

Overview of our (Women Empowerment for Change) Bakoteh, The Gambia.



#### PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION & BENEFICIARIES

# OVERALL OBJECTIVES:

To contribute to the empowerment of women (Single headed household) and promotion of women's and children's rights in the communities of Latri Kunda, Tallinding and Faji Kunda by 2021.

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

**Empower 150** vulnerable women and other stakeholders in the communities of Latri Kunda, Tallinding and Faji Kunda to reduce the violation of women's rights and the rights of children.

#### **COMMUNITIES**

Tallinding: fifty-four (54) beneficiaries caregivers
2. Faji kunda: fifty-two (52) caregivers
3. Latri kunda Sabiji: forty-four (44) caregivers



### KEY IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

Women Cooperative Group (WCG) are established in each community as partners between the direct beneficiaries and the programme team. The composition are as follows:

- 1. Tallinding WCG: eight members including Lady President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2. Faji Kunda WCG: seven members including Lady President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 3. Latrikunda Sabiji: seven members including Lady President, Secretary and Treasurer.





### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Children are enrolled and maintained in schools
- ➤ 2019/2020 academic year (66) children, 32 are male and 34 female.
- ➤ 2020/2021 academic year, 63 children, 31 male and 32 female.
- ➤ 2021/2022 academic year, 44 children, 20 male and 24 female that amounts to 173 children that benefits schools fees, uniforms, school bags and shoes



- ➤ vocational skills training centers. (5 young people trained on different fields such as welding, ICT and hair dressing)
- Recreational activity organized for Children to interact, make friends, to build cordial relationship and shows their talents through drama, poems and football.
- >WCGs have received their IGAs funds and are doing business

- Communities have identified their community initiatives and have received them (3 tents, 6 cooking utensils)
- >Women and child rights violations have reduced in the intervention communities.



- Sixty six (66) caregivers out of 119 have stable business and can carter for their children's needs, representing 78.54% considered self reliant
- ➤ All the rest of the caregivers can carter for food except two (one had fire disaster and the other one has been pick pocketed during the Tobaski feast)
- ➤ Women Cooperative Groups (WCGs) in the three intervention communities have been legally registered as Community Based Organizations (CBOs).



- ➤One hundred and fifty caregivers and WCGs know their rights and how & where to claim it when violated.
- ➤One hundred and fifty caregivers have good knowledge of good parenting, child rights and child safeguarding.
- One hundred and fifty caregivers and WCGs have income generating activity skills
- ➤One hundred and twenty eight caregivers have received their IGA funds and managing their businesses. Out of which nine (9) caregivers migrated and left 119 caregivers whose IGAs are functional.



## CHALLENGES / SETBACKS

- ➤ The emergence of COVID -19 have halted many planned activities.
- ➤ Many gains including women and child rights violations made before COVID -19 were halted and derailed in some cases due to state of public emergence (SoPE).
- ➤ Due to market closures among state of public emergencies regulations made some caregivers eat into their savings thus, affected the scale of their businesses.





