

# FORA DIAWARA LIBRARY

## SENEGAL

### ADDRESS

Village de Fora Diawara  
Commune de Wouro Sidy  
Département de Kanel  
Sénégal

### CLOSEST BIGGEST TOWNS:

1) Kanel 2) Sinthiou Bamambe

### HOW TO GET THERE

**From Dakar:** From Dakar, district Niarry taly, Garage *Waoude*, take a bus to the region of Matam (600 kms from Dakar).

Get off at *Sinthiou Bamambe*. Then take a taxi or cart to Fora Diawara for 7 km.

### LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

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Representative of AJUFD in Fora Diawara

(Association des jeunes unis de Fora Diawara)

### LANGUAGES

French, Puular, Soninke

### VOLUNTEERS

YES—short-term (2-3 weeks)

Accommodation and food is provided by the villagers in Fora Diawara. There is enough space for up to five volunteers. A financial contribution toward food of 10-15 EUR/week is expected. Volunteers will also have to pay for their transport from Dakar to Fora Diawara (10 000 CFA—16 EUR one way).

Volunteers should also speak French in order to be able to communicate with our local project coordinators in Dakar and Fora Diawara.



### THE LIBRARY

The library was built and officially opened by a group of local and international Bookfeeders in November 2018.

It is located right next to the primary school *École élémentaire de Fora Diawara*. One of the three teachers of the school, Abdou Khadre Vilane, and one of the representatives of AJUFD, Alhousseynou Fofana are responsible for the everyday management of the library. The library is used by a student population of 150 and other community members.

### THE COMMUNITY

Fora Diawara is a beautiful village located 600km north-east of Dakar in the Matam region, not far from the border to Mauritania. Its inhabitants are mostly bi- or trilingual, speaking French, Pular and Soninke. Unfortunately, due to its remote location, it is often overlooked by the government and does not have sufficient funding for its school and no access to books.

A young group of students from Fora Diawara who now live and study in Dakar were determined to change the situation in their home village. They wanted to make sure that their fellow students from Fora Diawara would get the same chances and opportunities as others. Following the motto of their school 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world', they set up the first Bookfeeding Project in Senegal.

### EXTRA ACTIVITIES

- Pen Pal Project with a school in Frankfurt, Germany

