

## MRC-Holland foundation. Summary of activities in Quarter 1, 2019.

In quarter 1 of 2019, the MRC-Holland foundation has spent EUR 3.198.348 on various projects, in particular in The Gambia. Projects outside the Gambia included gifts to stichting WOL (Burkina Faso; <http://www.stichtingwol.com/>), stichting steunfonds Sahellanden (Burkina Faso, <http://www.dammetjesburkina.nl/>) and stichting Aros de Esperanza (Colombia; <http://www.aros-de-esperanza.org/>).

In The Gambia, we signed 26 new contracts for building schools in the Gambia, as detailed below. In total, these contracts comprised building 224 new class rooms, 280 toilets, 111 teacher rooms, 160 dormitories and 11 kitchens. This is highly appreciated by the government of the Gambia and our achievements were again mentioned by the president in his speech on independence day.

Our team in The Gambia now consists of 7 people and is lead by Mrs. Henriette Sonko Henriette. From February 12, 2019 until March 6, Henriette Sonko and Jan & Maureen Schouten visited more almost 50 schools either for school openings or for site visits. The Gambian television, GRTS, reported several times on these openings, e.g.

<https://www.grts.gm/featured/brusubi-lbs-benefits-new-structure-from-holland-mrc-foundation/>

<https://www.grts.gm/featured/mrc-holland-foundation-embarks-on-school-tour-to-assess-interventions/>

<https://youtu.be/UHXjz5ihkDo>

Besides, discussions were held with president Barrow; the first lady, Mrs. Fatoumatta Bah-Barrow; the minister of Basic and secondary education, Mrs. Claudiana Cole; the minister of higher education, science & technology, Mr. Badara Joof; with many representatives of the ministry of Basic and secondary education (MoBSE) and of course with many contractors, teachers and school principals.

## Summary of the MRC-Holland foundation education projects in the Gambia (2015-2019 Q1):

1-4-2019	New classrooms	Renovated classrooms	New Toilets	New teacher rooms	New kitchens	New school fences	New water supply (boreholes)	New Solar installations
Finished	748	505	1114	293	34	38	49	22
Ongoing	471	55	578	193	12	4	1	1
Started in Q1 2019	224	-	280	111	11	2	-	-
Total	1219	560	1692	486	46	42	50	23

**Projects for which we signed a contract in Q1, 2019:**

School	Settlement	School #	Region	Works
Choya LBS	Choya	50728	5	4 classrooms and 5 teacher rooms
Dankunku Upper and senior	Dankunku	50747	5	12 classrooms, 10 teacher rooms, 12 toilets, 1 kitchen
Jakoto LBS	Jakoto	50749	5	9 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 12 toilets, 1 kitchen
Jessadi BCS	Jessadi	50068	5	9 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 6 toilets
Kerr Layen LBS	Kerr Layen	50067	5	3 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 1 kitchen
Jareng SSS	Jareng/Jarreng	New	5	16 classrooms, 10 teacher rooms, 24 toilets, 1 kitchen
Misera Torben LBS	Misra Toben	50721	5	7 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 12 toilets, 1 kitchen
Sare Yoro Gulory LBS	Sare Yero Gulory	50754	5	7 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 12 toilets, 1 kitchen
Brusubi SSS	Brusubi	20932	2	6 classrooms and 6 stores
Chamen dormitories	Chamen	N.A.	3	20 dormitory rooms; 20 toilets/bathrooms
Sukuta LBS	Sukuta	20135	2	wall, 380 m.
Brikama LBS	Brikama	20078	2	wall, 659 m.
Armitage SSS	Janjanbureh	50049	5	20 dormitory rooms; 20 toilets/bathrooms
Bumari LBS	Bumari	40916	4	4 classrooms, 5 teacher rooms, 8 toilets, 1 kitchen
Gambia college	Brikama	N.A.	2	Laboratory block
Bakoteh Annex LBS	Serrekunda		2	18 classrooms
Basse college staff quarters & lab	Basse	N.A.	6	Laboratory block + lecturer rooms + cafeteria
Kerr Ali Hawa LBS	Kerr Ali Hawa	30960	3	6 classrooms+12 toilets+5 staff rooms+kitchen
Kerr Omar Saine LBS	Kerr Omar Saine		3	7 classrooms+12 toilets+5 staff rooms+kitchen
Kerr Amadou LBS	Kerr Amadou	30018	3	6 classrooms+12 toilets+5 staff rooms+kitchen
Koba Kunda SSS	Basse	New	6	18 classrooms, 24 toilets, 10 teacher rooms
Soma SSS	Soma	40092 & 40925	4	24 classrooms, 10 teacher rooms, 24 toilets
Jabang LBS	Serrekunda	20121	2	18 classrooms; 24 toilets
Yundum Baracks BCS	Serrekunda	21098	2	12 classrooms, 12 toilets
Brikama Nema LBS	Brikama	20977	2	18 classrooms, 16 toilets
Kunkujang Gunjur LBS phase 2	Kunkujang-Gunjur	21036	2	12 classrooms, 12 toilets and 5 teacher rooms

Furthermore we now sponsor the university studies of approximately 250 students from regions 3-6 that have just finished their senior secondary school and 200 upgrading courses for teachers, mainly from regions 3-6.

