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FIOHTG Concludes Food Processing, Preservation Training in URR

Future In Our Hands The Gambia, through the Community Development Unit has concluded a five-day training on food processing and preservation in Sandu Misera in the Upper River Region.

During the training, beneficiaries learned a plethora of valuable skills in food processing that will enable them to meaningfully help their families and communities.

The participants hailed FIOHTG for conducting the training, whilst emphasising the crucial impact of the training modules they were introduced to.



FIOHTG Receives Supdeco University to Gain Insights on the Institution's Work

Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Monday 7th April 2025 received in audience officials of the University of Supdeco led by Abdou Faye, Director, Supdeco Campus Banjul, at the offices of FIOHTG complex in Kotu South.

The visit was meant to learn the institution's work, the mandate and some of the successes registered thus far.

Speaking at the event, Jainaba T. Sarr, the country director of Future In Our Hands The Gambia, expressed gratitude for the visit and thanked the university.

She disclosed that the organization has registered tremendous achievements since its inception in 1979.

She added that the organization, through the Think Equal and Luminous Projects, has inculcated social and emotional learning in the children and enrolled out-of-school-going children using the accelerated curriculum.

Abdou Faye, the head of the visiting delegation, said the institution has a series of programs ranging from bachelor's degrees to Ph.D. programs, noting that this year they have offered 25 partial scholarships to students who have enrolled in their programs.

Kemo S. Kinteh, HR Manager; Muhammed Lenn, MEAL Manager; Yankuba Manneh, Fundraising Manager; Lamin Sisay, Finance Manager; and Augustine Manneh, Construction Manager at FIOHTG, all spoke at the event.



FIOHTG, Partners Sensitize Staff on Diabetes, Hypertension

Future In Our Hands The Gambia (FIOHTG) in partnership with the medical Student Doctors from Sweden on Thursday 3rd April, 2025 organized a day presentation on diabetes, hypertension and eyes related activities held at FIOHTG conference room in Kotu South.

The session was aimed at orienting staff to keep abreast of diseases related to diabetes and hypertension.

The event also led to a medical test for staff to check on their sugar levels, and blood pressure, amongst others.





SDU Conducts Community Engagement Meeting on Transition of Children in Kerr Alhagie Karu

The School Development Unit under the aegis of Future In Our Hands The Gambia embarked on a community engagement meeting in Kerr Alhagie Karu for the transition of children from the GCOL to the link schools.

The aim of the meeting is intended to discuss with parents the agreement prior to the commencement of the GCOL project. That is to allow the children to transition to the link school.

The event was graced by the SDU Manager, GCOL Project Manager, Director at Regional Education, the principal of the link schools and the community.



FIOHTG Presents Cash to FIOHTG Soma School in Support of Sports Day

Future In Our Hands The Gambia has on Saturday 8th February 2025 presented an amount of ten thousand five hundred dalasis (D10,500) to the FIOHTG Soma School as part of its sports day activities.

The activity, which is the second of its kind, engaged children in a wide range of thrilling and enriching activities designed to ignite and foster creativity.

During the sports day, participants will engage in athletics competitions, amongst others.

It is also part of the extracurricular activities of the school curriculum.



SDU Conducts Interface Dialogue in URR

The School Development Unit under the aegis of Future In Our Hands The Gambia conducted an Interface dialogue in Barrow Kunda in the Upper River Region on students' performance, enrollment, retention, education policies and roles of parents on the subjects.

The participants are drawn from the SMC, Mother's club, PTA, youth groups, students, teachers, cluster monitor and representative from the regional office.

The convergence provided an opportunity to all stakeholders to spell out issues that are affecting them in relation to student's enrollment, retention and education policies.

A similar activity was conducted in Daru (CRR), Mandaur (LRR) and Prince (NBR) respectively.

The event is funded by Forum Civ.



FIOHTG Visits Gaye Njorro Skills Academy to Cement Partnership in Skills Acquisition

Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Wednesday 22nd January 2025, visited Gaye Njorro Skills Academy in Kotu.

The visit is aimed at forging a partnership in the area of skills acquisition.

