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ABOUT BEAKANYANG

Beakanyang is a youth-led registered not-for-profit, non-partisan and independent Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) set up to advance human rights, good governance and environmental sustainability in The Gambia.

Beakanyang is a local Mandinka word meaning equality. It was founded in 2001 and began full operation in summer 2004 after registration with the ministry of justice. It was in 2016 upgraded to a national NGO and also registered with other like-minded organizations such as Network against Gender Based Violence, Child Protection Alliance, and the National Youth Council.

Currently, Beakanyang chairs the CSO Dialogue Platform (a network of all NGOs working on human rights issues in the Gambia) under the National Human Rights Commission. Beakanyang aims to enhance and promote the participation of disadvantaged people in issues relating to good governance, human rights and environmental sustainability, as well as women and youth development in The Gambia. The organization has been actively working over the last years to enhance the participation of young people in issues relating to human rights, governance, as well as women and youth development in The Gambia.

Initially, the creation of the organization was in direct response to meet the needs and aspiration of the youth and women in rural Gambia. It grew from the felt need to effectively mobilize the mass participation of young people to get off their fence and work constructively for the building of a culture of human rights, governance in the country; while promoting, protection and preservation of the environment.

Programme Objectives

The programme objectives are to mobilize youth and women across the country at the local and national levels to participate in all spheres of national development. The activities seek the holistic involvement of young people as key actors in democratic processes and social transformation in The Gambia.

The strategy the programme pursues in order to realize these objectives is to strengthen the capacities of youth leaders and to advocate and lobby to influence policies promoting and mainstreaming children, youth and women participation in local and national processes.

Overall Goals and Objectives.

- To empower women and young people to serve as effective catalysts for social transformation in The Gambia.
- To help promote a culture of peace, human rights, good governance and open societies.
- To promote the participation of young people and women in making decisions that affect their future.
- To serve as a public policy voice and advocacy mechanism on behalf of young people and women and other vulnerable groups in the society to influence policies, promote and mainstream their participation in local and national agenda.

Our Core Values



OUR MISSION

To educate and empower citizens to know, defend and champion their fundamental human rights and development.

OUR VISION

A country where rule of law, accountable democracy, human rights culture and sustainable community development are attained and respected.

Message from The Executive Director

The year 2020 was indeed very challenging for many organizations including Beakanyang. The outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic has had a serious impact on our work especially our community engagements which requires face-to-face interaction with communities.

However, despite these and many other challenges brought by Covid-19, the year under review, in general was a success subsequently, we are pleased to present our annual report which highlights our major undertakings and accomplishments for the year 2020. But before any further ado, we would like to firstly acknowledge the support of our dedicated staff, volunteers and partners for their continued support, for without which our activities during this difficult year under review would have severely affected, so we remain grateful.

It's through the effective collaboration and partnership with likeminded organizations and donors, coupled with the time and resources provided by our dedicated staff and volunteers that inspired us to make a lasting impact on the lives of our people.

Just like last year, our main focus for this year will include raising public awareness on key human rights issues such as: female genital mutilation/ cutting, FGM/C, child rights, freedom of expression, corruption, accountability and citizens' participation in democratization process of the country.

Moving on, I would like to reassure all of our resolve to continue collaborating with relevant partners at home and abroad in ending violence against women especially girls, attaining the Sustainable Development Goals, and making human rights a reality for all in The Gambia.

On the other hand, we will also be beaming the spotlight on climate change mitigation and adaptation at community level. The impact of climate change we all know is a serious cause for concern, hence the need to intensify efforts to mitigate this challenge especially in rural areas and among vulnerable populations.

Thank you.

Nfamara Jawneh

Executive Director

Beakanyang

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Training of youth on effects of Female Genital mutilation

As parts of our efforts towards ending the practice of FGM/C in the country, we conducted a training workshop for young people in West Cost Region community of Mandinaba.

The objective of the training was to educate and equip youth with knowledge about FGM/C and its effects and help youths understand the nexus between Genders based violence, Human Rights and FGM/C.



RESULTS:

- **Over 30 youths sensitized on FGM/C; its effects and Human Rights.**
- **o Participants demonstrate some more level of understanding about FGM/C effects and FGMC Laws in the country.**
- **o Participants sensitized on GBV as it relates to FGM/C and Human Rights.**
- **o Stakeholders called on to strengthened legislations on FGM/C and GBV as relevant Human Rights instruments.**

FGM/C & CHILD MARRIAGE RADIO SENSITISATION

Eradicating FGM/C and all other form of violence against women and girls requires change in attitudes and beliefs which calls for continuous education and sensitization among communities on the consequences of the practices with a view to getting community consensus to eradicate the practice.