**Below are pictures that Jan & Maureen made this quarter when visiting various projects.**



Opening 18 class rooms at Brusubi LBS



Opening 18 class rooms at Gambia college



Top: A very bad school building at Sinchu Wuri.

Below: The head mistresses of Sifoe LBS and Mandinary LBS testing new school boards





Two pictures of the first phase of Nema Kunku (18 class rooms)



Above: Henriette Sonko in Kerr Bohoum (North Bank) with childrens books provided by the Read to Grow organisation (<https://www.readtogrow.eu/nl/>).

Below: Unique Calendar in Kerr Ngorr (North Bank).





Jamagen Joka LBS-North Bank.     above: 2017, below: February 2019





New 18 class room building in Medina Sering Mass (North bank)



New school, Sinchu Alagi Lower Basic School, with 12 classrooms





Above: Jamisa SSS (18 classrooms), below: Jamisa UBS, halfway (18 classrooms)





Top: Jamisa LBS (30 classrooms) ;



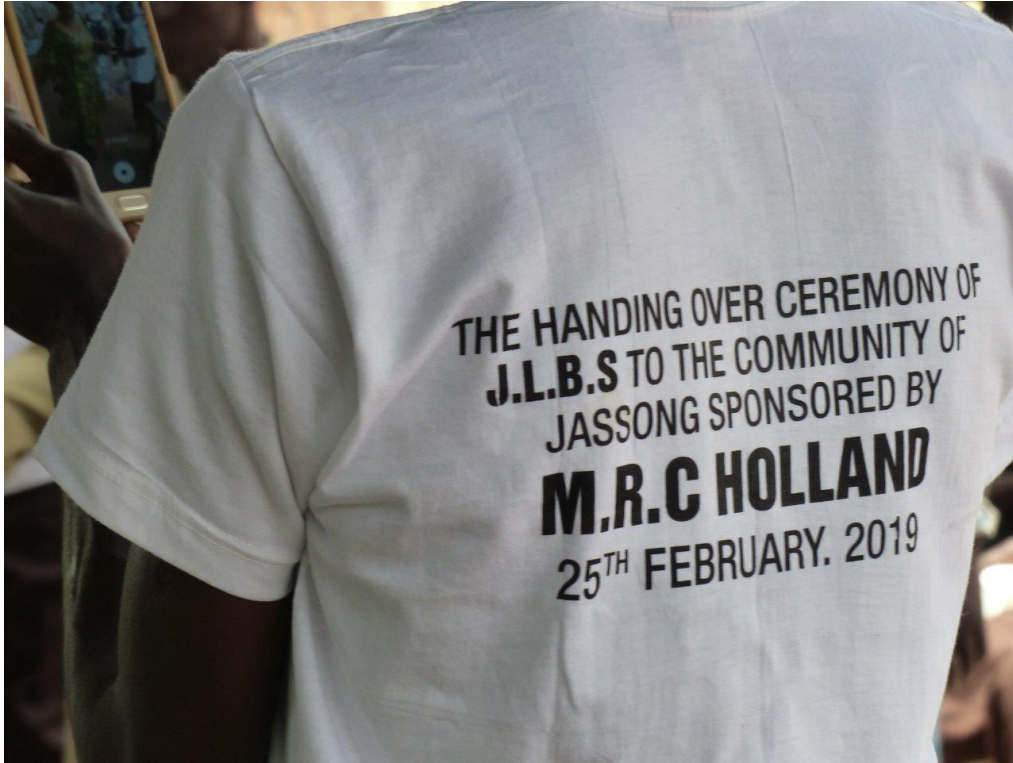
Bottom: Jafai LBS



Jafai



Watersupply Jafai



Jassong LBS



Welingara Ba Basic Cycle School – 24 classrooms



Kuwonku Lower Basic School benefitted from MRC Holland foundation project as follows;

- Four classroom building with office and a store
- Renovated 3 classroom building with office / store
- Renovated 4 toilets.
- Improve the hand pump with solar installation.
- Four bedroom staff quarters with 2 bathrooms
- 150m x 100m wire fence
- 6 tapheads.
- 10 solar panels for power and water supply.
- Furnished the classrooms with furniture.

In recognition of the above developments, the staff, pupils, mothers' club, SMC and the entire community expresses our heartfelt appreciation for these un-precedented development which is geared towards promoting Quality education in the school.

We still seek for assistance in the following areas

- Additional staff quarters
- Teaching / Learning materials eg exercise books, model aids etc
- Library room / equipment
- Computer Lab

Kuwonku LBS



We received many gifts....



The village Changally has been renamed to Changally Holland

Below: Tuba Sandu LBS





Top: Koba Kunda LBS, region 6; 36 classrooms



Bottom: Kulari, region 6. 24 classrooms.



Kagnobon, Casamance, Senegal



Tubakuta, region 2.





Yes, it is possible to have twice as many children on each piece of furniture.



Each school opening is a big party: Misera Basic Cycle School, Upper River region.



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