

### **MRC-Holland foundation. Summary of activities in Quarter 3 + 4, 2017.**

In quarters 3 + 4 of 2017, the MRC-Holland foundation has spent EUR 3.433.642 on various projects resulting in a total expenditure of EUR 6.868.808 in 2017. An increase of 65% as compared to 2016. The majority of the projects were education projects in The Gambia. Projects outside the Gambia that were supported in Q3 or Q4 of 2017 included gifts to:

Stichting WOL: education; Burkina Faso [www.stichtingwol.com](http://www.stichtingwol.com)

Stichting AFOS: Burkina Faso; [www.afosflevoland.nl](http://www.afosflevoland.nl)

Stichting steunfonds Sahelprojecten: Burkina Faso; water; <http://www.dammetjesburkina.nl/>

Stichting Haparako: Burkina Faso; education; <https://www.facebook.com/Haparako>

Stichting People to people: Ethiopia; education; <http://p2pbridge.wordpress.com/>

The Dutch Hernia society: Ghana; health care; <http://www.operationhernia.nl/>

Stichting naar school in Haiti: Haiti; education; <http://www.stichtingnaarschoolinhaiti.nl/>

Stichting Stepping Stone Liberia: Liberia; agriculture; <http://steppingstoneliberia.org/>

Stichting Healthy Malawi: Malawi; education; <http://www.healthymalawi.nl/#&panel1-1>

Stichting Sante pour Tous: Marokko; health care; <http://www.santepourtous.nl/>

Stichting Medic: Netherlands; health care; [www.medic.nl/](http://www.medic.nl/)

Stichting Read to Grow; Netherlands; education / reading; <http://www.readtogrow.eu/nl/>

In the Gambia, we signed 19 new contracts for building new schools or renovation of existing school buildings, as detailed below. In total, these contracts comprised building 84 new class rooms, 192 toilets, 40 teacher rooms and 3 kitchens. Furthermore, 107 school classes were renovated; 4 schools were provided a fence, another 4 schools received water supply and 2 schools received a solar energy system.

### **Summary of the MRC-Holland foundation education projects in the Gambia (2015-2018):**

	New classrooms	Renovated classrooms	New Toilets	New teacher rooms	New kitchens	New school fences	New water supply (boreholes)	New Solar installations
Started in Q3 or Q4 2018	84	107	192	40	3	4	4	2
Total 2015-2017	572	391	790	208	23	33	33	22

In November, some openings of new school buildings were described in the press and the television news. Besides, our representative in the Gambia, Mrs. Henriette Sonko was interviewed on national television (prime time, CheckPoint series).

Newspaper1: <http://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/article/mrc-holland-foundation-hands-over-18-classroom-storey-block-to-bundung-lbs-annex>

Newspaper2: <http://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/article/mrc-holland-foundation-invests-over-d250m-in-nbr>

Gambia television news 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Det3hSQclBY> (starting after 21 minutes)

Gambia television news 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlT2alyoyBQ> (starting after 8 minutes)

Interview: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/GRTS-CheckPoint-1388421974617753/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/GRTS-CheckPoint-1388421974617753/videos/?ref=page_internal)

The wonderful Dutch stichting Read to Grow (<http://www.readtogrow.eu/nl/>) provided us with 30182 children books which were shipped to the Gambia early January and which will be distributed over various schools. In addition, 172 blackboards and 172 pin boards were shipped in two containers.

In November, Jan and Maureen visited 50 schools together with Henriette Sonko and other team members. Transport all over the country was arranged by the ministry of Basic and secondary education ☺. More than 25 buildings were opened and many parties were celebrated. Progress was discussed with the minister of education, Mrs. Adriana Cole and many of her team members.