The delegation also visited the tailoring, entrepreneurship and employability lab, food and beverage, beauty and cosmetology classes amongst others.

Gaye Njorro Skills Academy is a vocational training provider that aims to empower youth and women with different marketable skills for them to be self-reliant for sustainable economic growth and development.



FIOHTG, Gaye Njorro Skills Academy Ink MoU for Partnership in Skills Acquisition

Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Thursday 16th January 2025 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gaye Njorro Skills Academy at FIOHTG complex in Kotu South.

The partnership between the two institutions is driven by shared value to empower young Gambians in skills training as well as shape them to become job creators to boost economic development. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Kemo S. Kinteh, the HR Manager of Future In Our

Hands The Gambia, said the MoU is designed to strengthen collaboration and mutual benefits to propel skills and vocational training.

Fatou Saine Gaye, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Gaye Njorro Skills Academy, said her vocational training center provides training for young people with practical skills in the areas of tailoring, hairdressing, tie and dye.



FIOHTG Staff Attends Nasser Fellowship in Egypt

Aminata Ceesay, Think Equal Project Manager at Future In Our Hands, The Gambia, has attended a weeklong Nasser Fellowship for International Leadership in Egypt.

The confab, which brought 150 young leaders worldwide, was designed to foster connections among participants and create an atmosphere of shared enthusiasm and collaboration for an impactful, transformative journey.

“I heard directly from prominent Egyptian leaders about their enduring resilience over the centuries. Their insights into creativity, archaeology, culture, and history have left a lasting impression,” Aminata stated. She pointed out that they had the opportunity to visit the Gamal Abdel Nasser

Museum, which reflects the legacy of justice and leadership that has significantly influenced the Global South.

This visit deepened our understanding of historical contexts as we toured key areas of the museum, including Nasser's private quarters and essential decision-making rooms. A seminar featuring remarks from distinguished national figures further enhanced the experience, enriching our dialogue on leadership and history.

She said that the experience so far has not only broadened her perspective but has further reinforced the importance of unity and shared purpose among young leaders across the globe.



FIOHTG Concludes Gender Training in Kerr Mama

Future In Our Hands The Gambia through its Community Development Unit has concluded a five-day training on gender sensitization in Kerr Mama in the North Bank Region.

The training was aimed at mainstreaming men's and women's concerns in development and integrating a gender perspective into development projects and programs.

Participants were able to learn a plethora of valuable skills, notably basic gender concepts, distinguishing between sex and gender, analyzing the gendered calendar of activity and examining the advantages and disadvantages of divisions of labour.

The participants hailed FIOHTG for conducting the training, whilst emphasizing the crucial impact of the training modules they were introduced to.



FIOHTG Wraps up Peace Education Training

Future In Our Hands The Gambia through the School Development Unit has concluded a six-day sensitization training on peace education, peace-building and the creation of conducive for children with a material production held at Kabakoto in the North Bank Region, Jallow Kunda in CRRN and Sandu Misera in the Upper River Region, respectively.

The training was aimed at enhancing the skills of the participants in lesson demonstration, number charts, blending and number lines. The training took the participants through several topics such as lack of planning, absenteeism, causes of conflict, sadness and violence, all of which can lead to a decrease in the quality education.

FIOHTG Unveils Customized Roll-up Banners to Enhance Visibility

Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Friday 14th March 2025 unveiled its customized roll-up banners to enhance its visibility. The presentation was held at the FIOHTG complex in Kotu South.

The roll-up banners seeks to popularize the overview of the organization, vision, mission, core values, thematic areas and the intervention areas of FIOHTG.

The event was graced by Jainaba T. Sarr, the Country Director, Future In Our Hands The Gambia, senior management and staff of the FIOHTG.





FIOHTG Staff Speaks on Inclusive Education for Better society

Cherno Ceesay, Senior Programme Officer at Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Thursday 3rd April 2025 participated in EFANet monthly radio talk shows on Gender and Inclusive Education Issues and Education Financing at Teranga FM.

