

2018



Natacha attended the best agricultural school in the country, Matourkou, in Bobo Dioulasso, and successfully finished a two-year program to become an agricultural technician in October 2015. She passed the test for government service the following year and was assigned a post at Kompienga in the eastern part of the country, which is rich in wild game. Her title is “Chef de Service Provincial des études statistiques sectoriales”; she advises farmers on the latest methods to increase agricultural production. After a year of national service, she earns a salary of 92,000 f CFA (\$168) a month.

2017



Natacha finished a two-year program in 2015 for a certificate in agriculture and that same year passed the national exam for public service. She is currently working for the Government. (Solidarité)

Natacha in the field, 2017.

2016

Natacha Kabore finished a two-year program at an agricultural institute in October 2015. Her third year at the Institute would be a year-long internship (no tuition), which she began, working on a rice project for a Taiwanese company. Then last October she passed the test for Government Service; in mid-February she was given her assignment. But she expects to have to work for free for six to eight months.



Needless to say, she is giving up the agricultural institute for lifetime security as a government employee.



Natacha's Certificate

2015



She is studying to be an agricultural engineer, and her third year of study (2015-16) is a full-year internship on a farm. She will have no tuition expenses then. She will return to the Institute in 2016 for three more years of study. Her grades have been good; she was elected class captain this year. We will continue to support her.



Natacha, right, being visited by the head of our Health Program, Dr, Traoré, center, and her Aunt Catherine, who lives in Bobo Dioulasso, January 2015.



Natacha, January 2015. She is asthmatic and our Health Program covers the cost of her medicine. Dr. Traore counsels her as a volunteer.

2014



Natacha is in her first year at an agricultural institute 10 km outside of Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina's second biggest city in the far west of the country. From the first time we met her in 2011, she's said that she's wanted to be an agricultural engineer.



Her health is fragile—she’s asthmatic—but she’s determined. The Institute is called Matourkou, and is the only one in the country accredited by the Government. She must do two years of courses, a two-year internship, and then three more years of courses to become an engineer. If she goes all the way, she will finish in 2020.

The Director of Studies at Matourkou, Amadou Kinda, second from left, explains the seven-year program for an agricultural engineer. Dr. Etienne Traoré, Director of the BWEF Health Fund, far right, accompanied us (January 2014).

In the car, Dr. Traoré explained to Natacha how the Health Fund works. He advised her to walk the 2 km to the Institute from where she lives to exercise her heart.

