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Monique housing before HFHCI

My name is AFFOUE KOUAMÉ. I am born in Koffi Ahoussoukro, a village of Dimbokro in Cote D'ivoire. I am 49 Years old and I am crippled and handicapped of the lower limbs since my childhood. I am married and mother of 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl. I did not have the opportunity to go to school and believe me my life was really a tough challenge every single day. I don't know what is walking so I have to literally depend on people for daily support.

Every day , Someone has to literally come and take to do my basic human need like going to toilet, going out for grocery etc....He was paid for that but he was doing it out of pity for me. I was so tired to be so dependent on someone



Monique new housing with HFHCI

Everyone needs a place to call home

to even "cough". In addition to all my misfortune my house was a shabby place, it was made of clay and at any

given raining season I was expose to the "arrows of rains". I

did not even have someone I could go to because the raining season is about 6 months and everybody was in its room with their own families and I did not want to disturb them so I had to bear with the situation.

And (Believe as you are reading my storythat and is very important because it changes my story) one day I came across Habitat for Humanity...

An organization I have never heard of prior to that day when I met one of their supervisor. Its first words were: "Madam we can help you, we can help you protect yourself from rain forever by building a house for you." I was likeNo way, this can't be true, this only happen to those who have a special

luck not people like me. I am crippled, I do not have the money to not take care of myself,

how much more building a house, a place for myself.

I considered myself as a total failure but on that day, everything changed into possibilities I had the privilege to be helped by the all community once Habitat for Humanity Cote D'ivoire agreed to build my house. So not only was I able to have my house through

FY18 achievement



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- 60 villages declared open defecation free
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HFHCI but through the power of a community. I am now a home and house owner, something that even in my deepest dream I could not imagine or even conceives.

30 villages and 10 Schools will benefit from WASH intervention with Lions Clubs foundation award.

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community infrastructure in the North and in the Central regions. Mr. Jean-Jacques YAO, National Director of HFHCI, in his speech, has ensured once more his commitment to help end open defecation in the villages. But also, it is for him an opportunity through this project, to ensure good hygiene

and safe sanitation for students, especially girls in menstruation.

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drinking water and toilets, especially for students and teachers.

For him, the development of a country goes through a healthy youth, especially in schools. That's why the Lions Clubs of the world are really mobilizing funds to create a better and an egalitarian



world. This hygiene and sanitation project aims to promote access to safe drinking water for over 8,400 people and ensuring hygiene and sanitation for more than 2,000 people, including primary school students.

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LEX-WAYS volunteers' involvement in the program.

Stabilized Soil Blocks to reduce housing cost

The senior Attorney of the law firm Lex-Ways, Mr. Ibrahima BAH, officially laid the foundation stone of the housing construction for vulnerable groups in the village of Essé-Kouadiokro, sub-prefecture of Nofou on this 21st July 2018, in the department of Dimbokro. This initiative was part of a volunteer day

organized by the Non-Profit Organization Habitat for Humanity Côte d'Ivoire (HFHCI) in partnership with the employees of Lex-Ways, who came along as volunteers to participate in the construction work.

Donation in check was made during this ceremony at the village public square, in the presence of the Village Chiefdom along with the head of the village, YAO Koffi Ernest as well as its notability.

In his welcome speech, KOFFI Yao Justin, taking the floor on behalf of the chief village of Essé-Kouadiokro, thanked Lex-Ways for this important donation to the community for the benefit of a disadvantaged family. *"This ceremony confirms that our village Essé-Kouadiokro has not been left on its own and that there are generous donors to help us," "This ceremony confirms that our village Essé-Kouadiokro has not been left*

on its own and that there are generous donors to help us," he said, before reiterating that this



social action should not be the last in their locality.

Taking the floor, the National Director of HFHCI was pleased to be part of the volunteer day initiative organized to literally spotlight the social and corporate responsibility of companies but also to underscore the commitment of organizations such as Habitat fighting against poverty through community based activities.

Speaking in his turn, Mr. Ibrahima BAH, Head of the Lex-Ways Volunteer Delegation, after thanking the community for their warm welcome, showed *"Lex-Ways and its employees' willingness to participate in the development of Kouadiokro in order to improve the living environment of the most vulnerable ones"*.

The construction activities kick off just after the symbolic laying of the cornerstone of the house proceeded by Mr.

Ibrahima BAH. It was then followed by all the present volunteers who put on their personal protective equipment (chasse, helmet, glove, shoe...) and they started working.

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Partnership with Lafarge for affordable housing.

DUABRIC: The Stabilized Soil Blocks of Lafarge to reduce housing cost

In partnership with Lafarge Holcim, a leading global cement manufacturer, HFHCI develops the production of a new type of brick for the construction of housing, called DURABRIC. It is a stabilized earth brick based made with cement.

To improve the living conditions of low-income people, including workers, the disabled, and women in charge of the all households; Habitat for Humanity Cote D'ivoire (HFHCI) develops and promotes social, safe, resilient and sustainable houses. In collaboration with LafargeHolcim, HFHCI aims to build decent houses that take into account local

materials (earth, sand) and cement to produce solid bricks.

DURABRIC brick is an innovative, less costive allowing HFHCI to build

affordable housing at lower cost for disadvantaged families. The pilot project is implementing the central areas by the production of bricks and the construction of houses and latrines for people in need, selected and based on their vulnerabilities. DURABRIC offers



guarantees in terms of reduction of heat insulation and noise. Through its social policy, Holcim and Lafarge HFHCI will accommodate several decent several homeless families.

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