#### Projects for which we signed a contract in Q3 or Q4, 2017:

School	Settlement	School #	Region	Works
JIBOROH*	Jiboroh	20094	2	renovation 12 classroom blocks
Presentation Girls Vocational school	Banjul	N.A.	1	renovation 8 classroom and admin blocks
Kabafita Schools	Kabafita	20062	2	renovation 56 classrooms
Minna	Minna Village	40923	4	4 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, kitchen, 6 toilets; water supply; solar supply
Busumbala Farato	Busumbala Farato	20186	2	renovation of 15 classrooms
Faraba Banta LBS	Faraba Banta	20101	2	renovation of 10 classroom blocks & 2 staff quarters
Bantanjang	Bantanjang	21080	2	4 classrooms, 6 toilets, 5 teacher rooms
KABAFITA LBS	Kabafita	20062	2	24 toilets
Satokoi Daru LBS	Farato Bojang Kunda	20963	2	school fence
Sara Alpha	Sara Alpha	30956	3	6 classrooms; 12 toilets; 5 teacher rooms; kitchen; fence; water supply
Jambur	Jambur	20184	2	6 classrooms; 12 toilets; 5 teacher rooms; kitchen

Jamisa SSS	Brikama	20943	2	18 classrooms
Faraba Banta LBS	Faraba Banta	20101	2	6 classrooms, 12 toilets
KIANG MANDUAR	KIANG MANDUAR	40082	4	6 classrooms; water supply
Kunkujang Jattaya SSS	Kunkujang Jattaya	20832	2	6 classrooms; 12 toilets
Kulari BCS	Kulari	60054	6	12 classrooms; 10 toilets
Kuloro	Kuloro	20111	2	12 classrooms, 24 toilets, 10 teacher rooms; fence
Toilets at various schools	Kulari and others	N.A.	6	72 toilets at various schools in district 6
GAMBIA COLLEGE nursery school	Brikama	New	2	4 classrooms

Pictures that we received (or made ourselves) these two quarters from various projects.

Below: School for sowing in Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Faso). Project with stichting Sahelp (<http://www.sahelp.nl/>).



Below: Administration building for a school in Namssiguia (Burkina Faso). Project of stichting WOL ([www.stichtingwol.com](http://www.stichtingwol.com)).



Below: New school furniture for a school in Namssiguia (Burkina Faso). Project of stichting WOL ([www.stichtingwol.com](http://www.stichtingwol.com)).



Below: another classroom at the same school in Burkina Faso showing the bad education conditions.





## **GAMBIA:**

Below: Jamisa upper and senior school in Brikama. The school has 2375 students (grades 7-12) and some classes are still held under a tree as there are currently only 14 classrooms (170 students / classroom; 85 students / classroom each shift). We started a building project at this school (18 class rooms) at the end of 2017. More will be needed in the future.

Next to this upper and senior school, there is the Jamisa primary school which has 3913 (!) students (grades 1-6) and 36 classrooms (110 students / classroom). We expect to start a new school, Jamisa Annex LBS, immediately next to this school to alleviate the problems. For this new school, we will start with construction of 30 classrooms but again, more will be required in the future.

Renovation of the existing buildings might be possible in the summer holiday.



Below: Sare Alpha current school. We started construction of a new school recently. At the right, transport of the young children to school in Sare Alpha 😊.



Below: Bunuborr and Bulanjor new schools, teacher quarters, toilets, water supply, solar power system.







Below: The new building (18 classrooms) for Kabafita Senior Secondary School (opened in November 2018)



Below: The new building (30 classrooms) in construction for Kabafita Annex Lower Basic School.



Below: The renovated building of Kabafita Upper Basic school.





Jalambang Lower Basic School

From 2 temporary to 12 new classrooms



Bakoteh Upper Basic School

18 new classrooms  
And 21 classrooms renovated

Kabafita Senior Secondary School

From borrowing in the Upper Basic School to 18 new classrooms



Jiboroh

12 new classrooms and 10 teacher residences





Handing over to the Ministry and school authorities upon completion



Kerr Bohoum  
Water is essential for the new school to be built and to house the children and teachers

Above: the temporary school



Left: the new school will be ready by end of september

Travelling up country to visit the remote schools



UPPER RIVER REGION

Locally made quality furniture







**Our team**

left - at the office: Nyima, Hamadi, Henriette and Fanta

below: Hamadi and Phoday discussing with the Headmaster of Kunkujang



**The CONSTRUCTION MONITORS ensure that the contractors deliver quality work.**

Here the monitors of Regions 1, 2, 3+4, 5 and 6 are together for a training on the concrete test hammers.



Some more "historic" classrooms:





And some of the new buildings:







THANK YOU  
MRC of JIDDA SUKUTA  
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This Special gift is from the pupils, teachers parents and the Communities of JIDDA SUKUTA  
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