In that regards, we continue to use community radios as advocacy tool to promote the rights of women, such as to encourage the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

We conducted a total of eighteen (18) radio programmes in the Upper River Region of the country targeting the community of Basse and its surrounding which is about three hundred and sixty-eight (368)

communities all-inclusive in URR.

The programme was funded by UNICEF through National Youth Council Project: Never Again FGM/C and Child Marriage in My Generation.

The radio programmes brought together different expertise in our daily programmes focusing on our areas of discussion which was Child Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting and Teenage Pregnancy. Drawing the attention of different audiences who contributed to the programme through live phone calls lamented suggestions and ways forward to halt the practice throughout the Gambia.

Each radio discussion panelists with vast knowledge were identified by the Beakanyang FGM/C Coordinator from different actors including the Ministry of Health through Basse Regional Hospital, the Gambia Police Force through the Basse Regional Child Welfare Officer, The National Youth Council Regional Structure, Teachers and Youth Activists within the communities that were in the crusade to end these harmful practices in the country. The radio programmes were hosted by the Beakanyang FGM/C Coordinator Mr. Ebrima Njie. The Executive Director of Beakanyang, Mr. Nfamara Jawneh launched the programme and urged the people of the region to halt the practice and protect women and girls from all sorts of pains and health complications associated with the FGM/C.



Factual discussions from panelists attracted a large number of audience to make live phone calls during the programme regarding the topics of discussion and concerns together with questions asked by callers in relation to the topics raised. Undoubtedly, the panelist with their expertise, responded accordingly to the questions and concerns of the callers.

International Youth Day

Beakanyang joined the rest of the world to commemorate International Youths Day (IYD) with a virtual youth conference.

The conference on the local sub-theme: Role of young people in promoting human rights during covid-19.

The day provides an opportunity to recognize the contribution of young people towards national development as well as to raise awareness on the challenges facing young people globally.

This event attracted various stakeholders and professionals particularly those with abiding interest in advancing Human Rights to discuss issues revolving around the role of youths in promoting human rights.

Event was graced by an International Human Rights defender, Dr. Mary Shuttleworth, president of Youth for Human Rights International.

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National development as well as to raise awareness on the challenges facing young people globally.

RESULTS:

- 30 Youths shared and made their challenges known to other stakeholders particularly in the context of promoting human rights during the pandemic.
- Strategies to strengthen the capacity of youths were discussed and resolutions made for onward sharing with stakeholders.

BADINGBUNG INITIATIVE

Badingbung (family house) is people centered and traditional community-led truth seeking, conflict resolution and reconciliation mechanism. Initiative is being supported by the Africa Transitional Justice Legacy Fund, ATJLF and covers three districts in the Upper River Region namely; Wuli East, Wuli West, Sandu and Tumana.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- To promote human rights and sustainable peace in communities through the use of family set ups to amicably resolve and/prevent conflicts;
- To initiate and promote communal healing and reconciliation by providing a community platform for victims of human rights violations to narrate their stories and encourage perpetrators to accept the truth and seek for forgiveness.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Pre-Bantaba Orientation Workshop

Beakanyang unveils the Badingbung initiative; with a day-long orientation session for programme facilitators. It was attended by 30 participants mainly community leaders, district heads, and youth from across the region.

RESULTS: Initiative successfully launched and target group promised to live up to expectation while reaffirming commitment to working towards the success of the Badingbung initiative. Participants gained more understanding about transitional justice, human rights and were well equipped to lead the initiative

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Badingbung Facilitators

At the pre-bantaba, participants elected Alhagie Bemba Jabby, the village chief of Taibatou as chairman of Badingbung and Sheikh Oustass Lamin Jagne of Bantunding as vice chairperson respectively.

The duo are highly respected community leaders and are well known promoting good traditional practices in the region.

Video Documentary of Victims of Human Rights Violations

Despite the creation of the Gambia's Truth, Reconciliation and Reparation Commission, TRRC, many victims especially those in rural areas still do not have the opportunity to appear before the commission. As such, we provided an alternative to victims in remote parts of the country to also share their stories with the rest of the country through our video documentary. About twenty-five victims including both men and women from various communities shared their stories with our team.

