

GAMBIAN PROJECTS OVERSEAS

England & Wales · Charity number 1178497

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN GAMBIA BY BUILDING AND MAINTAINING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORTING THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

Activities: Gambian Projects Overseas is set up to build, maintain and resource nursery school education in The Gambia. We also provide training facilities, and training for teachers including IT, School & Classroom Management, Lesson Planning and delivery. In the wider field we have sponsored local small business, supplied solar power for electricity and water supply.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes

Geography

- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£17,800	£14,600	-	-
2024-03-30	£18,000	£11,000	-	-
2023-03-30	£8,989	£13,063	-	-
2022-03-30	£8,989	£13,063	-	-
2021-03-30	£12,581	£12,073	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID MALCOLM BENNIE	Chair	2018-05-08
CHRISTOPHER JOHN COOLEY		2018-05-23
GILLIAN LOUISE BENNIE		2018-05-23
RICHARD JAMES COLLINS		2018-05-23
RICHARD JOHN BEACH		2018-05-23
WILLIAM RORY SKINNER		2018-05-23

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Building · Teaching · Resourcing

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Chairmans Report to the Annual General Meeting 2024/25

Introduction

The past year has been one of significant progress and achievement across multiple projects. Our continued commitment to education, infrastructure, and community development has yielded tangible results, thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our team.

Schools

Sinchu Balia & Annexe

Both schools continue to operate successfully under the leadership of Mrs. Fatou Barrow Jammeh. We are maintaining a watching brief, offering assistance with resources and maintenance where needed.

(see Headteachers Report) **

IT Room at The Annexe

Persistent issues with internet connectivity led to a supplier change to Gamcel, which we hope will enable the setup of an internet charging system. Computer education remains a priority, and we are in the process of updating outdated hardware.

Roof Repairs

The roof at Sinchu requires urgent repairs, which we are implementing ahead of the rainy season in 2025.

Soma

Buildings Projects at St. Michael's Nursery

Since our trips in January and October 2024, GPO has financed the construction of a three-family teachers' accommodation unit, complete with washing facilities and a kitchen. This has been a remarkable achievement, and we extend our deepest gratitude to those who contributed generously.

Resources

The school also received a large van load of teaching and practical resources following the closure of CoGS Charity. Collection was arranged from Jabang to Soma with the assistance of Abdoulie (our driver) and Edmond Gibbon, Headteacher at St. Michael's.

Soma Fire Station Clinic

Following our intervention and refurbishment of the clinic, donations from the UK have enabled us to supply a substantial amount of medical resources and equipment, including benches from Fossebank Schools' closure.

Tallingding Nursery School

The IT Room has suffered from poor signal and reception, similar to Sinchu. We hope Headteacher Baba Drammeh can transition to a new supplier to resolve this issue.

The school has experienced lower pupil attendance due to the opening of a government-sponsored nursery nearby, which offers free education. However, pupils are slowly returning as the quality of private education remains superior.

Allotments

Alagie Faal at Sanyang

The allotment continues to function well, primarily managed by Alagie's family and close neighbours. Seasonal crops remain a staple, with onions being a particularly abundant harvest.

Abdoulie Jallow

The community allotments at Kunkujang Gunjar are now fully operational, supporting 19 families with daily produce.

Bananas/Oranges

Discussions are underway regarding the establishment of a banana and orange plantation to generate additional income for the community.

Group Trips

October 2024

A seven-night trip was undertaken by Gill and David, accompanied by Shirley Ottaway, including an overnight stay in Soma.

April 2025

A two-week trip is planned for April 15, 2025.

Storage

We continue to express our gratitude to Trustee Richard Collins for the generous use of one of his outbuildings, which has been invaluable for storage.

