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## ARMOR and UNESCO sign a partnership to support an education programme in Togo

ARMOR and UNESCO have signed an agreement setting out the objectives and scope of their collaboration to support education in Togo. The objective of the partnership is to supply solar kits and equip 212 schoolchildren in the village of Akplolo in Togo with mobile rechargeable lamps to enable them to study during the evenings.



### **Signature of the partnership between ARMOR and UNESCO on 19 December 2018 at UNESCO House in Paris.**

From left to right: Alphonse Tay, former director at UNESCO, responsible for the education programmes in Akplolo in Togo, Olivier Portier, Business Development Manager ARMOR, Edouard Firmin Matoko, Assistant Director-General Africa Department UNESCO and Jaya S. Conhye-Soobrayen, Partnership Manager Africa Department UNESCO.

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The project was trialled last year on a pilot basis with six schoolchildren at a primary school located in Akplolo, Togo. The initial results of the project produced perceptible improvements, enabling children to work for longer after school. The partnership will be extending the project to 212 schoolchildren. **ARMOR will supply the school with 65 Solar Sets (photo below) and 240 portable and rechargeable LED lamps.** The Solar Set comes in a pouch which, once opened, converts into a solar charger. The Solar Sets will be used to recharge the LED lamps to enable the children to work during the evenings after nightfall. Fitted with an ASCA® organic photovoltaic film, the Solar Sets are charged up during the day via sunlight.

In collaboration with ARMOR and UNESCO, the local association of the village of Akplolo, GRAD, represented by Alphonse Tay (former director at UNESCO, responsible for the education programmes in Akplolo), will supervise the installation and maintenance of the equipment while monitoring the children's results in school.

*"Through this project and in close collaboration with ARMOR, UNESCO is hoping to establish a "good practice" that can be scaled up in Togo and replicated in other African countries", states Jaya S. Conhye-Soobrayen, Partnership Manager in the Africa Department of UNESCO.*

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