To kick off the activity, a three-minute trailer of victims' stories was produced and shared widely (over 100,000 reached via Facebook and over 400 people shared) within three weeks of its released.



This project was funded by the African Transitional Justice Legacy Fund as part of our Badingbung Initiative.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE (S):

To make videos of human rights violations through interviews so as to contribute to the country's transitional justice process: truth, reconciliation and healing.

RESULTS:

- Over 100,000 people have been reached with the videos shared on our various social media platforms.
- Victims interviewed expressed happiness in sharing their stories with the rest of the country.

2nd Annual National Human Rights Heroes Awards

Basse, the administrative capital of Upper River Region on 10th December 2020 hosted the 2nd edition of National Human Rights Heroes Award ceremony of Beakanyang.

The award ceremony was the first such award to be organized in the country. It offers us the opportunity to honour and publicly recognize the magnificent work and efforts of human rights defenders and advocates in The Gambia.

Human rights defenders play an important role in national development by educating citizens about their rights, monitoring and documenting human rights violations as well as reminding the government of her human rights obligations.

The five-member impartial and technocratic Award Committee was chaired by Mr. Madi Jobarteh, our 2019 Human Rights Hero Award Recipient.

The committee have since then been praised by many Gambians to have dedicated their precious time, and energy to rigorously process the nominations of all nominees and have selected the most-deserving two individuals.

The Human Rights Hero of The Year Award winner was one Mustapha Manneh, a renowned environmental rights activist in Kartong West Coast Region while Mr. Amadou Ceesay, a civil rights activist was declared Young Human Rights Defender of The Year 2020.

The award ceremony was supported by the transitional Justice and Human Rights Project through UNDP, UN Peacebuilding Fund, and the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, National Human Rights Commission, Youth for Human Rights International; and Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education (MoBSE) through the regional education office in Basse.



Human Rights Awards Winners of 2020 with Executive Director of Beakanyang

The respective winners each received cash prizes, a certificate and a plaque to epitomize their exemplary and admirable characters in the cause of fighting for humanity.

RESULTS:

- Two leading young human rights defenders were successfully awarded as “Young Human Rights Defender of The Year” and “Human Rights Hero of The Year”.
- Awardees reaffirmed their commitment to continue advancing human rights both within and outside the country.

World Human Rights Day Commemoration

Annually, on December 10th we joined the rest of the world to observe International Human Rights Day, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights Proclamation. The event was held in Basse, Upper River Region and attracted over 100 participants.

It was attended by students and teachers from 10 different schools from within the Region; security service chiefs, local government authorities, UN Agencies representative, civil society organizations, women groups and youth representatives.

Our 2020 commemoration was supported by the transitional Justice and Human Rights Project through UNDP, UN Peacebuilding Fund and the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights.



*L-R Mrs Mariama Trawalleh, Deputy Governor Essa Conteh ,
ED Jawneh & Chairman Yaya Sumarehw*



Students at the commemoration

The day-long event was one of the major activities of Beakanyang during the year; and it was marked by the following activities:

- March past by students, teacher coordinators, scout band, youth representatives, Beakanyang staff, women etc.
- Symposium during which a cross-section of stakeholders: government, civil society, UN Agencies attended and gave statements.
- Presentation session on Human Rights: concepts, principles, Human rights education, Institutional guarantors of Human rights.
- Drama and poetry play on sensitization messages about Human rights.

The objective was to bring together stakeholders to discuss and reflect on progresses and challenges made in the cause of advancing human rights.

RESULTS:

- Students, teachers, women and youth acquired more knowledge and understanding about human rights concepts, principles and practice.
- Participants understood the processes to follow in filing human rights violations complaints in the country.
- The strong presence of high government officials, CSOs etc. who committed to be more proactive in advancing human rights in the country.
- Students and regional educators committed to strengthening their school-based human rights clubs.
- Through the presentations and symposium, all participants demonstrated understanding and remorse about the gross human rights violations that happened in the country and resolved to strengthen relationships and carve out sustainable strategies for the advancement and protection of human rights.

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

The environment Unit of Beakanyang in 2020 implemented some activities under the project dubbed: Promoting Economic Empowerment and Strengthening the Capacity of Women with Disabilities to Adapt to Climate Change in Wuli.

The 12-months project which began in 2019 was supported by the Global Environment Facility Small Grant Program of UNDP and targets 100 disable women in 10 communities across Wuli West and Wuli East. Activities implemented under the project during the year under review includes:

- Climate change information dissemination and sensitization caravan.
- Provision of start-up capitals to disable women as a revolving fund.

