

YEAR REPORT 2023

SURFKIDS SHREDDING SÉNÉGAL :

Sport for education



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GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The Malika Surf ASC (Association Sportive et Culturelle) works towards a number of objectives which together contribute to a more comprehensive, holistic and long-term idea of personal and community well-being. The general objective of the project is **to promote, through surfing, access to good health, quality education and equality for young girls and boys aged 8 to 25 in the village of Yoff.**

GIRLS ARE UP!

THE FIRST OBJECTIVE OF OUR PROJECT IS TO ENCOURAGE AT LEAST **10 YOUNG GIRLS TO TAKE UP SURFING.**

Through swimming lessons, training in ocean currents, initiation to surfing and school or vocational training, this major aspect of the project is now being implemented. This year, 5 girls aged between 10 and 14 were integrated into the program and took part in swimming and surfing lessons. They were also supported in their studies. Among them, two come from the suburbs of Dakar: their transport costs have been covered. The girls support each other in their sporting activities and their studies.

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We've seen an improvement in their confidence in their academic and sporting abilities. They form a close-knit, dynamic group, becoming role models for all the other girls. As a result, we have more requests from girls in this age group to join the program.

In addition, all the girls have successfully completed the school year, including Deguene, who is African surfing champion and a role model for all the girls taking part in the project. There are certain difficulties, however: it is sometimes difficult to maintain a high level of motivation among the older girls (18) who are at school. Often, the people around them direct them towards activities they consider more important.

Discussions are then held with the girl to find solutions, in a respectful and open approach.



THE DAKAR 2026 JOJ

THE ORGANIZATION OF **THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) IN DAKAR IN 2026** IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURFING WORLD TO WHICH WE BELONG.

Our goal is to enroll 10 more children in the program, and we're well on the way to achieving it, with 8 children aged 10 to 14 enrolled this year. Some of them were already in school, so they benefited from support classes at the surf camp. All the others attended private or public schools.

We have also set up “School on Thursdays” in Ngor, with a volunteer taking care of tutoring for the children in the program who live in this neighborhood, further away from the surf camp. 7 children have passed their exams. Parents are gradually taking an interest in the activities and calling more regularly to check on their children. Since the arrival of the Service Civique, some children have asked for extra revision time.

The children are also making progress in their sporting activities: at the first Senegal Surfing Cup, our club won gold and/or silver medals in every category.

The seriousness and commitment of our children, both academically and athletically, has been rewarded, and we're very proud of it! We were able to provide each of them with equipment adapted to their level.



THE DAKAR 2026 JOJ



The young beneficiaries of our program inspire many children to take up surfing. At present, the number of children requesting integration is too high for our capacities. School support classes are essential and much appreciated: more and more children and young people are asking to take part.

We lack a dedicated space for school activities: it's difficult to organize the CSA space between surf camp guests and children. The children have different academic levels, and it's necessary for several people to be present during tutoring to be able to do it properly.

A JOB FOR EVERYONE



Ibrahima

One young man, Ibrahim, has trained as a shaper and board repairer, and earns his living from this activity. He plans to become independent and open his own workshop. Ibrahim has already created 4 surfboards for children. There's a lot of interest in his craft: he's becoming a point of reference and a role model for the youngsters.



There's more to surfing than becoming a professional athlete. There are many ways to build a life in this fast-growing industry. Through diploma courses, we support young girls and boys, without distinction, in their professional integration. Our target of 10 young people finding a job with a fixed salary or a daily wage thanks to surfing is well underway.



Cheikh

Another youngster, Cheikh, completed his training to become an ISA (International Surfing Association) instructor. After completing his theoretical training, he validated his diploma with a 20-hour practical course with a qualified instructor. This international instructor diploma enables him to look for work abroad.

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Déguène and Khady

Two young girls, Déguène and Khady, are on a summer internship as surf instructors. The aim is to improve their public speaking and English language skills (which are also important for their school careers). Ibrahima, Lamine and Aita have taken a 20-hour training course in managing the surf school premises: customer management, appropriate choice of equipment, daily accounting.

In general, young people need to be made aware of the importance of communication skills, especially in English. This requires us to organize a timetable dedicated to the acquisition of these skills.

