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**Education For All Through Community Development**

## BIRTHDAY WISHES & CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FOR BUBACARR ML. CAMARA, FIOHTG'S CDU MANAGER



**BUBACARR ML. CAMARA AT THE HR**

Mr. Bubacarr ML. Camara, the Manager of FIOHTG's Community Development is going on retirement. The news was related to staff on 9th June 2021 by FIOHTG's Human Resources Manager, Mr. Kinteh who wrote to staff:

*My dear family, I write with a heavy heart to inform you that our veteran development practitioner in the person of Mr. Bubacarr ML Camara will officially retire by end of business tomorrow, Thursday 10th June 2021. This marks his sixtieth birthday. Mr. Camara will help work to complete the tasks assigned to him to ensure a smooth transition. Please join me to wish him a happy belated birthday and a very successful life after retirement.*

Staff took turns to send congratulatory messages to Mr. Camara while wishing him a happy birthday and retirement. Here are some of the messages. Mr. Sambou thanked Allah for allowing Mr. Camara to witness this retirement "in good health and prosperity. Many wished themselves the same but were caught by unforeseen circumstances and

could not witness it." Mrs. Sarr too wrote "

*I celebrate you Mr. Camara for your immense contributions to this organization especially the communities we work in...You have been exemplary in so many ways. May this be just the tip of your journey with greater things to come for you!"*

Mr. Drammeh of the Community Development Unit who has been working under Mr. Camara wrote:

Happy birthday Bro. We are all really happy for you for a well deserved retirement in good health and grace. Your experience and exemplary leadership will be greatly missed at both FIOH and CDU in particular. We will forever be grateful for your contributions and will always count on your continued support.

Mr. Malick Ndimballand who had worked as an intern under Mr. Camara has this message for his former supervisor:

I honestly do not know where to begin, because we are talking about a person of higher calibre, top-of-the-line and immoderate level of experience in the field of community development. I applaud you for your years of service and achievement at FIOHTG. I will always remember the first day we met. Your way of making me feel part of the FIOHTG family made a lasting impression on a nervous, inexperienced graduate. I continue to benefit from your personal wisdom and engineering expertise, and hope you will stay in touch and join us for occasional social events....Today you made me believed in the saying of one Brian Tracy that "every experience in your life is being orchestrated to teach you something you need to know to move forward." It's more than just your hard work we will miss. For years in FIOHTG you have brought a caring, positive attitude to this office and we will all miss your influence especially CDU unit. My heartiest congratulations and please accept our best wishes for your retirement and happy birthday.

Mr. Camara thanked his colleagues for the prayers. It can be recalled that Mr. Camara won the most supportive staff award of the year for 2020. We will bring you a special issue about Mr. Camara's career. In our subsequent newsletters.



## FIOHTG HOLDS TRAINING FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



FIOHTG in partnership with European Union in The Gambia, through National Authorizing Office Support Unit (NAOSU) and its Implementing partners, namely Angela Horton Sponsorship Foundation, Freedom From Hunger Campaign and School Agriculture and Food Management Unit (SAFMU), had a workshop to discuss and acquaint Implementing partners (IPs) about the GCCA+ project objectives and the modalities involved. The project is aimed at promoting the development of integrated community-based climate change mitigation and adaptation mechanisms for enhanced livelihood.

## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFE GUARD SENSITIZATION WRAPS UP



A six day Social and Environmental Safe Guard procedures sensitization has been wrapped up in CRR. It started in Bush Town and proceeded to Tankong Kunda, Sare Nyan-ga, Bakadaji Mandinka and Manjumba. As usual, the Social and Environmental Safety Officer sensitized communities about social and environmental communities, equipping them with the information necessary to conduct social accounting and to monitor changes in their environment as a result of the project. Mr. Ceasay reminded the communities that they have a right to redress if their communities are impacted. The program, me was well attended by the communities.



## FIRE SAFETY TRAINING ORGANISED FOR STAFF



A Fire Safety training has been organized for staff on FIOHTG. The training was cofacilitated by the Health and Safety Officer collaboration with the Gambia Fire and Rescue Service. The training was aimed at capacity building for staff to understand safety measures against fire outbreaks and immediate steps to take in the event of an outbreak. Staff also discuss emergency exits and evacuations in the case of an outbreak. Attendees applauded the Fire and Rescue Service for responding to their call. The Fire and Rescue Service expressed delight that they have been invited for this training as they want to see organisations and firms do the same to minimise fire outbreaks and damages.

## EDUCATION FOR ALL CAMPAIGN TO COMMEMORATE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD



tion officers and other head teachers in the cluster. However, he observed that there is low retention rate in the school as “the numbers drop as they transit to higher grades. Chargel is the only cluster without a senior secondary and Chargel Basic Cycle should have been the potential one but the numbers drop as they transit to higher grades. This makes it difficult to convince the authorities to up grade the school in to a senior secondary.” He made a similar

On June 16th 1976 thousands of children in South Africa under the Apartheid Regime were shot with life bullets for demanding quality education and to be taught in their language. Since 1991, the event has been commemorated by African states. The School Development Unit (SDU) in celebrating the day, embarked on a campaign for enrolment and retention in several clusters starting with Chargel Basic Cycle School. Mr. Sambou of the SDU facilitating the event in Chargel lauded the attendance by parents, teachers educa-

observation about Kisskiss in the URR where the campaign was also held. Meanwhile Mr. Jobe of the SDU was in Kabakoto and Samba Chargie, to encourage enrolment and retention. During the campaign, participants were reminded that basic education is free and compulsory under the constitution of the country and the Education Policy has set education for all as a goal. Speaking in Kabakoto, the School principal urged “the parents to be careful with the drop out of children in the school for the continuity of their Education.”



## WASTE MANAGEMENT TRAINING HELD IN NBR



Kerr Sidik, Kerr Omar Manneh, Toro Tayam and Nyofelleh all in the North Bank Region have benefited from a Waste management sensitization programme from FIOHTG. The programme saw the presentation of cleansing materials such as wheel barrows and rakes. Communities were also sensitized on proper waste disposal mechanisms. It is envisaged that this will lead to the creation of a taskforce in communities for proper waste handling.

## FIOHTG EMBARKS ON VISIT TO GCCA+ PROJECT SITES



A team comprising Mr. Yankuba Manneh, Mr. Ebrima Drammeh, Mrs Rose T Mendy and Mr Solo Jobe had visited GCCA+ project sites. The team made a visit to the turtle conservation group in Gunjur and Sanyang, having a short meeting with its active members. The Gunjur group has for the past few years been involved in the management of the turtle hatchery constructed at the beach in Gunjur, thanks to funding from the FACE 1 project implemented by a consortium led by FIOHTG in 2015 to 2016 said Drammeh. He added that “the purpose of the visit was to assess the condition of the hatchery, discuss the issues as well as the way forward particularly with the opportunities on offer from the newly approved GCCA + project (FACE 2) to consolidate the gains registered in the first project.” The team also met with Mr Jawla from Sanayang who was involved in the coordination of a similar project implemented in Sanyang village.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIOHTG recruits 3 new interns;; they are Mariama sanyang for M&E Unit, Kebba Saho for HR and Aminata Ceesay for CDU [picture om LEFT, BELOW]. Women trainees at the Nyawurulung Skills Center have sewn school uniforms [picture on RIGHT, BELOW]. The center is being supported by FIOHTG.



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