Finances (see attached accounts)

Our financial situation improved significantly in 2024-2025, thanks to generous donations and sponsorships from individuals. This has enabled us to complete numerous projects benefiting communities across The Gambia.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and friends for their unwavering commitment to our mission.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
CAF Bank	12,060	-	-	12,060	-
Fund Raising	2,896	-	-	2,896	-
Donations	2,917	-	-	2,917	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,873	-	-	17,873	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,873	-	-	17,873	-
A3 Payments					
Projects	9,475	-	-	9,475	-
Transport	1,435	-	-	1,435	-
Container	2,059	-	-	2,059	-
Teacher Expenses	499	-	-	499	-
Fund Raising	216	-	-	216	-
IT Gambia	675	-	-	675	-
Office Supplies	58	-	-	58	-
Child Sponsorship x2	207	-	-	207	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,624	-	-	14,624	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,624	-	-	14,624	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,249	-	-	3,249	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,533	-	-	6,533	-
Cash funds this year end	9,782	-	-	9,782	-

Reports from Schools

Sinchu Balia Nursery School

Headteacher Mrs Fatou Barrow Jammeh

Dear GPO trustees,

It's with great pleasure that I write a short report about the school.

The school has achieved many developments from you since you took over the sponsorship, and as the headteacher of the school, I am very much delighted to have you as our sponsor. (Editor's note: GPO did in fact build the school). We are one of the best schools in our cluster, the school environment is very conducive, enough furniture's, teaching resources and most of all the staffs working 🧡 and the computer room with the Internet connection. Bravo, and thanks for your support. Last year, we had a lesser number of enrolment in September because the government school annexed a nursery, and it's a free education, but this year, the number has increased because they have seen the difference between. For the past years, we used to have flooding in the old side, but since the GPO sponsored the concrete of the playground floor last rainy season, we had no flood. Last month you changed the roof of my office and the verandah which I am very excited about it. The GPO sponsored teacher at the Gambia College Yassin has also graduated on Saturday, 10th May, and got the best outstanding student of the 2024 badge. This morning I received another great and exciting message from David that the trustees have agreed to funds for repairing the roof, it's a great concern to me as the rainy season is just at the door coming and we have linkages in the classrooms. Things I would like you to support us before we open in September are repainting of the 2 schools and also to help us changed the computers and bring more laptops for our computer room as they are not working. On behalf of the entire staff and pupils of the school, I am expressing our sincere gratitude to all the trustees of GPO for their support to school at all times, and I pray that the charity expand and achieve its goals 🙏. My special thanks to Mr and Mrs Bennie for always being very supportive of us at all times. We are the best schools and would always want to remain the best. I'm hoping to see more of the trustees in your next trip. Thank you all.

To : Gambia Projects Overseas.
FROM: St Michael nursery school (LRR).

Subject: Report of the school and work of Gambia Projects Overseas in St. Michael nursery school.

Dear Gambia Projects Overseas,

On behalf of St Michael nursery school,
I am writing to provide an updated on the progress of the school over the last 5 to 6 years till date. We are pleased to report that we achieved a great deal during this time.

One of our major achievements has been contributing to the successful completion of the staff quarters which includes the toilets, kitchen and a fence which serves as a ideal home for our staff your sponsorship program have now made accommodations a reality and priority to our staff.

Not only have you make learning a dream come true for our students but also a comfortable environment by providing nursery three (3) with tables, chairs and valuable learning resources like textbooks, writing books, printing and colour books. Not forgetting the stage you constructed which is now use for assembly and other school programs like graduation 🎓 ceremony.

Your support is making a significant impact on our students education.

Overall we are confident that your sponsored has made a significant contribution to our school during the last six to five years till now and we are committed that you will continue to grow 🌱 and support us. Thank you 🙏 for your support throughout this year's till now.

God bless you all
Your sincerely
EDMOND GIBBON headmaster
Signature 🖋️ 🖋️

Veronic F. Beyai (Deputy) St. Michael's Nursery

We are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your generous sponsorship of our school.

Not only have you make learning a dream come true for St. Michael Nursery school students, but also provided valuable teaching and learning resources for both the staff and students of St. Michael Nursery school.

The school quarters under your sponsorship program have now made accommodation a reality and priority to our staff.

As saying goes a steady mind lives in a comfortable environment. To ensure effective and efficient teaching and learning at St. Michael Nursery, the school quarters you constructed serves as a ideal home for our staff. We are forever grateful to Gambian-projects-overseas.co.uk for providing all essential resources to our school.

Every year a group of students will graduate from the ECD programme primary school. This significant achievement is achieved as a result of your participation and collaborative efforts.

