

WFWP Maine Chapter Takes Initiative to Support School in Guinea-Bissau

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Maria standing in the middle next to the Sunac school supervisor and director of the middle school

WFWP Maine member Maria Cushing, originally from Cape Verde, had the opportunity to personally visit Sunac Elementary school in Guinea Bissau, in November 2021, and share some love and support from her local chapter. The WFWP Maine chapter collected \$600 in donations and various supplies to donate to the school, which Maria brought with her. This was Maria's third visit to Sunac Elementary - to read more about Maria's previous visits [click here](#).

The help was much needed in a country plagued by decades of political instability and a struggling economy. The nation has one of the lowest primary school completion rates in West Africa and widespread poverty is one of the main barriers to education. With the heart to serve where the need was greatest, a dedicated group of WFWP volunteers opened the Sunac Elementary School in the capital city of Bissau in 2003. Over time, with the help of generous donations collected through the Schools of Africa Project, it expanded to include a middle and high school that serve more than 800 students today. In order to accommodate increasing numbers of students, the schools offer both morning and afternoon

classes.

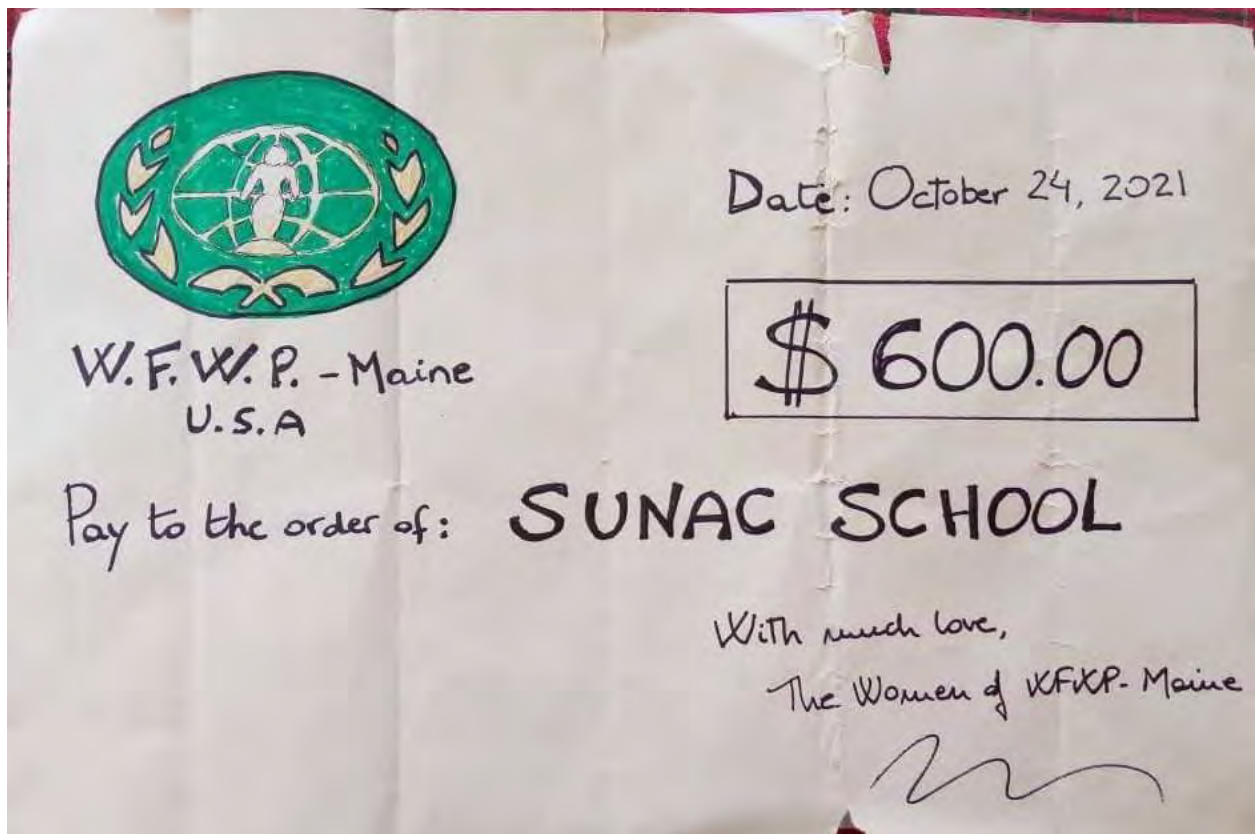


During Maria's visit, she saw the bright and smiling faces of the children who are benefiting from support for their education. It can be a challenge to run a school, so the director and other staff were also very grateful for the gift of school supplies. There are still other improvements needed and WFWP Maine is

looking forward to continuing the relationship with Sunac Schools. In early February 2022, WFWP USA transferred a grant of an additional \$1,500, collected from generous donors around the country. The grant is allocated to pay teachers and other staff and to purchase a new laptop for the school.

