

BWEF representative, Christine Gnomou's visit to Koudougou

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I am in Koudougou with food staples to help the girls, and to check on the advancement of their studies.



Christine (left) with BWEF students in Koudougou

I visited the village of Sabou, 25 km outside of Koudougou, where I met Claudine, who now has a baby aged 1 year and 7 months and who wants to repeat her final secondary school year. As an exception, we said yes.



Claudine and her baby

I met a group of our students at a meeting hosted by our BWEF associate Noëlie Zongo. Most of them explained that their academic year had been disrupted, due to the coronavirus pandemic and a disagreement between the university administration and the government over student admission numbers.



Koudougou group

One beneficiary, Esther, who is in her second year at a state university, said that she was still waiting for her first year's results in sociology.



Esther

Augustine

Augustine, who is studying French at the same university, should be in her third year but the university has fallen a year and a half behind. Consequently, she's waiting for last year's results. Another, Zalissa, asked if she could switch her subject from economics at that university so that she would not have to lose a year or two before getting her diploma.

Appolinaire has also experienced delays but fell in love with a fellow student with whom she has a one-month-old baby.



Appolinaire and her baby

I was able to give all of our students a 50 kilo sack of rice, a 5 litre can of cooking oil and some hand soap.



Zalissa, with supplies of rice, oil and soap