

T5 STAR EVENTS
SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

T5 NGO BISSAU

RAINY SEASON REPORT

July 1st to August 31st

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Introduction

The onset of the Rainy Season has coincided with a large expansion of provision (see below). Word of mouth, testimonies from students and, of course, the hard work of the teachers have all contributed to this. Student numbers have risen dramatically (again, see below) and the reputation and prestige of the school is well-known throughout Bissau and beyond. Everyone at T5 NGO feels proud to have achieved so much in seven months.

On the downside, the crisis over public sector pay continues, as well as mass unemployment countrywide. Collecting fees remains a big problem and, of course, T5 teachers have continued to work on an almost voluntary basis.

Course Information

T5 Star Events School of English now provide a variety of courses, a fact which clearly gives us an edge over competitors. We have now reached a total of **24** classes (morning, afternoon and evening) ranging from basic General English classes to tailor-made specialist courses for professionals.

Recently Completed Course:

The school has recently concluded a two week teacher training programme for in-service teachers who had been denied the possibility of studying at the National Teacher Training College.

Ongoing Courses:

- Basic English courses
- English for Business courses
- English for NGO workers

- Equal Opportunities courses

Student Profiles

T5 Star Events School of English now has three hundred and twenty two (**322**) students from diverse ethnic, social and educational backgrounds (recent high school graduates, university students, university teachers and staff, National Parliament deputies, private and public school students, International and National development projects workers etc...)

45% of the students are high school students and 55% are from the groups described above. 35% are women. **68%** of our students are unemployed which is the principal reason for our fees deficit.

Teacher Profiles

The school is now working with 11 teachers; the teachers have so far been the biggest factor in the success of the school; they have been working hard day and night to provide high quality ELT courses.

All the teachers bring enthusiasm, dedication and skill to the school but long term sustainability requires urgent action in **3 distinct areas:**

1. Teacher Salaries – currently T5 teachers are receiving little more than a transport allowance.
2. Classroom Resources – the school still operates with barely any published materials.
3. Professional Development Opportunities – this need is being addressed in the short term with a series of TD programmes from September to November.

Revenue and Expenditure

Revenue table

Order	Amount	Derivation	Services
01	633,000 cfa (£649.50)	School Fees	English courses

Expenditure Table

Order	Amount	Derivation	Description	Expenses	Credit
01	533,000cfa (£546.85)	School fees	Management support		
			Fuel	45,000 cfa (£46.20)	
			Telephone	15,000 cfa (£15.40)	
			Internet/copies/computer.	25,000 cfa (£25.65)	
			Advertisements	12,000 cfa (£12.30)	
			Chairs	5,500 cfa (£5.65)	
			Classroom Repairs	10,250 cfa (£10.50)	
			Transport	10,000 cfa (£10.25)	
			Office Materials	15,000 cfa (£15.40)	
			Generator Maintenance	7,000 cfa (£7.20)	
			Rent	200,000 cfa (£205.20)	
Total				346,750 cfa (£355.75)	
02			Human Resources		
			Teachers' Subsidies	158,000 cfa (£162.10)	
			Cleaner	20,000 cfa (£20.50)	
			Generator Technicians	22,000 cfa (£22.60)	
Total				200,000 cfa (£205.20)	
Total general				546,750 cfa (£561)	86,250 cfa (£88.50)

Current Fees Deficit = 150,000 cfa (£153.90)

Needs

- A computer in order to establish a more efficient student database
- A photocopier in order to photocopy exams, handouts and other documentation.

Lack of the above is contributing greatly to monthly expenditure.

Priorities:

We have prioritized the following:

- Teacher development sessions for our school teachers.
- School syllabus revision
- Increasing the number of students
- Teachers' salaries

Fundraising Update: (London 31/8/06)

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Supporters will be pleased to learn that Star Events Group have funded Nick Barrett's 3 month trip to Bissau. Donations already received will go some way to addressing the priorities outlined in this report. Supporters can expect an audit of the donations on Nick's return in December.

Those of you who wish to splash the cash even further can contact Nick before September 7th or address cheques to T5 NGO, HSBC Account No. 71493671, Sort Code: 40-02-33.