

NIOU, Burkina Faso (1997)

PROJECT - THE GREEN HOPE (De Groene Droom)
(regio Kourvéogo, Centraal Plateau – Burkina Faso)



Partners : Comité Maastricht Niou (Nederl) en Belgisch Ontwikkelingsagentschap

With the financial support of a group of sponsors, TC-DIALOGUE Foundation organized in 1997 a visit to Niou for 8 Belgian and Dutch girls and boys, between 16 and 18 years of age. A delegate of the Belgian Agency of Development Cooperation, the Committee Maastricht-Niou and Prof. Van Cotthem accompanied them.

The main objective was to confront these youngsters with the problems of drought and desertification and to show them the difficulties of daily life for the local population. They participated in certain activities on the fields, e.g. weeding and planting mango and gum trees (*Acacia senegal*). Fraternization with the local youth was also very rewarding. Returning home, these girls and boys decided to take initiatives to help the schools in Niou by sending materials and to collect medical equipment for the local hospital. A container full of valuable goods was sent in 1998.

