



Ambassador Whitehead Inaugurates School in Tado

Song and dance welcomed Ambassador Whitehead's arrival to the opening ceremony of the school building and latrine cabins in the village of Tado. The project was financed by Humanitarian Assistance Program funds. In his speech, the Ambassador stressed the importance that education plays in the development of a nation and he urged the surrounding population to set up a management committee so that future schoolchildren may take advantage of the new buildings for many years to come.



DHAPP Upcountry Trip Completed

US Embassy Lomé's Public Health Assistant recently completed an upcountry trip alongside key players from the NGO, AMACACH, as well as various Togolese military officials.

Lieutenant Colonel Tchamdja, the Health Services Manager at *Direction Centrale du Service de Santé des Armées* (DCSSA) headed up the mission. Some of the objectives included:

- ✘ Monitor and evaluate ongoing activities of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment for adults, women and orphans in military bases
- ✘ Observe, assess and strengthen the peer educator program
- ✘ Revise the reporting procedures and data transmission processes
- ✘ Impart most recent guidance and documentation related to patient screening, individual- and group counseling

Bases in Kara, Niamtougou, Sokodé, Atakpamé and Kpalimé were visited and the cross country information gathering trip was deemed a success.

World AIDS Day: December 1, 2013

[World AIDS Day](#) is celebrated annually on December 1 to raise HIV/AIDS awareness and to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the pandemic. Togolese events will be showcased in next month's newsletter.

