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THE GAMBIA CLASSES FOR OPEN LEARNING PILOT PROJECT PROGRESSES



With funding and in partnership with the Luminos Fund, Future In Our Hands The Gambia is implementing a pilot project dubbed 'The Gambia Classes for Open Learning'. FIOHTG was selected as one of the implementing parties by Luminos, following a recommendation of the former by an educationist. Following engagements with FIOHTG, the donor was satisfied that FIOHTG would be one of the two most suitable for the work. The 10 months pilot project is aimed at helping out-of-school children aged 8-14 to get back to classes within their communities to gain numeric and arithmetic knowledge. FIOHTG is currently implementing the project in the North Bank Region, Regional Education Directorate 3, in Lower, Central and Upper Bad-dibu districts; in 10 communities, namely, Kerr Dekumba, Kerr Sheikh Taal (with 2 centers, A and B), Nyiribaya, Kerr Ngaata, India, Kerr Parteh, Pasimut, Kataba mandinka and Sinchu Pallen. Classrooms are organised in these com-

munities where out-of-school children have been registered as the beneficiaries. The project has provided furniture and learning materials for the students. The project has also organised an intensive training led by our team in preparation for the project for the facilitators. The facilitators were recruited through a four tier process which included an open call for applications, a trial test on basic literacy and numeracy, and an interview. Amadou Sambou, Senior Programme Officer at the School Development Unit of FIOHTG hailed the efforts of the staff and management in ensuring quality delivery which gave birth to this important project. It is expected that the project will contribute to the drive to ensure universal access to education is an achievable target even for those who may have missed the opportunity through the normalized formal channel. Meanwhile the project has provided employment for 10 facilitators and a supervisor for a period of 9 months.



FIOHTG CONCLUDES TRAINING ON MORINGA PRODUCTION & VALUE ADDITION



A six day training and sensitization on moringa production and value addition has been concluded in the Chargel cluster. The training which was facilitated by Rose T. Mendy of FIOHTG's Community Development Unit targeted three communities, namely Chargel, Njolfen and Sareh Demba Dado. The communities had been initially supported with moringa farms, considering the nutritional value of the tree and its economic potential. This training was thus meant to help the communities go beyond the consumption of the primary products by adding value on them. The training saw the production of moringa body lotion, moringa powder and soap. According to Rose T. Mendy, the production of these would bring income to the communities, in addition to exposing and capacitating them on different uses and products of moringa.

FIOHTG HOLDS BUDGET TRACKING SESSIONS IN CHANGAI CLUSTER



FIOHTG held budget tracking sessions in Changai cluster. The sessions were coordinated and facilitated by Lamin Njie of FIOHTG's Community Development Unit and Marabi Amfal Hydera of Gambia Participate. The sessions are aimed at enhancing the capacity of the participants on the national budget formulation and implementation processes for increased transparency and accountability. The participants included Ward councilors, Ward Development Committee members, Village Development Committee members, women and youth leaders from the Changai cluster.

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