



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
THE GAMBIA

WE ARE SUPPORTING 150 YOUTHS INTO TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS

SOS Children's Villages in The Gambia is a non-governmental social development organisation that has been active in the field of children's rights and committed to children's needs and concerns since 1982. Focussing its work on children without parental care and children in families in difficult circumstances, the organisation has a wide range of programmes, which include: Children's Villages, Youth Facilities, Family Strengthening Programmes, Kindergartens, Schools, a Mother and Child Clinic, Vocational Training Centres, Youth Empowerment projects and Community Strengthening Through Green Economy and Education.

TARGET: 150 Youths

Summary of the Training Package

We are looking for **150 YOUTHS** from vulnerable and marginalised family backgrounds to be supported by the Community Strengthening Through Green Economy and Education (CSGEE) Project (BMZ Phase II), funded by Hermann Gmeiner Fonds Deutschland (HGFD) and German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation for Development (BMZ).

The feasibility study and the preliminary project have shown that the high unemployment rate of young people is related to the fact that most of them were not prepared enough to be entrepreneurs. Many of these young people in the target group did not attend secondary school. Those who attended secondary school, in most cases, do not have the opportunity to be self-employed. In addition, many young people lack the required skills and ideas on how to find suitable jobs. Within the framework of this measure, 150 youths from less developed backgrounds will be supported to undergo modern TVET professions, receive basic knowledge in business start-ups through an Incubation Programme, and receive support in the form of Toolkits or Start-up funding to realise their business ideas or find jobs.

BENEFITS

- The project will support successful applicants in gaining admission to a nine-month TVET programme in one of the recommended TVET institutions in The Gambia.
- They will receive a full tuition fees (including learning and practical materials)
- They will be supported with a monthly stipend to subsidize their transportation cost for the duration of their respective programs of study.
- They will be introduced to the activities of the SOS YouthCan! program for coaching mentorship, Internship and job shadowing opportunities
- The participants who successfully complete their TVET program and receive a certificate from their respective institution thereto, will receive additional support in the form of Toolkits or Start-up capital to realise their dreams and business aspirations.
- 50 youths will be further supported to undergo a six-months Incubation Program that will focus on bootcamp, business coaching and development, and networking sessions.
- Five (5) best entrepreneurs from the Incubator Program will be supported to participate in local and national pitching and trade fair programs.

REQUIREMENT

- The applicant should be a Gambian National
- He/she should be within the legal youth bracket of (18-35)
- He/she should submit a national birth or Identity document to show proof of Nationality and Age
- He/she should be a resident of Kanifing Municipal Council (KMC) or West Coast Region (WCR) during the program
- He/she should demonstrate the willingness to learn and to be trained
- The successful applicants will be required to provide one surety and also sign a commitment form to complete the TVET programs.
- In the event of wilful drop-out, the person will be asked to refund all the monies paid and the learning and practical materials received from the project.

Interested applicants are required to buy the application form for **D100.00 (non-refundable)**, available at the Project Office, located at the former SOS Training and Production Center, next

to Amsterdam Junction, Bakoteh.

All applications should be filled and submitted on or before the 11th October, 2023.

For more information on the application, please **call (+220) 7901622/ 3408291/2189222**

For more information on this project, please visit our website at www.sos-gambia.org

What We Stand For:

SOS Children's Villages is committed to creating and maintaining a caring and protective environment, which promotes its core values, and prevents and addresses child abuse and exploitation. We strongly condemn all forms of child abuse and exploitation, be it within or outside of our organisation, and always respond to any case of proven, alleged or attempted abuse within our sphere of influence according to its nature. Efforts ensure that mechanisms are in place to raise awareness, aid prevention, encourage reporting and ease response. They range from human resource development actions such as training and counselling to measures such as suspension, dismissal, and legal action.