



## Community Action Support Association-Gambia Casa-Gambia-Nederland

Paving the way for self-driven development

Dear Sponsor,

Community Action Support Association is an association committed to the development of the Gambian people, particularly the deprived, and we have been dedicated to this goal since November 2015 when we got registered in the Gambia. Our team/foundation consists of 9 professionals in the field of education, health, agriculture and sport.

### **Our activities to reach our goal,**

We are currently in the early stages of planning our events, as part of our objectives; education, health, agriculture and sport. In the coming years we will organize these activities. We will help to facilitate training for nurses with up to date medical and health tools, settlements with health goods, horticultural gardens and provide sport materials (i.e., clothes, shoes and balls) to different sport clubs in the Gambia with the help of our partners.

We recently finished writing a project proposal to build a Community Maternal and Child Clinic, Titled: Improving health condition of women, youths, students and the adult population of especially the Kombo North District through the support of the construction and equipment of a Community Health Clinic in Sotokoi/TinTinto Village, Kombo North, West Coast Region.

Sotokoi /TinTinto village and its satellite villages are approximately 25 KM South East of Banjul, the capital city of the Gambia. It consists of about 890 compounds. The project areas total population is about 56,000 people and comprises of 35,000 women; 6,000 children; 10 thousand youths and 5,000 adults.

In terms of availability of health facilities and services for the whole area, there is only one clinic in the nearby Brufut Village, which is under resourced and equipped for this high density population community. There are some Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in Brufut but there are none in Sotokoi /TinTinto village who help in child delivery in the villages, often in difficult circumstances and risk of life.

Sotokoi/TinTinto village has a Nursery School, a Basic Cycle School, and a Boarding School which all depend on the Brufut Clinic for medical care. All the villages in the area depend on the few available, manually operated local wells for both drinking, domestic and livestock purposes with all the likely attendant health risks that this could involve. The schools children in the area are also rely on the Brufut Clinic for their health care needs as well.

The major health challenges, according to the villagers of Sotokoi/TinTinto. Health problems and diseases like Asthma, high incidence of Diarrhea, Child and Maternal Mortality and other labor complications during child birth. Poor road conditions characterized by Pot holes, severe soil erosion and gullies adversely impede evacuation of patients, particularly women in labor to the nearby short distant of Brufut Clinic let alone to distant facility elsewhere. This is even riskier giving the lack of an Ambulance in Brufut Clinic. Because of this Patients and Women in Labor in particular are often

referred and evacuated by families to the regional major health facilities some twenty kilometer away in either Brikama or Serra Kunda Health Centers, which involves high financial cost and risks to life. Inaccessibility and due to poor roads and poverty are among the main reasons for the suffering of the women and their families in accessing health during crucial moments. Women in labor are usually carried in Donkey Carts in times of labor/child delivery under all circumstances regardless of the time, including dark and rainy nights. Furthermore, the high demands for health care services places a considerable burden on the already over stretched, under resourced and under equipped Brufut Clinic, this compounding the suffering of the villagers. This requires addressing the main causes which includes:

- Over reliance on under resourced local health facility and services
- Inadequate infrastructure, human resource base and equipment
- Unhygienic water supply
- Lack of and or irregular energy source
- Absence of appropriate means of evacuation of needy patients
- Poverty and inaccessibility to resources of families
- Inaccessibility to adequate land for establishing health facilities

#### **How can you help and what can you expect from us.**

We divide our projects in parts of little projects, so that also little sponsors can support us.

The success of this project and our outreach will be dependent entirely upon the financial and product support of corporations and private sponsors. We would like to ask every one of you or organizations to consider becoming our corporate sponsors in order to finance this noble project, as a sponsor you will receive positive media attention from your association with Community Action Support Association. As part of our corporate sponsors, we will publish your organizations name on Facebook and in several newspapers in the Gambia.

You can help us by donating on our bank account number below;

**Account Number: NL06 SNSB 0939 3191 44**

**BIC Number SNSB NL 2A in name of CASA-Gambia-Nederland foundation, Onderste Puth 18, 6155 LS Puth.**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of Community Action Support Association, please don't hesitate to contact us on the numbers in footer of this letter or on our contact page on our website. In addition, we will follow up via email and phone if you have any questions that we can answer about the proposal of our organization.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review our sponsorship proposal page.

Sincerely,

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