Climate change sensitization tour

Through the financial support from the Global Environment Facility Small Grant Programme, GEF/SGP, we embarked on a 6-day community sensitization tour on climate change to educate local communities on the effects of climate change. The tour covered ten communities in Wuli East and West.

The tour included traditional communicators locally known as Kanyellengs, community members, climate experts, staff and board members of Beakanyang.



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Cognizant of the challenges women especially those with disabilities face to access capital to either start a business or strengthen their existing ones, we launched an initiative to support 100 women with disabilities.

The beneficiaries were from 10 communities in Wuli West and East; and were each given between D1, 500.00 and D3, 500.00 as interest free loans.



*A beneficiary at Manakoto village
with her product*

The impact of these interventions has been great with most of the beneficiaries having already repaid their loans and having their businesses expanded and growing impressively.

Beakanyang signs MoU with Sankandi Community

As part of our nationwide continuing efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change, Beakanyang entered into a partnership with Sankandi Youth Development Association in Kiang West district of Lower River Region.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Nfamara Jawneh, Executive Director of Beakanyang informed the audience that since 2017 the NGO has expanded its activities to new intervention sites such as Jarra West and Kiang West respectively in LRR.

“In Jarra West we focus on human rights while in Kiang West our intervention is focusing on the environment especially climate change,” he disclosed.

The outreach activity seeks to engage communities in Kiang West to brainstorm on their environmental challenges and take local actions to mitigate the impact of climate change.

“We are equally concerned about the preservation of Kiang West National Park, KWNP, and we hope that by working with communities living around the Park we would be able to preserve it for posterity,” he said.



Mr. Jawneh, however, stressed that in order to prevent people from intruding into the parks, communities living around them should be supported with alternative livelihoods improvement options.

“Earlier on today, we were at Jiffarong for a mangrove restoration exercise and we can all see visibly the impact of climate change in Kiang West. We had an engagement with the community of Jiffarong and hopefully very soon we will also sign a MoU with them” he noted.

“Prior to today’s meeting, a series of engagements has taken place between Beakanyang and the community through SYDA and am happy to keep the ball rolling,” he added.

For his part, the Alkalo of Sankandi Fabakary Darboe expressed his happiness having Beakanyang in the community for such an important meeting. “We are very much committed to working closely with you to preserve our environment,” he said.

He urged the community members to work closely with the NGO to create a climate resilient community.

The lady president of Sankandi Mrs. Salimatou Darboe lamented the numerous challenges they faced as women of the community.

“We are definitely suffering a lot as we lack enough water in our garden, some of us are being forced to venture into cutting down trees for charcoal production just to take care of our families,” she said.

“Even our garden is not properly fenced as such animals always destroy our plants. We therefore need your intervention to help live a better life,” she stressed.

She further lamented salt intrusion and low crop yield over the years as some of the major challenges facing

the community.

Meanwhile, other speakers include the VDC chairman Sutay Darboe and youth leader Ebou Jallow who calls for concerted efforts to protect the forest from further destruction.

The ceremony was chaired by Ansumana Darboe, Chief Executive Officer of SYDA who reaffirmed their resolve to work with organizations like Beakanyang.

Annual Tree Planting

Annually, Beakanyang through our Environment Unit, we plant hundreds of fruit and non-fruit trees in various communities across the Upper River Region.

This year, the annual tree planting exercise began in Barrow Kunda. The exercise continued at Jah Kunda, Mankoto Keita and Bajonkoto villages.

Community members especially women and youth joined the Beakanyang team which include board members for the exercise.

The beneficiary community members were urged to take good care of the planted trees by protecting them from bush fires and watering them regularly.



Some of the saplings planted were donated by the regional forestry office in Basse, Upper River Region.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Covid-19 Intervention

Since the confirmation of the first Covid-19 active case in The Gambia in March 2020, we have conducted a series of activities using various platforms such as social media using video series aimed at curbing the spread of the virus. The funds for this programme were raised through our crowdfunding initiative that shows the generous donations from both Gambians and non-Gambians in the Diaspora.

Activities implemented under this project include

Social media Campaign

- Radio Talk Shows and Public Service Announcements
- Provision of Sanitary Materials
- Food Aid Distribution
- Community Sensitization Tour

Covid-19 Community Sensitization Tour

A two-day sensitization tour in various communities across the Upper River Region of The Gambia were also successfully held.

