

# Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus (shcj) Centre Cornelia Connelly N'Djamena/Chad

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## **FIRST TERM REPORT**

September, October, November and December 2021

### **September**

The Month of September in N'Djamena in Chad is a Month of preparations for reopening of schools on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Workers and teaching staff prepare their syllabus and scheme of works as well as the lessons to be taught. Uniforms, textbooks and others learning materials are gotten ready before 1<sup>st</sup> of October because teaching/learning activities begin on the very day the schools resumed.

### **October**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2021 our Center reopened and academic activities stated. The women's section and the nursery/primary school resumed. Both the returning and new students were all happy and excited to be back to school. But some of our women were not so lucky to come back due to one family problem or the other.



**Dressmaking students**

We had 28 new students in year one for dressmaking. While only 15 old students in year two come backs bringing to whole total of 43 students in year one and in year two.



### **Cooking students**

We had only 4 new students in year one while there are 10 students in year two making a total number of 14 students in cooking unit.



### **Computer education**

There were 2 students who had two months training in computer education.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, there was Eucharistic celebration to mark our foundation day with a little celebration with the children and the women section. The children acted the sisters and mother Cornelia Connelly (CC), a Reverent father as you can see from the photos below.



**November**

In the month of November, 2021 we had the visit of Sr. Helen EBEDE SHCJ, our province leader to Chad. Her presence in our Center and in the community made everybody happy. We thanked God for her visit. She interacted both with the students, the staff and the nursery/primary children.



## December

The Catholic Archdiocese of N'Djamena organized for the first time in the history of Catholic Church in the diocese a trade fair which in French language is known as 'Marché de Noel'. The aim of this was to bring together the Catholic faithful, and to develop their talents on Entrepreneurship as well as to support one another. The Marché de Noël stated from 11<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

Centre Cornelia Connelly took part in this Marché de Noel. Our students made different types dresses, Ladies' hand bags, different of purses and wallets, babies' dresses, women and men's wears etc. we had our stand and the materials mentioned above were displayed for sells.



### **Ceiling of the story building**

We had a gift of money from AFE and we used it for the ceiling of the story building which is still in progress. That is to say that the ceiling has not yet finished. The works started late during the Christmas holiday but could not be finished before the resumption date was on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The contractor, our builder, said it is not safe to do such work while the students are around. Therefore work will continue during the Easter holiday.



### **Pit-latrine**

Due to lack of proper knowledge of how to use water system toilet, and sometime lack of water to flush after using the modern toilet. We encountered some challenges of maintaining the toilet. So we had to build a pit-latrine just in front of the modern toilet to reduce these challenges.



### **Knitting machine**

Many of our women/girls in dressmaking want to learn how to make sweater/pullover but the challenge is that our Centre has just one single knitting machine which is so difficult to use to teach them. Due to this problem, learning and teaching activities does not really take place in this domain. So we had to buy one to knitting machine to add to the long existing one to make it two.

### **A printer**

The secretary of the women's section has no printing machine so we bought one so as to help in the smooth running of the programs

### **Sewing machine**

When Sr. Helen Ebede shcj, our Province Leader visited Chad, she gave a donation of money to the women Centre and this was used to purchase some sewing machines for the women. as most of our sewing machines are very old and takes a lot of money in repairing them.



Sr. Patricia Thomas, shcj

A small, square image containing a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Patricia Thomas".