

Summary MRC-Holland Foundation activities Quarter 1, 2016.

Activities of the MRC-Holland foundation have expanded rapidly in the last months. Total expenditure in the first three months of 2016 was EUR 1.015.955,-. This is a rapid increase as compared to our expenses in 2014 (complete year; EUR 1 million), and 2015 (complete year; EUR 2.0 million).

Projects outside Gambia:

The projects supported in Q1 2016 include:

Aros de Esperanza; Medellin, Colombia; <http://www.aros-de-esperanza.org/>

Beautiful Kidz Namibia; <http://www.beautifulkidz.org/>

Haparako; Burkina Faso; <http://www.haparako.com/>

Biblionef; <http://www.biblionef.nl/>

Support for “Wilde Ganzen” and “Wings of Support” has been discontinued as we decided to reduce our indirect support activities.

Projects in Gambia:

In The Gambia, we focus on building new government schools and renovation of existing schools. Incidentally we provide support for clinics, agriculture projects etc.

In Q1 we increased our workforce in Gambia with mr. Baboucarr Suwareh. Mr. Suwareh retired recently as Director of Education for District 2 of Gambia. Together with Henriette Sonko, who is working part-time for the MRC-Holland Foundation and is part-time the representative of the Dutch government in Gambia, mr. Suwareh will visit schools, discuss projects with the school management, local representatives, the Gambian government and contractors.

Next to mrs. Sonko and mr. Suwareh, we employ mr. Jarjo who is architect and building supervisor, and mrs. Jarmilla Hofman who visits schools for smaller projects. Finally we collaborate with many Dutch foundations who provide support for specific Gambian villages already for many years.

At this moment, we expect to finish building at least 141 new class rooms in 2016. In Q2 2016, we expect to sign contracts with contractors for building at least 59 classrooms. Some of these might also be finished before the end of 2016. For future years we hope to finish more than 200 new class rooms / year.

List of projects in the Gambia that are financed for 100% by the MRC-Holland Foundation:

school	works	status	classes
Serrekunda Lower Basic School + Serrekunda Annex Lower basic	A 650 meter long school fence (2 meter high) has been made around the school premises. This school is located in the middle of the city. Contractor Yuba	complete	

school (4750 pupils)	Sonko Construction.		
Jeshwang Lower Basic School	The railing of the balconies of this school building has been made more safe. Tiles have been placed on the stairs and a fence has been placed.	complete	
Sifoe Lower Basic School	A new 12 classroom building was finished in Q4, 2015. Renovation of all other buildings was finished in Q1, 2016. This project is a collaboration with "Gamrupa stichting" and "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Contractor Papa Omar.	complete	12
Somita Upper Basic School	A new 6 classroom building was finished in March 2016. This project is a collaboration with "Dawda stichting"; Contractor Omar Sanyang.	complete	6
Tumani Tenda primary school	Tiling of the verandas and class rooms. Supply of new furniture.	complete	
St. Augustine Senior Secondary School	This large senior school in Banjul has been renovated in 2015-2016. Construction of a new class room for technical lessons will start soon. This is a collaboration with "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Contractor	ongoing	1
Bakoteh Lower Basic School	Renovation of this 3000 pupil primary school is ongoing (toilets; replacement of windows etc.).	ongoing	
Mandinari Lower Basic School	A new 14 classroom block is halfway. Renovation of all other buildings of this school is finished. This is a collaboration with "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Contractor Papa Omar. Construction of sleeping places for 10 teacher rooms will start later this year.	ongoing	14
Kunkujang Lower Basic School	Construction of 2 new classrooms for the primary school is almost finished. This is a collaboration with "Maladah stichting".	ongoing	2
Basse Senior Secondary School	A new 6 classroom building will soon be finished. This is a collaboration with the Catholic Education Committee Gambia. Contractor Alhagie Nuha Fadera.	ongoing	6
Kombo Kerewan Upper + Senior	Construction a new 20 class room building was started in January 2016. Demolition of one existing building and renovation of all other buildings will start later in 2016. This is a collaboration with "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Contractor Papa	ongoing	20

