

English Version Children's cultural center for Bakoteh, The Gambia

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Children of The Gambia

Gambia is a country with a young population. About 50% are under 15 years old. The rate of literacy is about 40%. Many children spend their childhood on the streets. A neighbourhood development or community center is always youth work. A multipurpose center is always a youth center as well.

Children's cultural center

With the professional help of pedagogues and social workers from the German organisation "Trägerverein Freies Kinderhaus", a place for children is to be set up in Bakoteh, a town next to Serrekunda. Children and youths will play and learn at their own will and thus experiment with materials and get to know handicraft skills. The workshop will be set up with materials and tools, that invite to be creative.

Safe way back

Guestrooms in the house in Bakoteh will accommodate Gambian returnees from Europe. Here they can develop new perspectives for their future. Voluntary helpers and guests can also be accommodated. We provide jobs in education and hosting.

Our Intention and our motivation

As volunteers and professionals in Germany we work with Gambian refugees. That developed our interest for the small country of The Gambia. We have been a few times in The Gambia to get to know its people and the situation. Because of political decisions, but also because of the extreme difference in educational standards the Gambians have only little prospects of a permanent residence in Germany. We see a need to strengthen the young people in The Gambia and to promote selfconfidence and selfdetermination. In Winter 2019/2020 we will renovate a house in Bakoteh, so that the children's cultural center will be set up. With the help of Gambian workers this combines the renovation and maintenance of the building. We are craftsmen and social workers, who provide their knowhow and energy on a voluntary basis.

Concrete measures

A container, 12 meter long, will be packed with materials and tools and sent to the Gambia. The container itself will stay in The Gambia and serve as a workshop for the buildingsite. Electric and sanitary implementation will be newly set up. A gambian organisation will repair the roof. With craftsmen from the Gambia the house will get a new architectural structure. In the front section the childrens cultural center will get its place. In the back section private and guestrooms with sanitary facilities will be found. The renovation will take part in Winter 2019/2020. First projects with the children will start in April 2020.

Project costs:

Container and transport: 4.000 Euro

Roof and structures: 17.000 Euro

Sanitary and electrical implementation: 15.000 Euro

Workshops: 10.000 Euro

Namél e.V.

This association is committed for international understanding, solidarity and tolerance by organising contacts und cultural encounters between german and africans of different nationalities. Namél foundation is also registered in Bakoteh/Gambia. It's partnerorganisation is called Trägerverein Freies Kinderhaus e.V. This association is an accredited organisation for youth work and extracurricular youth education in Germany. It has an holistic approach and follows humanistic ideals. The connection of education with art and culture is it's aim. We support the project in a longterm processs with know-how and infrastructure.

Donations

We accept all kinds of buildingmaterials.

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