Your support is making a significant impact on our students, and we are so thankful for your belief in our mission. Your generosity allows us to support, provide much- needed resources for our students, enhance our academic programs, Thank you thank you again for your generosity.

Veronic Beyai

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Chairmans Report on behalf of
Gambian Projects Overseas.
21st May 2025
David Bennie

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Chairman's Annual Report for the AGM. 20th May 2024

Dear Trustees and Supporters,

I am pleased to present the annual Chairman's Report for the year 2023 - 2024. As we reflect on our accomplishments and challenges, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and commitment to Gambian Projects Overseas.

Financial Health

Our financial position remains strong. Despite the global economic uncertainties and general fall in charitable giving, we have managed to maintain a healthy reserve fund. Our fundraising efforts, including sponsored walks, regular giving, targeted giving, Sevenoaks Council Play Events, larger donors and cash donations, have contributed significantly to our financial stability. A number of projects are planned for the coming year, including a sponsored walk, a sponsored cycle event, 3 play events and some Crowd Funding with Just Giving, so we hope to maintain this position going forward.

Projects and Achievements

Sinchu Annexe and Playground Completion

I am delighted to announce the successful completion of the Sinchu Nursery Annexe project, in so far as major building works is concerned, Thanks to our dedicated team and generous donors, we were able to complete the extension of the electricity supply to the new classrooms, installing lighting, fans and electric sockets. In addition a large upgrade of the IT computers equipment and resources was achieved, including broadband connection, plus a resource library added to the room too. Then with a much-needed playground completed, the Sinchu school and local community had big smiles on their faces and those of the children too.

Infrastructure Improvements

As mentioned, a major achievement was addressing critical infrastructure needs, including drainage and IT upgrades. These investments will enhance our operational efficiency and ensure a better experience for our schools and wider community.

Solar and Garden Allotments

Our commitment to sustainability continues with the implementation of solar panels and garden allotments. These initiatives not only reduce our environmental impact but also provide educational opportunities for the community.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain focused on our mission. Our website donation section is being updated to streamline the giving process, and we are exploring a new look to better represent our values and impact.

Future trips are also on the horizon. These experiences allow us to connect with our beneficiaries directly and gain valuable insights into their needs.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to our board members, volunteers, and donors. Your dedication drives our success, and together, we will continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

David Bennie

Chairman,

Gambian Projects Overseas Charity

20th May 2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Carried over balance	4,527	-	-	4,527	3,663
CAF Bank	7,828	-	-	7,828	-
Fund Raising	1,560	-	-	1,560	-
Donations	4,367	-	-	4,367	-
Total Income 22 - 23	-	-	-	-	8,989
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,282	-	-	18,282	12,652
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,282	-	-	18,282	12,652
A3 Payments					
Building	5,923	-	-	5,923	-
Transport	989	-	-	989	-
Container	936	-	-	936	-
Teacher Expenses	740	-	-	740	-
Training	253	-	-	253	-
Fund Raising	216	-	-	216	-
Solar	1,141	-	-	1,141	-
IT	1,551	-	-	1,551	-
Total Spending	-	-	-	-	13,063
Sub total	11,749	-	-	11,749	13,063
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,749	-	-	11,749	13,063
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,533	-	-	6,533	- 411
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,533	-	-	6,533	- 411

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Account	6,616	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,616	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Gambian Projects Overseas AGM 2020 - 2021

Date: 12th June 2021

Venue: The Old Fire Station, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BH

Time: 4pm

Charity Registration number: 1178497

Present:

Apologies: Will Skinner

Approval of Minutes of last AGM: 10th September 2020

Matters Arising:

**Accounts: Summary: Balance B/F £6116.40 Income £12,581 Spending £12,073
New Balance £6625**

See circulated spreadsheet - This will be available on The Charity Commission Website

Funding Activity April 2020 - March 2021

Accounts approved and agreed and signed off by

Appointment of Chairperson -

Re- Appointment of Trustees

Nominations of New Trustees - Kate Garnham, Will Jackson, Marty Pardoe, and Eleanor Robson

Alterations to constitution? –

Reports:

Chair:

Well, of course, like the rest of the world we have been, and continue to be tied down by the Pandemic, which has led to all normal trips and activities being suspended.

