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PROJECT PROPOSAL
CONSTRUCTION OF A
MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE IN SEYONE VILLAGE

JUNE 2009

PROJECT DURATION: one year
PROJECT COST: GMD 838,815.00

The village of Seyone is situated in the western part of The Gambia in the administrative area of Kombo Central, Western Region.

Seyone is a small farming community with a population of 1600 people. With the absence of machinery farming is done by hand with locally made tools. This type of farming, known in The Gambia as "subsistence farming," produces low yields and therefore not commercially viable.

The village is almost enclosed by streams of water that have all dried up partly due to human activity and reduced rainfall due to climate change. The once thick and beautiful forest cover around the village is being depleted of trees due to heavy logging.

Seyone village development committee (SVDC) is trying hard to discourage logging of the forest through sensitisation seminars on the importance of the forest cover and working with communities on alternatives to logging. We are also involved in tree planting.

Due to the high rate of illiteracy and the lack of business enterprises in the village, the people of Seyone live subsistence lives with abject poverty apparent everywhere. It is the wish to change our living condition for the better that induced us to set up a development committee charged with the task of managing the developmental affairs of our village.

MULTI- PURPOSE CENTRE:

it is estimated that 75% of the adult population of Seyone never had any form of formal education. Most of them lack any skill that would earn them a reasonable quality of living. The village has no business establishment, and people have to travel 10 kilometres to the nearest town, Brikama, for most of their basic needs. The multi-purpose centre will serve as a skills training centre as well as a business venue that would ease the burden of people travelling a long distance for their basic needs by having these items at hand.



OBJECTIVE AND BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT:

It is the wish of the people of Seyone to fight poverty; and one way of doing it is to train people to acquire the necessary skills and training that would enable them to participate in the wider economy. The centre will provide skills training in tailoring, Batik/tie & dye, soap making and gardening techniques. Also a general store will be at hand, not only to earn the village revenue, but also to train the youth and women business entrepreneurship.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

Seyone Village Development Committee will be responsible for the project; sensitisation and motivation of the community, project monitoring and reporting to the donors, and implement technical and financial management.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

1. The Land, 100m x 100m, where the centre will be constructed is provided by the community of Seyone.
2. The villagers of Seyone will provide all the manual labour for the construction of the centre.
3. The villagers have 6 sawing machines, Batik/tie& dye materials and soap making implements.
4. Some village women were sponsored by the village to acquire skills in tailoring, batik/ tie & dye and soap/ detergent making and are available to train.

SUSTAINABILITY:

The centre will not only serve as a training venue, but also as a business enterprise. A percentage of the sales from some of the centre's products, such as soap/detergent, dyed cloth, tailored garments and the general store, would be reinvested into the centre for sustenance.

CONCLUSION:

Seyone people want to overcome poverty through hard work. With a little help, we could acquire the skills and vision necessary to raise the standards of our lives. The multi-purpose centre will provide us the opportunity to fight poverty.

Annex: Financial Budget
Sketched plan
SVDC Constitution

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