The aim was to sensitize communities on the Covid-19 symptoms, myths and precautionary measures.

The meetings attracted community members such as women, traditional leaders; and security service personnel.

Results:

- o 15 communities reached and sensitized on the virus: myths demystified, symptoms and precautionary measures clearly explained
- o Stakeholders showed understanding on how to prevent contracting and spreading the virus o Communities showed understanding and commitment to the Emergency Regulations/Laws
- o Security personnel reminded and resolved to not to violate people's rights while enforcing the Covid-19 regulations/laws.



Covid19- Food Aid Distribution

As part of our Covid-19 mitigation efforts in the country, Beakanyang donated food packages to vulnerable households in the village Wuli Barrow Kunda in the Upper River Region



Speaking at the hand over occasion, Nfamara Jawneh, Executive Director of Beakanyang said the fund for the food packages was raised through a taskforce called Barrow Kunda Covid-19 Response Group on which he serves as chairperson.

He thanked their benefactors for supporting the initiative, noting that more families are still struggling in rural areas as a result of the impact of Covid-19.

“We have realized that some families in this community are yet to receive any food aid since the outbreak of Covid-19. We are therefore happy to help such families by putting food on their table,” he said.

Village Development Committee members, Sarjo Bah and Morikebba Barrow, who are also members of the Covid-19 response taskforce thanked all those who supported the initiative and called for more support as more vulnerable families are still lacking support.

Beneficiaries such as Mamadi Touray, Kumbanding Fatty, Arfang Demba Touray and Kawsu Fatty all thanked the donors for the support.

Meanwhile, as part of the food package, 30 households were each given one bag of rice and 4-litre of cooking oil.

Provision of Sanitary Materials

In our bid to help contain the spread of covid-19 in the country, Beakanyang in partnership Barrow Kunda Covid-19 Support Group provided sanitary materials to the community of Barrow Kunda. The donated items include buckets fitted with taps and soap for hand washing.

The villagers through the Village Development Committee, VDC hailed Beakanyang and partners for the humanitarian gesture.



Village Development Committee members receiving the materials

CIVIC AWARENESS

Distribution of Final Draft of 2020 Constitution

As part of our efforts to create more awareness among Gambians on the true content of the final draft constitution, women leaders were trained to educate other women in their communities. The women leaders were also given copies of the draft to help them in their sessions.

The activity formed part of our International Republican Institute, IRI funded four months project that aimed to enhance more citizen participation in the constitutional building process.



Constitutional forum in Mandinaba, WCR KMC Councilor facilitating a forum with women on the draft

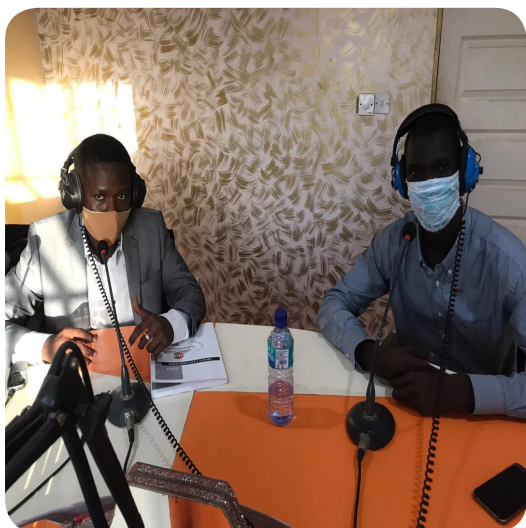
Radio Talk Shows

Throughout the year 2020, we hosted several radio talk shows on citizens' participation in the constitutional building process in The Gambia.

The live phoning programmes were held at Capital FM Kairaba Avenue in Kanifing municipality, Taranga FM Radio in West Coast Region and Taxi FM in Basse, Upper River Region respectively.

During the programmes, we had callers and listeners from across the country who also shared their views and asked questions relating to the draft constitution.

During the course of the programme various personalities including National Assembly members, CSO leaders, and youth and women leaders were invited as panelists.



The programme has helped raised more awareness among the citizenry on issues of national concern; their rights, responsibilities and obligations (draft constitution).

RESULTS:

- Over 12,000 people gained better understanding of the ongoing reforms processes in the country and effectively taking part by sharing their opinions.
- More people aware of their rights, responsibilities and obligations
- Over 12,000 citizens educated on the true content of the final draft constitution.