However, this has not stopped us carrying on the work of the charity or continuing to fundraise.

We have had a number of different 'campaigns and new supporters who are contributing, plus regular sponsors who have continued to give to our wonderful cause.

Helen Hobhouse Family Trust have agreed a regular annual donation of sum £400 (a huge thankyou to Helen for proposing and organising).

St. Mary's Church PCC have also agreed to keep us on their away giving list with another generous donation of £1400.

We will be delivering a Catchup Presentation at the Family Service on 13th June.

Our 'Food Fund' Campaign has been highly successful, delivering much needed rice and other food supplies to many families in Sinchu, Wellingara, Tallinding, Soma, Gunjur and Sanyang. We continue to keep an eye on the situation there and are happy to send out more funds where the need arises.

2 container shipments were organised over the past 12 months, sending out much needed resources and equipment, with our sister charity GEMS, joining us with a generous donation of £1500 towards transport costs.

The 2nd classroom was completed and started being used in September.

Report from Fatou, Headteacher at Sinchu Baliya

Hello members of the Gambia Project overseas, I greet you all. My name is Fatou Barrow, headteacher of Gems nursery School in sinchu Baliya Banjul The Gambia. It gives me a pleasant time to write you this report. The community, staff and pupils of Sinchu Baliya & Gems nursery School are so excited to have you as a charity group sponsoring our school. Since the initiation of your charity group we have benefited a lot from you. The first thing that the GPO does was to do a general maintenance of the whole school, provided enough furnitures for the classrooms, enough teaching resources for both teachers & pupils & also connected water and electricity in the school, you also funded training for teachers within the catchment areas of Sinchu Baliya. Since then every year when you come to the Gambia, you always come with a project for the school. We are also excited with the shipping of the container you sent twice every year as you provide second hand clothing, shoes etc for the school children as well the people within the community. we are also grateful that you have sponsored our teachers to attend the Gambia college and also paid for the teachers to have a computer training in certificate and diploma which he has just completed. The most exciting you did is the building of the old school. At first, we have only one school in the entire village but through your support we now have two schools, thank you for sponsoring the project of construction of the buildings. We now have a computer room & 2 classrooms completed & are already in used. Water & electricity is also connected as well & final classroom is upon completion & hoping to be ready for use by September 2021. The pupils and teachers at Gems nursery School seized this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support especially during the Corona virus pandemic. Over 50 households have benefited from the food package and also flood victims who we're also given the food package and secondhand clothes funded by the GPO. I am so delighted to see you all soon in the Gambia in November. I wish you all the best & may God bless you abundantly & keep us safe and well. Once again, I thank you all. Fatou x.

A report from Baba Drammeh, Headteacher at Bojang Nursery and Cluster Chairman.

Bojang nursery school is located in Tallinding Medina, Buffer zone street. The road opposite the patrol station right down the river side.

The was established in 28thSeptember 1994, and it was officially registered to the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education in 1998 to become recognized (ECD) centre. The school development started from the community support. Since the inception of the school headmaster is Baba Drammeh. The current staff working at the school is 10 people.

With 4 classroom and library. The teachers are 4 ,1 axillary teacher and 1 teacher training, 2 cooks, 1 cleaner and 1 security on night duty.

Furthermore, we join the computer lab and library together. We sincerely thank the G.P.O for the donation of the computers, stationary materials, football kits, desks, and chairs. They help us to complete girls' toilets as well. Our next project we want electrical materials to wire the computers room and ceiling the roof so that we can use the computers.

The Advent of covid 19 the school was affected because the teachers' salaries come from children's parents, and it find very difficult to manage to pay the staff. We loss some kids and the payment of staff salaries is our biggest problem as well. I cannot say everything but to maintain staff is my dream.

Thank you.

List of Nursery Schools GPO support

Sinchu (Little Gems and the annex)

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery School, Kololi.

Marie's Nursery School, Wellingara

Bojang Nursery School, Tallinding

Salvation Nursery School, Latrikunda.

