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## Project Aid Donates Medical Items Worth Millions to Health Ministry

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***Project Aid The Gambia, an International NGO based in The Gambia, Wednesday presented essential medical items and equipment worth millions of Dalasi to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.***

The items, made available through the support of Peace Village International of Germany, were handed over to the beneficiaries in a ceremony at the Project Aid office in Kotu.

Among the items donated are liquid food for probes, 14X15 pieces; food pedal trash cans, 16 pieces; face masks, 20,000 pieces; hospital linen, 32 cartons, hospital clothing, 10 cartons; scar plaster, 1920 pieces; electric suction pumps; metal clamps for bones posture; 44 cartons of scissors; surgical lamp; protecting gears for doctors; vision testing machines and operating instruments among others.

Deputising for the Minister of Health, Janko Jimbara the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Technical at the Ministry described Project Aid The Gambia as a close partner of the health sector, noting that the medical items donated is timely and will go a long way in complementing government's efforts towards quality healthcare delivery.

Jimbara said Government has put health among the top priorities of its development agenda. He strongly assured the donors that the medical items donated would be distributed to the upgraded health centres among other facilities in the country.

Famara Fatty, the Project Manager of Project Aid The Gambia, said the project has been operating in the country for the past 25 years and has been complementing government's efforts in the area of health.

He thanked the President for allowing them to operate in the country as well as appointing the Project's boss Matthias Ketteler, a German national, a Goodwill Ambassador at large.

He disclosed that recently they have supported eleven children suffering from different health conditions and are currently receiving treatment in Germany.

Babanding Sabally, Director of National Pharmaceutical Services under the Ministry of Health, said it is not the first time that Project Aid is supporting his Ministry, adding that the items donated would reach the targeted beneficiaries.

He noted that some of the medical items presented are laudable, noting that as the health sector is going under a major transformation, government cannot do it alone, therefore, they need support of partners like Project Aid.

Modou Njai, the Director of Health Promotion and Education at the Ministry of Health said the donation made by Project Aid –The Gambia is a great boost to the health sector.

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