



# Tumani Tenda Development Fund

## Tussentijds Bericht (TB) nr. 39 20 maart 2018

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*Een Tussentijds Bericht is gericht aan donateurs en anderen die belang stellen in het werk van het TTDF*

**Graag berichten wij u met dit Tussentijds Bericht over de huidige gang van zaken en over de voortgang van projecten die door ons Fonds in en om Tumani Tenda in Gambia worden uitgevoerd. Deze keer:**

- \*Verslag door Henriette Brümmer-Sonko van een landelijke inventarisatie van schoolbehoefte
- \* Sponsoring van studenten

### 1 Onderzoek naar schoolbehoefte in Gambia

Henriette schrijft:

In mid Februari I had a week long programme with the ministry of education in Basse province, East Gambia. First we had some powerpoint presentations of different departments and projects, then we went on school visits in the north eastern part of the Gambia.

It was very interesting and next to meeting many people, I got much more information about the current situation.

In one presentation, they showed the map of the region with all the schools and circles of 4 km around the secondary schools. The policy is that students should not travel more than 4 km to secondary school. Half of the map turned white, showing the enormous lack in schools in this area.

In our school visits, we had a chat in a class of grade 9 students. Next year they will have to go to senior secondary school. The closest school is 8 km away. For Dutch standards this would be no problem because you can easily go on the bicycle. Here there is a steep hill in between and a foresty area. In the hot season afternoon temperatures go far in the 40 degrees.

We asked them which school they would choose. None of them choose this school but they all plan to go to the urban areas being Basse-town at one hour travel or to the capital Banjul at 400 km distance.

We then asked them what they would choose if their school would continue with Senior Secondary level. They all said they will rather stay in their village than lodge with people in the large town.

We also visited a village where they started a school recently. The village made classrooms from rice sacs, to be able to start. See picture below-left. We visited there to discuss construction of permanent buildings. The women were so excited, they said they wish it came earlier because they all would have wanted to go to school but it was not possible. In the Primary 1 class you see children varying from 6 to 12 years, who all want to start schooling. See picture below-right. Both the tallest girl as the girl sitting down with the light green shirt are going to grade 1.



This gives a picture of the situation in these areas: children end up stopping their schooling or leaving their families at a sensitive age, causing unnecessary rural urban drift.

With the support of our sponsors the situation

in Tumani Tenda is already much better. They can follow their schooling in their home village and with the funds from TTDF, we can ensure that the necessary learning materials are available.



To keep it up we will require ongoing support from our sponsors for the years to come. The Ministry has its hands full in providing the basics and expanding to the areas who need schools.

***Een betere illustratie van de zinnige besteding van uw giften is nauwelijks te geven.***

## **2 Sponsoring van studenten en leerlingen**

### **2.1 Respons op oproep in TB 38.**

Een aantal uwer heeft gehoor gegeven aan de oproep in TB 38 om met een gift van 50 euro voor goede leerlingen van de middelbare school in Tumani Tenda de aanschaf te betalen van materialen (boeken, enz) die goed aan de betreffende leerlingen zijn besteed maar die zij zelf niet kunnen betalen.

Veel dank daarvoor.

Veel middelbare schoolleerlingen hebben inmiddels hun boeken ontvangen. Een deel kregen sponsoring van het TTDF, een deel heeft ze zelf gekocht. Er zijn echter zeker 30 leerlingen die nog geen boeken hebben. Deels kan dit komen doordat de ouders het geld niet hebben, deels omdat de ouders andere prioriteiten hebben. Voor deze leerlingen zoeken we nog sponsors.

### **2.2 Contact tussen TTDF en gesponsorden,**

Nyima Sonko onderhoudt in Gambia de contacten met de gesponsorden. Wij schreven daarover in TB 36 van 19 augustus 2017.

Goed contact is wenselijk om zeker te kunnen zijn dat het geld goed wordt besteed.

Nyima schreef ons op 13 maart jl. iets over dit werk, waaruit blijkt dat dat niet altijd even gemakkelijk is.

Hier gebruiken wij de telefoon, Whatsapp of e-mail voor contact. Maar daar kan dat maar zelden.

Hieronder leest u wat Nyima schrijft.

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The applicants are asked to write something short about themselves, their family background, education background, activities they do, what they want to study or already studying, constraints in their family and difficulties they face in their education. By doing this, we get to know about their situation and how necessary it is for them to get a sponsor and it also lets the sponsor know a bit about who they are sponsoring.

I try to make them understand that they are free to write/say things they are comfortable with since others might want to keep some issues private and not feel comfortable sharing them out.

Also, I file their result (which requires a credit in their subjects especially in math and English) with a picture, documents from the school/university and fee invoice which I have to check again whenever they come back for the next payment. I also make sure they write something about their academics and other activities, results, certificates, etc, if any, before they get their next payment (which is a new system but it seems to work because they all live far and others go to school and work as well so it is difficult to get in touch with them). Other students also have communication issues which make it difficult to get in touch with them and the only way is through their parents which is not very helpful.

### **2.3. Vacature voor sponsor.**

Modou Lamin Sanyang is een ondernemende en intelligente jongen, die veehouderij/veeartsenij studeert. Zijn zeer gewaardeerde sponsor, die voornemens was zijn gehele vierjarige studie met " 250 per jaar te ondersteunen, is door een ongeval plotsling overleden. Er resten nog drie termijnen te voldoen, in juni 2018, juni 2019 en juni 2020. Mocht onder u iemand bereid zijn één of meer van deze termijnen te betalen, dan zal ik dat graag vernemen en nadere gegevens (waaronder een foto) van deze student verstrekken.

Met vriendelijke groet,

Klaas Kimstra, secretaris van het Tumani Tenda Development Fund.