St Michael's Nursery School, Soma

AOB -

Date of next AGM - TBA

Meeting finished at

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Gambian Projects Overseas AGM Date:31st August 2022

Venue: The Hilden Manor Beefeater, London Road, Tonbridge. TN10 3AN

Time: 6.30pm

Charity Registration number: 1178497

Present: David Bennie, Gill Bennie, Richard Collins, Richard Beach, Will Skinner, Helen Scott, Chris Cooley, Kirsty Malpas,

Apologies: Kate Garnham, Will Jackson, Marty Pardoe, Eleanor Robson

Approval of Minutes of last AGM: 12th June 2021

Matters Arising: None

Accounts: Summary: Balance B/F £6625 Income £8989 Spending £13063

New Balance £2551

Discussion about getting back to Gambia, when is that likely to happen.

A trip is planned for November 2022 and details of this are going well.

Currently looks like 10 travellers with the main project being the putting up of ceilings to the two new classrooms.

Container shipments have been sent out and will need sorting and delivering plus there are a number of boxes from previous shipments yet to be distributed.

Gill is planning to re access the teaching at Sinchu and plan future training where appropriate.

We will also access where the IT Rooms are at in all three schools equipped. Sinchu, Bojang and Mary's Little Lambs.

A trip to Soma to research possible 'Football Coaching trip in 2023 is also planned, plus research into Garden Allotment Schemes.

The amount of funds spent on containers is still a concern. We need to re visit again what we send out and is there a cheaper option.

Funding Activity April 2021 - March 2022

Funding has again picked up considering the financial climate and we have been able to maintain our reserves, although our balance is down at the end

of the financial year we have been able to meet all our commitments including monthly donations to our two drivers, Abdoulie and Alagie.

Accounts approved and agreed, signed off by Gill Bennie and David Bennie

Appointment of Chairperson - David Bennie was reappointed as Chairperson

Re- Appointment of Trustees

All nominees agreed to be Trustees of Gambian Projects Overseas Charity

For a further year.

Alterations to constitution? – None

Reports:

Chair:

Another good year for our charity, mainly because we have kept up with our commitments whilst fundraising has been difficult. Our regular support both through activities and personal donations has been steady, allowing us to go ahead with projects planned. It is also looking very positive for the up coming trip in November 2022.

I would personally like to thank all our trustees and loyal supporters for that continued support which has enabled us to carry on building and expanding the work of GPO.

I look forward to the next trip and to seeking out a fresh vision for our charity as it moves forward with fresh faces and new projects, particularly the 'self-funding' ones.

List of Nursery Schools GPO support

Sinchu (Little Gems 1 and Little Gems 2 (the annex)

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery School, Kololi.

Marie's Nursery School, Wellingara

Bojang Nursery School, Tallinding

Salvation Nursery School, Latrikunda.

St Michael's Nursery School, Soma

AOB -

Date of next Trustees Meeting - 20th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 9pm



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 31/03/2021	To	Period end date 30/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance brought forward	6,625	-	-	6,625	-
Lloyds Bank Deposits	8,989	-	-	8,989	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,614	-	-	15,614	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,614	-	-	15,614	-
A3 Payments					
	13,063	-	-	13,063	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,063	-	-	13,063	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,063	-	-	13,063	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,551	-	-	2,551	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,551	-	-	2,551	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	David Bennie	David Bennie	09/01/2023	

GAMBIAN PROJECTS OVERSEAS

England & Wales - Charity number 1178497

Accounts

Gambian Projects Overseas AGM 2020 - 2021

Date: 12th June 2021

Venue: The Old Fire Station, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BH

Time: 4pm

Charity Registration number: 1178497

Present:

Apologies: Will Skinner

Approval of Minutes of last AGM: 10th September 2020

Matters Arising:

**Accounts: Summary: Balance B/F £6116.40 Income £12,581 Spending £12,073
New Balance £6625**

See circulated spreadsheet - This will be available on The Charity Commission Website

Funding Activity April 2020 - March 2021

Accounts approved and agreed and signed off by

Appointment of Chairperson -

Re- Appointment of Trustees

Nominations of New Trustees - Kate Garnham, Will Jackson, Marty Pardoe, and Eleanor Robson

Alterations to constitution? –

Reports:

Chair:

Well, of course, like the rest of the world we have been, and continue to be tied down by the Pandemic, which has led to all normal trips and activities being suspended.

