



## Progress Report

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### **Prepared for: KTCT**

School: Dingerai Lower Basic School (LBS) and Dingerai Village Development

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### Update

The funded project is for;

- Provide a cous milling machine in cooperation with the schools Mothers Club
- Provide Gardening Tools to all seven schools we help in Central River Region (CRR)
- Instal solar light and power at Dingerai LBS to one classroom and the headmistresses office

So far...

Funds were received by Janta Bi UK bank account in the amount of £6,360 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

It is noted that since requesting the funding and developing the Project Proposal the exchange rate of the Dalasis to the Pound Sterling has dropped. Currently stands at D63/£stg not D65/£stg.

### **The Milling Machine**

Funds were transferred and the milling machine urgently purchased to avoid expected increases of costs due to the world economic situation.

It arrived , promptly, and was tantalisingly placed in the shelter provided by the community waiting the availability of the technicians to instal it and teach the ladies how to use it.



**The community provided a shelter for the machine in the village.**



**The machine was purchased and quickly arrived.**



### **The Gardening Tools**

No immediate progress was made with these purchases, however, our representative in CRR is ensuring the availability of all the required tools in the region and supplementation from the Kombo's. (The Kombo's are the main region for supplies in The Gambia – Western Region)

This is not a problem as schools are only due to return after the summer holiday on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Solar Power**

Contact was re-established with the solar engineer and the company (CES) that has helped us well in the past. Prices were resolved and updated. Due to the changing economic circumstances and the value of the Dalasis, much of the supplies have risen in price.

Money was transferred as a deposit to secure the equipment needed and the engineer is locating and assembling everything. Some equipment needs to be brought in to The Gambia from Dakar, Senegal.

We were able to purchase a television and DVD player to travel on a shipping consignment previously arranged for other goods. It is expected to depart 21/09/2022, which was opportune as it can all be cleared in one exercise. The TV and DVD will give the school access to much educational material we have already supplied to the region. We will be supplying more.