The topic was centered on "Gender & Education: Looking at SDG 4 & 5 evaluating The Gambia's position after 10 years of implementation - From the perspective of

CSO": successes, Challenges, lessons learnt and the way forward!

The panelists discussed tangible and salient points in women's empowerment, linking it to their right to education, examine the environment/infrastructure created by the government to achieve gender parity in our education system, what are the laws and education in place that promote and protect girls' rights to education.



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FIOHTG, TANGO, FAWEGAM Held Planning Meeting on STAR Project

Future In Our Hands The Gambia on Monday 23rd June 2025 convened a day planning meeting with officials from TANGO on Star project held at FIOHTG complex in Kotu South.

The CSO Watchdog Project is funded by the European Union which is implemented by three consortium, FIOHTG, TANGO and FAWEGAM.

FIOHTG Express Solemn Solidarity with Swedish Friends

Future In Our Hands The Gambia has on Thursday 6th February 2025 convened a day's solemn ceremony in solidarity with its Swedish counterparts following a tragic incident that occurred in Sweden on Tuesday 4th February, 2025.

The FIOHTG management expressed its condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for the departed souls.





FIOHTG Director Attends Governance Forum in Dakar

Jainaba T. Sarr, the Country Director of FIOHTG has attended a conference of common good with a focus on water, and natural resources in Dakar.

The forum was dedicated to the theme "Water Governance in Africa-Lease Contract, Surface Water, the Right of Access to Water, Climate Change: Issues and Challenges for Our Sovereignty."

The dialogue brought together parliamentarians, civil society leaders and employees amongst others.

The confab was centered on the thematic areas of governance of the common good

on water, governance of natural resources-participatory democracy, maritime economy, artisanal fishing and migration in Africa.

Director Sarr said that the conference on governance was interesting, and created an opportunity for interactive sessions with ministers, former mayors, and civil society on advocacy around our natural resources, better governance through the lenses of peace and conflict, accountability and transparency.

She is hopeful that the forum will also help around the development and facilitate better negotiation tactics for prudent and solution-driven contracts with investors.



FIOHTG, MoFEA Dialogue on Recovery-Focused National Development Plan

Future In Our Hands The Gambia (FIOHTG), in partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, has conducted a dialogue with stakeholders on the implementation of the Recovery-Focused National Development Plan Yiriwaa (2023-2027), held at Kabakoto in North Bank Region and Jallow Kunda in the Central River Region.

The convergence was aimed at gauging

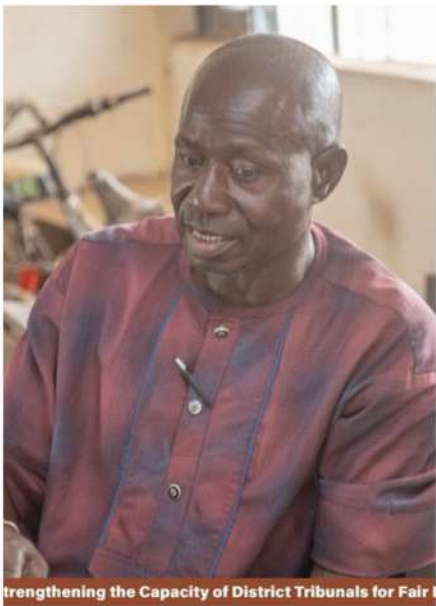
stakeholders' level of participation in the popularization and the implementation of the NDP, to update the CSOs/NGOs and other stakeholders on the achievements, challenges and the way forward.

Similar activity was held at other regions as part of the Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Resilience in The Gambia (STAR) project on the implementation of the NDP.



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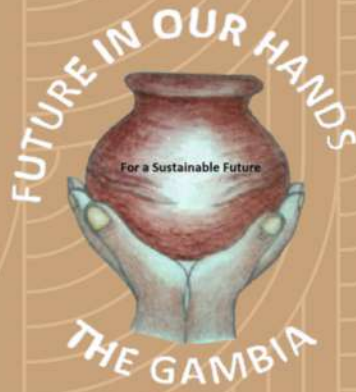
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