However, this has not stopped us carrying on the work of the charity or continuing to fundraise.

We have had a number of different 'campaigns and new supporters who are contributing, plus regular sponsors who have continued to give to our wonderful cause.

Helen Hobhouse Family Trust have agreed a regular annual donation of sum £400 (a huge thankyou to Helen for proposing and organising).

St. Mary's Church PCC have also agreed to keep us on their away giving list with another generous donation of £1400.

We will be delivering a Catchup Presentation at the Family Service on 13th June.

Our 'Food Fund' Campaign has been highly successful, delivering much needed rice and other food supplies to many families in Sinchu, Wellingara, Tallinding, Soma, Gunjur and Sanyang. We continue to keep an eye on the situation there and are happy to send out more funds where the need arises.

2 container shipments were organised over the past 12 months, sending out much needed resources and equipment, with our sister charity GEMS, joining us with a generous donation of £1500 towards transport costs.

The 2nd classroom was completed and started being used in September.

Report from Fatou, Headteacher at Sinchu Baliya

Hello members of the Gambia Project overseas, I greet you all. My name is Fatou Barrow, headteacher of Gems nursery School in sinchu Baliya Banjul The Gambia. It gives me a pleasant time to write you this report. The community, staff and pupils of Sinchu Baliya & Gems nursery School are so excited to have you as a charity group sponsoring our school. Since the initiation of your charity group we have benefited a lot from you. The first thing that the GPO does was to do a general maintenance of the whole school, provided enough furnitures for the classrooms, enough teaching resources for both teachers & pupils & also connected water and electricity in the school, you also funded training for teachers within the catchment areas of Sinchu Baliya. Since then every year when you come to the Gambia, you always come with a project for the school. We are also excited with the shipping of the container you sent twice every year as you provide second hand clothing, shoes etc for the school children as well the people within the community. we are also grateful that you have sponsored our teachers to attend the Gambia college and also paid for the teachers to have a computer training in certificate and diploma which he has just completed. The most exciting you did is the building of the old school. At first, we have only one school in the entire village but through your support we now have two schools, thank you for sponsoring the project of construction of the buildings. We now have a computer room & 2 classrooms completed & are already in used. Water & electricity is also connected as well & final classroom is upon completion & hoping to be ready for use by September 2021. The pupils and teachers at Gems nursery School seized this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support especially during the Corona virus pandemic. Over 50 households have benefited from the food package and also flood victims who we're also given the food package and secondhand clothes funded by the GPO. I am so delighted to see you all soon in the Gambia in November. I wish you all the best & may God bless you abundantly & keep us safe and well. Once again, I thank you all. Fatou x.

A report from Baba Drammeh, Headteacher at Bojang Nursery and Cluster Chairman.

Bojang nursery school is located in Tallinding Medina, Buffer zone street. The road opposite the patrol station right down the river side.

The was established in 28thSeptember 1994, and it was officially registered to the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education in 1998 to become recognized (ECD) centre. The school development started from the community support. Since the inception of the school headmaster is Baba Drammeh. The current staff working at the school is 10 people.

With 4 classroom and library. The teachers are 4 ,1 axillary teacher and 1 teacher training, 2 cooks, 1 cleaner and 1 security on night duty.

Furthermore, we join the computer lab and library together. We sincerely thank the G.P.O for the donation of the computers, stationary materials, football kits, desks, and chairs. They help us to complete girls' toilets as well. Our next project we want electrical materials to wire the computers room and ceiling the roof so that we can use the computers.

The Advent of covid 19 the school was affected because the teachers' salaries come from children's parents, and it find very difficult to manage to pay the staff. We loss some kids and the payment of staff salaries is our biggest problem as well. I cannot say everything but to maintain staff is my dream.

Thank you.

List of Nursery Schools GPO support

Sinchu (Little Gems and the annex)

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery School, Kololi.

Marie's Nursery School, Wellingara

Bojang Nursery School, Tallinding

Salvation Nursery School, Latrikunda.

St Michael's Nursery School, Soma

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Date of next AGM - TBA

Meeting finished at