

Living Environment

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In Burkina Faso, I am living in a town named Ouagadougou. It is the capital city. Therefore, we met all kind of people from everywhere. Politically, Ouagadougou has five administrative districts Baskuy, Bogodogo, Boulmiougou, Nongremassom and Sig-Noghin, readed respectively by a different mayor. Among the five mayors, there is one woman. I am living in the Nongremassom district. There are five important medical centers created by government (one), non- governmental organizations' leaders (three) and private (one). Each district has its quarters. Nongremassom's district quarters are Tanghin, Somgande, Zogona, Toudouwego, Kossodo, and Nioko.

I am living in Somgande. Besides the Mayor who is male, we also have a traditional chief named Naaba Kangho. His role is to assist modern authorities, by helping them to solve problems traditionally way. There are two public schools and many privates ones. Public schools are called Somgande A, Somgande B and Somgande C. In Somgande, there is a market and a business center where every thing is salt. Somgande is a developing quarter and one of economic seats. There are high training and research institutes like the National University Institute of Technology, and Institute of Science of Society. The biggest university of Burkina Faso and is at Nongremassom in Ouagadougou.

One of the famous hotels of Burkina Faso, "Hotel Mercure Silmande" is in the Nongremassom's District. We also have a protected national park named "Park Bangre-weogo" in Nongremassom. This park has different kinds of animals and vegetal species. The park of Bangre-Weogo is a natural biological and botanical laboratory. Schools and teachers often organize some trips to discover the Burkina Faso experience through the promote and protection of the environment. Somgande has a park for children to play. Its name is "Faso Park" near "Park Bangre- Weogo". "Faso Park" means "the Park of Republic" and "Bangre-Weogo" signify "the Park of Knowledge". Parents and children are very happy with activities of "Faso Park" including concerts organized for children some weekends and during Christmas, Woman International day, on African Children Day and on Muslim important prayers days.

There are also social centers that help poor people, women, young and those who are ill. There are also some public and private offices in Nongremassom. Among the population,

some people work in Somgande and the others out of the quarter, sometimes so far from their houses. Traffic becomes more and more complicated in Ougadougou. This is the reason why the government develops big road projects. Today, the traffic situation is improving. Because of the success of government' actions towards physical development of the country, it is possible to go out of Somgande by many different roads. This progress helps people to move quickly and win time instead of lose it.

In the streets of Somgande, eating is selling. Men grill meat and chicken and women cook and sell cakes, rice, sweet potatoes, groundnuts, fruits, vegetables, modern and local drinks. In general, families living in harmony and entertain. There are solidarity initiatives like exchanging food during important days like Christmas. Muslim invite Christians and vice-versa. Young people have a center and a space for sports built by the city council. Most of young who do not go to school are hairdressers, parking attendants, small business owners, mechanics, tailors and drivers.

The Nongremassom population is about 220,891 (49% - women and 35% - young). The industrial quarter of Ouagadougou is in Kossodo, one of the administrative sectors of Nongremassom. There, you have societies that work in the field of leather, iron, and foam rubber mattress. The Ouagadougou livestock market is situated in Thanghin, another administrative sector of Nongremassom. People live free and do the kind of activities they want. The essential characteristic of Nongremassom is its economic activities. To build citizen capacities by information and communication, a privately created independent television station named "TVZ" is in Kossodo. The Prime Minister was present at the opening of the station. This is a way to show the governments commitment towards all the actors of Burkina Faso development.



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Young boys playing football on a street in *Somgande*