

T5 STAR EVENTS SCHOOL

February/March 2007 Update

For supporters anxiously awaiting the arrival of the next T5 Star Events School Report (scheduled for April) here is a summary of recent developments.

- The school continues to grow....currently over 950 students are attending daily English and French classes.
- We have finally entered the digital age with the purchase of a second-hand desktop. Many academic and administrative tasks will no longer be undertaken at the (expensive and unreliable) cybercafe.
- An “earn as you teach” system of payment is proving very successful with teachers and the once severe problem of absenteeism has now been virtually eradicated.
- Managers in general, and Freddy and the Executive in particular, are putting a lot of effort into streamlining various administrative systems: under their spotlight most recently has been another overhaul of the enrolment system. At the current rate of expansion the focus on “systems” looks likely to be a continual process.
- Our Contract Manager reports that the SNV and Action Aid contracts are now in full swing with Ercilio Evora leading the teaching.

- We welcome Quintino da Silva as assistant to Talbo Dabo, our School Administrator. Quintino is a final year university student specializing in administration.
- And welcome also to new French teachers, Iares and Paulino, both graduates from the National Teacher Training College.
- Amadu Diao, our French Programme Co-ordinator, has put out an urgent request for French Language materials. Any donations can be made to the usual address.
- The success of T5 Star Events School has certainly contributed to the recent closure of our main competitor's school in Pefini. Whilst T5 staff can perhaps afford themselves a wry smile at this outcome, it is hoped that the T5 training team will be able to prioritise further training for the redundant teachers with a view to employment at T5 Star Events School.
- Many thanks to all those who contributed to Julio Imbula's Bicycle fund. J-I will shortly be the smartest man on two wheels in Bissau.
- Finally, news from London: T5 NGO hope to be in a position to fund the placements of short-term volunteers to advise on management and auditing issues. Thanks go to Gillie at BCCT and Michael at VSO.

WILL T5 STAR EVENTS SCHOOL BE REPORTING AN ENROLMENT OF OVER 1,000 STUDENTS NEXT MONTH? THANKS TO ALL THOSE SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

