



BEFORE & AFTER A Primary School Gets a Facelift

Primary school rehabilitation improves children's education

Located in Djibouti's capital city, Guelleh Batal primary school was in a bad state of disrepair, lacking security, sanitation and learning materials for its 250 students. USAID supported the structure's rehabilitation, and since the facelift, enrollment has dramatically increased.



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BEFORE Guelleh Batal primary school did not offer an environment conducive to learning. The school lacked a boundary wall or any form of sanitation system, grossly endangering the health and well-being of students and teachers. Classrooms were run down and had minimal school materials and equipment.



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AFTER USAID helped rehabilitate 12 classrooms, replacing doors and windows, repairing the roof, renovating the electrical system and installing new lights and fans. The exterior and interior walls were patched and painted, and the classroom floors were redone. Classrooms were also fully furnished with new equipment. A community outreach program now orchestrates maintenance of the school and its surroundings.