

INSPIRATIONS IN SUSTAINABILITY

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Mrs Fadiga, Gnama Primary School Principal

In early 2020, Blommer facilitated the rehabilitation of the Gnama School Group in Gnama-Dies in the Divo District in Ivory Coast. The Primary School has **12 classrooms** and welcomes **675 students** each year, including about **300 girls**.

“Blommer Chocolate has done a lot for our Primary School” says Madame Fadiga, the School Principal. “The school was in bad shape before Blommer’s intervention. The situation was precarious for both teachers and students, as it hadn’t been renovated since at least 2010, the year I joined the school. The rehabilitation undertaken by Blommer was a relief for everyone, the teachers but also the children and their parents are very happy. The roof was replaced, and the ceiling of 12 classrooms and the 2 principals’ office was renovated. This makes a big difference! The roof had been in terrible condition making it practically impossible to teach on rainy days. The cracks on the classroom’s walls were clogged, new patios were built in front of each class and all the buildings were repainted both inside and outside. The blackboards were also fixed, with a new slate cover and coating, which gave them a second life.”

Further the Primary School also received from Blommer 2,600 textbooks covering all subjects and grades which are being kept in a library.



Mrs Fadiga and students at Gnama Primary School

“I want to emphasize the impact this project had on the school” says Madame Fadiga. “Our teaching staffs is now well equipped to provide quality education to our students. And the students now have access to the appropriate teaching materials and can learn in an improved setting. On behalf of my team, I would like to sincerely thank Blommer from the bottom of my heart for its work in favor of our children, who are the future of the Côte d’Ivoire of tomorrow”.

Over the years, Blommer Sustainable Origins program has facilitated the construction or rehabilitation of **12 primary schools** and **57 classrooms** covering approximately **53 villages**. More than **11,500 children**, **48%** of which are girls, have attended Blommer facilitated schools.

These projects are made possible thanks to the partnership between Blommer Sustainable Origins Program and our customers.