



FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN AID GAMBIA NEWSLETTER 2007



DEAR GAMBIA FRIENDS,

Although for many of us the holidays are in sight, we all the same take the opportunity to send out the yearly newsletter of our Foundation.

Once again it was an eventful year.

ORGANISATION

Our member of the board Marijke Hol from Milligen decided to lay down her function for reasons of health, which is felt as a great loss by the Foundation. From the very first moment Marijke was very involved and very active in the Foundation. We respect her decision and thank her for her enormous commitment during many years. Luckily, she will continue her work as a volunteer.

During 2006 the Belgian branch dissociated themselves from the Dutch branch of the Foundation. The need to realize their own projects and a difference of opinion about the course to follow was the basis for this decision. Fortunately the Belgian branch will stay active in Gambia.

FUNDRAISING

Firstly, of course, many thanks to all the sponsors and donors for their valued contribution, without which many projects could not have been feasible.

Through co-operation with both "Wilde Ganzen" (Wild Geese) and the NCDO the activities of the Foundation gained momentum. The basis of our activities are the sponsors and the donors, but through co-operation with Wilde Ganzen and NCDO, projects can be speeded up as occasion arises.

Because the Amsterdam Dakar Challenge adopted one of our projects - the extension of the Health Center in Bakadaji - we were able to profit from the auction of 16 motorcars.

Together with the doubling of the proceeds by Wilde Ganzen and NCDO, the Foundation now has a nice amount to go on with.

PROJECTNEWS



Schools

At both the schools in Bakadaji and Nafugan it is going well and the developments are prospering.

Both schools now have their own bank account where the Foundation deposits an amount in the petty cash. More and more, the responsibility is given to the people themselves. Sometimes it leads to problems, sometimes things are shaping up well.

For example, for the renovation of several class rooms, money has been donated and the headmaster and his staff are responsible for effectuation.



Bakadaji (St. Vitus) Health Center.

For the housing of the medical staff and nightwatchman, there is of course still co-operation with the local contractors.



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Women's Garden Project

This project is very successful. The participating women have now taken the decision to work independently.

The request for micro credit may become a possibility. We hope to get the paper work around this issue settled in the coming months, so that this project will be able to go ahead on its own strength in the near future and our Foundation can be used to help realize big expenses.



Medicine supply Somita

The medicine supply in Somita is so effective, that more and more people from far afield find their way to the clinic, which gives the health center an ever growing importance.

To be able to continue our work, the building of the accommodation for the teachers in Nafugan and to put the health center in Bakadaji into operation, we, just as we do every year, make an appeal to you for a donation for this year.

The amount is still the same, EUR 75,=. We furthermore appeal to you to recruit new donors.

With best thanks and kind regards,

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