

Press Release Project Aid The Gambia (International NGO A57)

Project Aid The Gambia donates Medical Equipment to FABB Foundation



Manjai Kunda, November 1st, 2017

Yesterday, on October 31st, Project Aid The Gambia, a German/Gambian NGO running Jahaly Health Centre in Jahaly, CRR, presented a bulk of medicine and medical equipment to the FABB Foundation of the First Lady of the Republic of The Gambia, Her Excellency Fatoumatta Bah-Barrow, at the State House in Banjul.

The items include among others

- drugs for the treatment of hypertension
- pain reliever drugs
- 1,200 surgical gloves
- nurse and doctors uniforms
- 500+ hospital bed sheets
- 1,000 sputum containers
- 37 wheel chairs
- 23 walking chairs
- 11 walking sticks
- 2 Ultra Sound Scan Machines

The equipment handed over to the First Lady's foundation was donated by several hospitals and doctors in Germany and brought into The Gambia through Project Aid The Gambia.

"Project Aid The Gambia has been committed to answer the needs of the health sector of The Gambia since more than 30 years", Matthias Ketteler, Chairman and founder of Project Aid The Gambia, said during the handing over ceremony. "Matthias Ketteler, who is also a Good Will Ambassador At Large of The Gambia, continued: "The today's start of a cooperation with the FABB Foundation is another step in what should be a long standing and beneficial relationship to the people of The Gambia."

Mr. Charles Mbye and Mr. Ali Tambadou, local Chairmen of Project Aid The Gambia, and Ebrahima Camara, the new appointed Project Manager of the organization, were also present at the ceremony as well as the entire team of FABB foundation.

Her Excellency First Lady Fatoumatta Bah-Barrow thanked Project Aid The Gambia and expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the quick and positive response from Project Aid. She also invited the present members of Project Aid to a ceremony she is holding on November 1st to give away donated items to the RVTH Hospital - donated items from Project Aid included.



"Your support will repeatedly play a key role in our success towards the development of the New Gambia", said Betty Saine, Senior Logistic and Communication Officer of FABB Foundation. "Generous gifts from donors like you will provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission and vision."

Both organizations look forward to a continuing partnership.

Matthias Ketteler Chairman Project Aid The Gambia

The attached pictures you may download in better quality here: <u>https://we.tl/6nV103cslS</u> This link is available no longer than November 8^{th} .

For additional information please contact Project Aid The Gambia by email projectaid@work.gm

Background information on Project Aid The Gambia (International NGO A57)

Since 1986 "Project Aid The Gambia" (International NGO A57) has been running several projects in The Gambia. The focus of the activities lies on the sister villages Jahaly and Madina of CRR, located at the South Bank in a 270 kilometer's distance from the Kombo region. A small Gambian management team is organizing the projects on the ground. The German NGO, also called "Project Aid The Gambia" is funding the Gambian Project Aid. The organization in Germany has got about 50 members and about 320 friends and supporters, who are donating for the projects and doing fundraising events. The administration costs of the German organization are extremely low, i.e. 2.07 % of the incoming donations in 2016. That means: from every single Euro that is being donated, about 98 Euro cents directly go to the people of Jahaly and Madina. The projects are: "Jahaly Health Centre" in Jahaly (since 1991), "Jahaly/Madina Kindergarten" with nursery school (since 2004), four women's gardening projects (since 2003), the construction of eco-friendly smoke-free ovens (since 2010), the plantation of Moringa trees (since 2012), the construction of the model clinic "Njaba Kunda Health Centre" (2011/12) in the village Njaba Kunda, NBR - located at the North Bank Road half the way between Kerewan and Farafenni - the support and surgery of Gambian kids (since 2012), who can't be treated in The Gambia - a cooperation with the German NGO "Friedensdorf (Peace Village) International". As a recent development, in February 2017 Project Aid The Gambia took over the management and administration of the "Health Centre Buniadu" in the village of Buniadu, NBR, 5 kilometer off Essau at the North Bank Road, in cooperation with the German NGO "Riverboat Doctors International".