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SENSITISATION ON NATIONAL BUDGETING CONCLUDES IN THE NBR



Community members of Maria and Samba Nyaado, Birom kumba, Wellingara and Woyawoor have benefitted from sensitization on the National Budget preparation process thanks to funding received by FIOHTG from the NED to implement a project called: *Promoting Political Transparency For Increased Participation of Women and Youth in National Development*. The sensitization and training was facilitated by Mr. Ismaila Bah of the Budget Directorate of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs. A similar activity was also organised in kerr Katim Fula drawing participants from kerr Katim Wolof, Sare Ello, Birom kardo and Brikama in the central Badibou District.

The programme is deemed relevant especially in an election year when voters hear numerous promises from those seeking political office. At the event voters know what the budget for the next year entails and what they may expect from their representatives

FIOHTG ON VOTERS' SENSITISATION

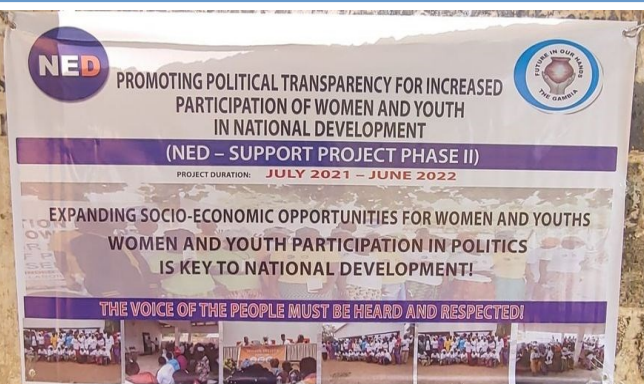


FIOHTG has conducted several activities aimed at encouraging voter participation in the presidential elections of 4th December. Lamin Njie of our Community Development Unit represented us in the voter education and information sessions held in the Central River Region under the ticket of Civil Society Organisations' Coalition on Elections. The activity was aimed at enhancing the understanding of youth much especially the first-time voters on the importance of their participation in the upcoming electoral processes.

While Lamin Njie was with the CSO Coalition, other staff of the Community Development and School Development Units of FIOHTG conducted voter sensitization in the North Bank, Lower River, Central River and Upper River regions. The objective of the activity was to help electorates to fulfil their civic rights of voting.

While since 2017, FIOHTG has conducted several activities to promote political pluralism and peace coexistence, it was deemed necessary to remind the electorates that peace overrides any other individual goal. The Community members were advised to accept political pluralism as it is in the constitution.

FIOHTG CONVENES FORUM TO PROMOTE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH AND WOMEN



FIOHTG has convened a forum in the North Bank Region, bringing together local government authorities such as the Governor of the North Bank Region, Alhagie Jawara, National Assembly member, ward councillors etc. During the forum which is aimed at creating an interface between duty bearers and right holders, the former presented their mandate and report activities that have been taken to that effect while the latter made demands that they expect duty bearers to fulfil. Meanwhile, FIOHTG is advocating for an active role for young people and the youth in national and local development. Speaking at the Forum, the Governor of North Bank Region stated that “its time that women are given support to represent themselves in our contemporary political administration”. Other speakers at the forum included Amat Jeng of Uppsala University.





FIOHTG CALLS ON ALL TO ADHERE TO THE RULES OF THE GAMBIA AND BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE A FREE, FAIR AND PEACEFUL ELECTION.

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