Constitutional Reform Marathon

In a bid to create more awareness among the citizens about the true content of the draft constitution, we initiated a run for constitutional reform. The 6.5-kilometer run began in Nyakoi Kerewan and ended at Yerobawol in Wuli west district, Upper River Region.

The marathon attracted 20 runners drawn from across URR who made four brief stops along the way namely at Kerewan, Taibatou, Sutukonding and Yerobawol.



Runners



Board Chairman Yaya Sumareh presenting certificate to a participant

Muhammed S. Baldeh, the fastest runner at the marathon addressing participants during question-and-answer sessions said: “I’m so happy to become this constitutional reform marathon champion. I ran for more seats for women in the National Assembly to ensure more women representation.”

“As the Spokesperson of Basse Area Council, I’m participating in this run on the issue of corruption. I think as a public institution that is being funded by taxpayers’ money, we need to support the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Commission that is being put into the final draft constitution,” says Omar Drammeh, Public Relations Officer Basse Area Council. Speaking on the occasion, Nfamara Jawneh, Executive Director of Beakanyang said the objective of the run is to create awareness among local people on the true content of the final 2020 draft constitution.

“We are using sports as another innovative way of reaching out to young people and women with the draft of the constitution and to clear misconceptions regarding the draft.” he said.

Mr. Yaya Sumareh, board chairperson of Beakanyang said each of the 20 runners would run in support of a particular provision adding that the final draft is very progressive. “The final draft provides for the establishment of Anti-Corruption commission to end corruption in this country and our socio-cultural rights are all guaranteed in the final draft, to us these and many other provisions are very progressive and unprecedented,” said Mr. Sumareh.

Women and youth from the nearby villages lineup the streets to see and hear from the runners who made brief stops to interact with them. Mrs. Manneh Kijera and Fatou Ceesay women leaders from Sutukonding and Kerewan reiterated the need for the country to usher in the third republic.

The activity was funded by the International Republican Institute, IRI.

Open Day on National Budget

Realizing that citizens of the country reserve the fundamental right to know and understand the annual revenue estimates (income and expenses) of the government, with funding from the International Republican Institute (IRI), we organized an Open Day Session on the 2021 National Budget. The forum held in Basse, Upper River Region brought together National Assembly Members, Councillors, Alkalolu, women and youth leaders, CSOs and heads of government departments in the region. It was characterized by an extensive, inclusive and participatory interface between the said stakeholders; thus, providing them (particularly local communities) the opportunity to understand the country's national budgetary development processes, respective financial allocations and appropriations to government sectors, as well as key priority areas of the said Budget.

This could not have come at a better time, for it brought the rightful information on the “second most important national document” to the door-steps of the people; thus, promoting State accountability and transparency.

This activity has also helped participants to know the link between human rights, their day life realities and the national budget. The objective of the activity was to create a platform for open dialogue amongst the relevant stakeholders on the national budget.

It further aimed at creating an increased dialogue on the budget among Gambian stakeholders around improvements achieved by the actors, gaps and challenges and recommendations for improvement, including how to encourage citizens' participation in the budget process. From 2017 to date, since the new government took office, with support from IRI we were able to build capacity and encouraging stakeholder dialogues in order to increase in understanding as well as participation of various actors in the budget process.



L-R Muhammed Ceesay, Program Officer, Hon. Seedia Jatta NAM for Wuli West, ED Jawneh & Chairman Foday Danjo of Basse Area council

Gambians since independence have suffered so many violations of their basic rights such as proper health care system, proper electricity supply, quality and safe drinking water and road connections especially for the rural communities. In addressing those challenges, the public especially, the young people need to have the required capacity to know the importance of the budget and having a basic understanding of the budget processes.

Mr. Foday Danjo, Chairman of Basse Area Council thanked Beakanyang and IRI for organizing such an important activity in the region. He urged participants to take the forum seriously noting that such forums

could help the citizens to know why it is important for citizens to build interest and participate actively in the budget

Processes, including how they can participate in the process.

Hon. Seedia Jatta, the National Assembly Member for Wuli West shared the role of NA in the budget process and key highlights from the 2021 budget including oversight role of the NAMs in reaching the approved budget.

Deputizing the Governor of URR, Mr. Lamin Ceesay, regional health director called on the residents of URR to build more interest in the national budget formulation and execution. According to him such forums will avail participants the opportunity shares their priority needs and aspirations with National Assembly members.

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