Short explanation to go with the photos

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The photos illustrate the kick-off phase of the school sanitation programme as described in the last update:

*"We started off with a hygiene sensitization programme at primary schools in the municipalities of Mopti, Fatoma, Socoura and Konna. This programme, a pilot to try a more effective and lasting way of addressing sanitation and hygiene issues in schools, is carried out by the "Jeune Chambre International" of Mopti in collaboration with the "Academie de l’Enseignement and the Centres d’animation pedagogiques", in close cooperation (supervision, training and evaluation) with PROTOS staff. Children and teachers learn to use the SARAR/PHAST methodologies in combination with Child to Child (C2C) peer education to take a lead in improving the sanitary conditions of their schools, homes and neighbourhoods. The programme encompasses two phases with the children, before and after the summer holidays. Trainers have been trained and kick-off meetings in all schools have taken place. The project will close with a documentary broadcasted on the national TV; a report describing the process and results will be available around November."*

The pictures were taken by the team of the "Jeune Chambre" at the different schools where we carry out the programme. The first stage consisted of, in a participatory way, identifying how teachers and pupils view their school environment and together indentifying actions they would like to undertake to improve this situation.

This process led to the adoption of 4 groupes of activities:

1) Improving the access to, and management of, school water facilities

2) Improving the state and management of school latrines

3) Improving waste management

4) Improving hygiene at the school cantines and food vendors.

The programme resumes after the school holidays.