the development of our country."

Photographs of the visit will be available on the Star Events Group website.

On the 23rd of the same month, T5 Star Events School of English received another very important visit. A delegation from Premier Oil plc, one of Britain's largest petroleum companies, visited the school to develop discussions on support for T5ngo's Curriculum Project.

Following the visit, Dr. Richard Jones, Manager of Corporate Relations, and Stephen Want, Guinea-Bissau Country Manager, met with staff to discuss the development of

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ELT in Guinea-Bissau and the pivotal role played by T5ngo. As a result of these discussions the delegation promised to speak to the British Council on T5ngo's behalf. Premier Oil also expressed interest in supporting the Curriculum Project pending official involvement from the Ministry of Education.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Order	Amount	Derivation	Services
01	179,000 cfa	School Fees	English Courses

Expenses

Order	Amount	Derivation	Descriptions	Expenses	Credit
01	179,500 cfa	School fees	Management support		
			Computer/Internet/copies	15,000 cfa	
			Fuel	20,000 cfa	
			Phone	12,000 cfa	
			Generator maintenance	10,000 cfa	
			Visit preparations	18,000 cfa	
			Refreshment for people working in the evening	18,000 cfa	
			Photo Project	20,000 cfa	
			Transport	7,500 cfa	
Total				120,500 cfa	
O2			Subsidies		59,000 cfa
			Teachers' Transport	32,000 cfa	
			Electrician	20,000 cfa	
Total				52,000 cfa	
					7,000 cfa

Priorities:

- Refresher Seminars for T5 Star Events School of English Teachers
- Student I.D cards
- Radio Campaign

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