

Summary MRC-Holland Foundation activities Quarter 1, 2017

In the first quarter of 2017, EUR 1.224.023 was spent on various projects, primarily in Gambia.

Projects outside Gambia:

The projects outside The Gambia that we supported in Q1 2017 include:

Stichting Biblionef (provides books to children in many countries): <http://www.biblionef.nl/>

Stichting Aros de Esperanza (Basketball and education projects for girls in Medellin, Colombia): <http://www.aros-de-esperanza.org/>

Stichting Macheo (Providing food and help for 12.000 school children in Kenya): <http://www.macheo.org> ; <https://www.facebook.com/macheochildrenscentre>

Projects in Gambia:

The great majority of our projects are in The Gambia and are initiated and monitored by our local team, led by Henriette Sonko. We focus on building new class rooms for government schools and renovation of existing schools. Incidentally we provide support for clinics, agriculture projects etc.

For each school the needs are reviewed and together with the Ministry of Education it is decided how many classrooms, teacher quarters and toilets are needed at each location and which projects are most urgent.

Extra projects started in Q1 2017:

In collaboration with Stichting Read to Grow (<http://www.readtogrow.eu/nl/>) and volunteers of the US Peace Corps, we are starting a library program where each classroom will be provided with a library shelf. In April, we expect to ship ~16.000 books to the Gambia.

We also ordered 272 schoolboards (120x350 cm), 272 large bulletin boards (120x240 cm) and 272 smaller bulletin boards (90x120 cm) which will be shipped by Smit Visuals in two large containers to Gambia in the next month (total costs EUR 106.000).

List of ongoing building projects in the Gambia in Q1 2017 that are financed for 100% by the MRC-Holland Foundation:

School	Works
BAKOTEH SSS*	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
BANTANDING TUKULOR	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters, water
BRUFUT UBS*	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
BUNDUNG *	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
BURONG	Electricity
GIDDA SUKUTA	Electricity
JALAMBANG	6 classrooms, toilets
JAMAGEN JOKA	7 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters, water
JIBOROH*	12 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water

KABAFITA Senior Secondary*	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
KABAKOTO	12 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water
KERR BOHOUM	7 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water
KERR NGORR	7 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water
KOMBO KEREWAN*	23 classrooms, 36 toilets; water, fence, renovation 2 buildings
KOMBO LAMIN Babylon	20 classes, 36 toilets, water
KUNKUJANG GUNJUR	Electricity
MEDINA SERING MASS	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
ST AUGUSTINS	Renovation
BAKARY SAMBOUYA	water provision
BULOCK St John Vianey	6 classrooms, 10 toilets
Nema Kunku	18 classrooms, 24 toilets
INSIGHT TRAINING CENTER	training center

* Expected to be finished before the start of the new school year in September 2017

Future projects (contracts in preparation):

School	Works
Bulanjor	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters
Bunuborr	6 classrooms, staff quarters
Busumbala Tumbunto	12 classrooms
Demba Wandu	6 classrooms, toilets, staff quarters
Jambur	4 classrooms
KABAFITA annex primary school	30 classrooms, 24 toilets
Kiang Karantaba SSS	water, rehabilitation, electricity
Kulari BCS	12 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water
Kuwonku Ba	4 classrooms, 6 toilets, teacher quarters, water, fence
Njien LBS	6 classrooms
Sami Essau	7 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water
Sotuma Sire	10 classrooms, teacher quarters, water
St FRANCIS	science & technology university
GAMBIA COLLEGE nursery school	3 classrooms
SINCHU ALAGIE	12 classrooms
JULANGEL	6 classrooms, teacher quarters
KIANG MANDUAR	4 classrooms, teacher quarters, toilets

Finished projects (2015-Q1 2017):

BAKARY SAMBOUYA	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, fence, electricity
BAKOTEH proper	Renovation
BASSE St Georges	6 classrooms

BRUSUBI	wall around new site
BURONG	6 classrooms, fence
JALAMBANG	6 classrooms, fence, water
GIDDA SUKUTA	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters, fence, water
Gunjur Kunkunding	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters, fence, water
JESHWANG	Upgrade
KAFUTA	6 classrooms, teacher quarters, toilets, water, fence
KUNKUJANG GUNJUR	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water, fence
KUNKUJANG JATTAYA	6 classrooms, 12 toilets, teacher quarters, water, fence
MANDINARI	17 classrooms, 40 toilets, teacher quarters, water, fence, renovation 5 buildings
MEDINA SERING MASS	Renovation
SEREKUNDA annex	Wall
SEREKUNDA proper	wall, computer room
SIFOE	14 classes, renovation, electricity, water
SOMITA	6 classes, teacher quarters
TUBAKUTA	8 classrooms, 12 toilets, staff quarters, fence
TUMANI TENDA	8 teacher rooms
TUMANI TENDA BCS	7 classrooms, 8 toilets

Summary: Number of new class rooms:

31st March 2017:	
Completed	106
ongoing (half way)	184
recently started	24
contracts in preparation but not signed yet	126
Total	440

* We expect that at the start of the new school year in September 2017, a total of at least 200 class rooms will have been finished, among which the projects indicated by a star. Our intention is to finish construction of more than 250 class rooms / year.

A large project in preparation is the St. Francis university where teachers for physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and IT will be trained. We hope that this completely new university can start in September 2018. This is a project in collaboration with the Catholic Education Center in the Gambia and the Stichting Kinderen van Lamin.

Another large project in preparation is the Kabafita primary school. This school has currently 50 class rooms and 3467 pupils. A complete new school with 30 class rooms will be constructed immediately

next to this school: Kabafita Annex lower Basic School. When finished, the old school will be renovated.

Some pictures of the projects in progress:



Kabafita Senior Secondary school (18 class rooms; 24 toilets)



Tumani Tenda upper basic school (recently finished)

Some pictures of schools where we hope to start in the next months:





Above: The current Kabafita primary school. This school has 50 class rooms and 3467 pupils! We will build a second school next to the current one. A large project: 30 class rooms.



Above: Bunuborr nursery and lower basic school



Above: the current school in Busumbala Tumbunto



Above: the current school in Mema Kunku which is used as nursery school in the morning and as lower basic school in the afternoon



Above: Bunuborr nursery and lower basic school



Above: Cassamance. Part of the school was destroyed by storm and rain

More pictures of the projects in progress:



Kombo Lamin Babylon project; April 7, 2017



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Above: Kombo Kerawan project April 7, 2017



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Kunkujang, upper school



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