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Bakoteh Upper Basic School	Construction of two new buildings with in total 18 classrooms has started in March 2016. Contractor FIOH (Future in our Hands).	started	18
Bundung Lower Basic School	Construction of two new buildings with in total 18 classrooms + new water supply has started in March 2016. Contractor FIOH.	started	18
Bakary Sambouya Lower Basic School	Construction a new 6 class room building. Contractor FTCC (Solo Darboe & Jari).	started	6
Kafuta Lower Basic School	Construction a new 6 class room building + renovation of the existing 6 classes + 12 new toilets. Contractor Omar Sanyang. Contract signed March 2016.	started	6
Gidda Sukuta Lower Basic School	Construction a new 6 class room building + water supply. Contractor Omar Sanyang. Contract signed March 2016.	started	6
Tubakuta Lower Basic School	Construction a new 8 class room building + water supply. Contractor Omar Sanyang. Contract signed March 2016.	started	8
Jiboroh Upper Basic School	Construction a new 12 class room building + water supply. Contractor Omar Sanyang. Contract signed March 2016.	started	12
Tumani Tenda Upper Basic School	Construction of 8 teacher rooms. Contractor Omar Sanyang. Contract signed March 2016.	started	6
Jalambang Lower Basic School	Construction a new 12 class room building. Contractor Musa Bojang.	started	12
Kunkujang Upper & Senior	Construction a new 12 class room building + 10 teacher rooms. This is a collaboration with "Stichting Maladah". Proposed contractor: FIOH.		12
Lamin Babylon Lower & Upper Basic School	Construction a new 18 class room building. This is a collaboration with "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Proposed contractor: Papa Omar.		18
Kudang Tenda Lower Basic School	Construction a new 3 class room building. This is a collaboration with Action Aid the Gambia.		3
Tumani Tenda Upper Basic	Construction a new 6 class room building. Proposed		6

School	contractor: Jan Bos.		
Medina Lower & Upper Basic	Construction a new 20 class room building. Proposed contractor Musa Bojang.		20
St FRANCIS Higher Education (on the premises of the St.Peter school)	Construction of the first buildings for a new Science & Technology Center (training of biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics teachers). Start of construction is planned for September 2016. This is a collaboration with the Catholic Education Committee Gambia and "Stichting Kinderen van Lamin". Proposed contractor: Papa Omar.		

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Summary: Number of class rooms:

24 March:	
completed	18
ongoing (half way)	42
just started	93
contracts in preparation but not signed yet	59
total	212

Other projects supported in the Gambia in Q1, 2016:

1. Satellite clinics for the Lamin Health Center in Old Yundum and Busumbala Tintinba.
2. Support for the Sinchu Balya clinic through foundation "Heart for Gambia".
3. Supply of > 100 used computers to various schools and the Gambia college.
4. Supply of new furniture to the Bakoteh proper lower basic school and the Tuman Tenda primary school.
5. Supply of 24 Klikos for waste management to various schools.
6. Shipment costs for books, computers and other materials

Some pictures:

1. The Kudang Mayo / Kudang Tenda school (138 pupils) in 2015:



2. Kudang school, one day after the fire destroyed the school:



3. The Kudang school on March 14, 2016. In the open air under the big tree:



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5. Our Kombo Kerawan project (20 class rooms). Picture first week of March:



6. Our Mandinary project; 14 class rooms. Picture early March:



7. Mandinary project, early March:



8. New tiles on the floor and new furniture in Tumani Tenda primary school:



9. New tiles outside and hand wash facility Tumani Tenda:



10. Jiboroh, current situation. One of the class rooms, which has almost no furniture:



11. Jiboroh. Due to a lack of class rooms, the nursery class room for the smallest children is also used in the afternoon for older children who are far too big for this furniture:



12 Our Serrekunda Lower Basic school project. A new 650 meter long fence + new gates were made around the school.



13 A request for help from the school in Jiboroh: 12 class rooms; 1340 pupils. Many schools have no computer or printer. The request was therefore handwritten (several pages) and photos were made and send with a mobile phone to the Gamrupa foundation who forwarded this request to us..

JIBOROH BASIC CYCLE SCHOOL

The school is a government owned school which was up graded in 2003. There are four permanent buildings of three classrooms each (12 classrooms). One of these 12 classrooms is used as a library.

The school has a roll of 1,340 pupils with a teaching staff of 45 teachers.

Some members of the foundation visited the school last year with their Gambian counter-part, Mr. Kalifa Kanteh of Siffoe. During the visit a meeting was held at the school with the Headmaster, Senior teachers and some members of the School Management Committee and the following concerns were raised:-

I. CLASSROOMS:- The roll of the school is increasing every day, and as at now there are 25 classes: Grade One - 3 classes, Grade two - 4 classes, Grade three - 2 classes, Grade four - 3 classes, Grade five - 2 classes, Grade six - 2 classes, and in the upper sector: Grade seven - 3 classes, Grade eight - 3 classes and Grade nine - 3 classes making a total of 25 classes when there are only 11 classrooms. All these 11 classrooms are occupied by the lower sector in the morning and 5 classes of the lower sector has to come in the After-noon to join the upper sector, and even that 3 classes are housed in the Nursery School built for small children. The school will therefore need 16 more classrooms, and if this is possible then it would again.