The Sunac Primary School teachers and the students expressed their gratitude to Maria. They would like also to thank WFWP USA, Japan, and Maine for their help and assistance.

If you are interested to find out more about the Schools of Africa Project or would like to offer your own monetary gift, click [here](#).





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WFP USA BEGAN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT IN 2001



\$205,050

total sent between 2016 and 2020, providing for teacher salaries, critical repairs, school supplies, sponsorships

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for needy students, and more.



"Thank you for your commitment to our community. It is organizations like WFP that have enabled quality infrastructure for students in Kenya to access education irrespective of their social and home background. May God Almighty bless you and protect all of you."

Muzame Stanley (2020)
Principal of the Handow Secondary School in Kenya

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"We know your effort is not in vain."

Ayumi Hasegawa (2020)
Project Director in Liberia



The Peace Hana School in Liberia received a \$15,000 grant from WFP USA at the end of 2019. This helped pay for the rent of the building for two years. They also built a new fence, bought 50 new chairs and desks, repaired the school partially, and prepared some pieces of equipment for the school reopening. The rest of was used for teachers' salaries.

In 2017, contributions WFP USA donors and supporters made it possible for the construction and expansion of Senegal's women social school JAMOO.



"I am very happy right now,
I will make clothes for my mom and sister.
I am grateful to you and JAMOO
JAMOO is my family. The teachers and
the other students are very kind.
I am very happy.
I will tell you my appreciation from my heart
Thank you very much."

Aide Diagne (1st grade class) 2018



Thanks to the support of 2016, the Sun of Mozambique High School was able to make the changes necessary to foster a supportive learning environment through various school improvements. As a result, 2017 - 2018 marked an excellent year for academic achievement among the students.



Thank you!
from hundreds of students
and families in Africa.

In the early 90s, the founders of WFP commissioned 1600 volunteers from WFP Japan to serve in underdeveloped nations. With willing hearts, these women went to the poorest nations, to neighborhoods in every corner of the world. They started schools, fed the undernourished, and worked to empower women.

Inspired by their dedication, WFP USA initiated the "Schools of Africa" project to financially support 9 schools founded by those faithful volunteers.

You can donate by clicking above or mailing a check to WFP USA, 481 8th Avenue, Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001

SUPPORT FROM WFP USA



Each year, WFP chapters across the country hold dynamic and creative fundraisers for the Schools of Africa. Fundraising events may take the form of tag sales, silent auction galas, or luncheons that celebrate African food and culture.

Since 2002, thanks to many generous donors, WFP USA has sent over \$410,000 to the schools.

This invaluable support has helped the schools purchase critical materials for lessons and provide scholarships to impoverished students. Contributions from WFP USA has also supported school feeding programs, expanded and improved facilities, and paid for skilled staff. Many of the schools operate in the poorest neighborhoods, and have come to serve as a source of stability to their communities.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Azama (left), graduate of New Hope Technical Institute, now works as a beautician. She learned massage therapy from Haruna at New Hope.

"One day my manager started to lay off workers but fortunately I am still working because I know how to massage which customers appreciate. I can continue to help my family. I really thank Haruna and New Hope."



Virgilio, graduate of Sun of Mozambique, who now works as Country Manager for an engineering consulting firm.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank so much the Women's Federation for World Peace for...everything that you've been putting into the education of Mozambicans."

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OUR SCHOOLS IN 8 COUNTRIES

[Click here](#) to read more about the schools and WFPW USA support.

Elementary Schools:

- Peace Hana Primary School - Liberia
- Sunac Elementary School - Guinea Bissau
- One Hope Garden Primary School - Ethiopia
- Pilar Momo Primary School - Equatorial Guinea
- Motoko Shiroma Primary School - Equatorial Guinea

Secondary Schools:

- Handow Secondary School - Kenya
- Sun of Mozambique Secondary School - Mozambique

Technical Institutes:

- Social Self-Support Assistance Center "JAMOO" - Senegal
- New Hope Technical Institute - Rwanda

