

<u>Dingerai LBS and Village Development</u> Final Report

Date: 19/10/2022



Prepared for: Kitchen Table Charitable Trust

On 12th September 2022 Kitchen Table Charitable Trust provided the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds to carry out development works at Dingerai Village in Central River Region (North), the Gambia, West Africa.

The works that have been completed are;

- To provide a cous milling machine in cooperation with the schools Mothers Club, to ease the daily life of women in the village and surrounds and to provide the Mothers Club with a small income to support the machine and to provide extras for the children and the school at Dingeral as they see appropriate.
- To provide Gardening Tools to all seven schools we help in Central River Region (CRR) This will enable the children to learn about horticulture and with the help of the Mothers Club to grow vegetables for school lunches with a small excess which can be sold to boost the school funds.
- To instal solar light and power at Dingerai LBS to one classroom and the Head Mistress's office which will allow later hours of school shift work and extra curricular activities for the school and village.

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. (The Dalasis is tied to the US Dollar.) It currently remains at D63/£stg but did drop to D59/£stg during the works. We were able to avoid the lowest rates due to the help of our local currency provider.



The Milling Machine









Ready and the first milling He

ing Happy ladies!

The installation, demonstration and teaching of the Mothers Club was completed and the machine has been put to good use to the delight of the ladies of the village and the surrounding area. Funds are being collected and overseen by the headmistress (and all of the village)

The supplier was very efficient, thorough and reliable and generously maintained his prices which kept us right on budget.

Prices helpfully remained as expected







Thank you, thank you

Even the schoolgirls were appreciative



The Gardening Tools

We were able to collect together all the needed gardening tools to be available to purchase in CRR, (Wassu village). We transferred a first purchase for one school (Jockul Ndowen) and then followed up with the remaining schools after clarifying which tools were wanted, and establishing credibility with the local traders that they would get paid. Some discount was given by the traders in recognition of the support given to their schools and the size of the whole purchase.

Collecting all the required tools caused a small delay which was not a problem as this was mostly during the summer holidays.







All collected in Wassu village and ready to go to the schools.

Jockul Ndowen LBS











Manjumba LBS





Palang LBS



Dingerai LBS and Mbaien Wollof LBS - Still waiting on photographs

Kas Wollof LBS









Solar Power







Panels on the roof

Lighting on the verandah Light in the classroom

The solar engineers (CES Co Ltd) were very prompt. They collected the materials together, some from Dhaka, Senegal, and the works were progressed and completed very quickly.



Light on the school signage



Power and USB connectors



Batteries and controller

The television and DVD player were dispatched with a consignment of other supplies (clothing and educational materials) which departed Exeter on 21/09/2022. The TV and DVD will give the school access to much educational and entertainment material we have supplied to the other schools previously. We are currently sourcing more with the help of our supporting schools in the Exmouth area to follow as soon as practical.