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INTRODUCTION

The Country Director, Honorable Sulayman Jammeh and Secretary General, Ismaila Drammeh of Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia, conducted a community consultation and need assessment at Kafuta Junction 5, Kafuta Village, Western Region of The Gambia. The community consultation and need assessment came up when the community of Kafuta Junction 5 approached the Country Director, Honorable Sulayman Jammeh as an ordinary citizen of the country and also a philanthropy who is rendering sustainable community development project across The Gambia with his counterparts in development

PROFILE OF GLOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Glocal Community Foundation — is legally registered foundation with Anthony General Chamber under the Ministry of Justice, The Gambia. The foundation is also legally registered in Netherlands. In The Gambia, it is headed by Honorable Suayman Jammeh while the Netherlands Chapter is headed by Magreet Dijkstra. The foundation is a charitable and non-profit making having the desire to mobilize resources through concerted efforts as a bedrock for community and economic empowerment. Glocal Community Foundation targets and identifies the demands and felt needs of particular communities and the people in it. The concern of the foundation is for community as well as individual development of skills and creating opportunities for them to become self-reliance through participatory development approach. The foundation further look at sectors such as — educational, health care issues, agricultural development activities, youth and women empowerment, gender gaps and community empowerment activities and sustainable community development projects.

The foundation is conscious of the need to assist communities to become economically and socially viable communities through activities which can strengthen and support adequately individuals and families to enhance better living condition. The foundation also intends to work with communities, individuals and organizations towards improving the life and livelihood of vulnerable individuals and communities through supporting them in the area of their needs.

The foundation in collaboration with donor agencies and development partners is always committed in complementing the efforts of the Gambia Government through establishing platforms ideal to house various development programs in The Gambia in a bid to collectively address issues affecting the lives of our communities and less privileged within The Gambia.

The foundation since inception, with the support of the Netherlands Chapter has implemented numerous sustainable community development projects such as — providing learning materials for schools and skill training centers, drilling boreholes for communities, sponsoring of community initiative projects, empowering women and youth, just to name but a few. The foundation over the years has also received numerous applications for support from many communities, community base organizations and individuals in The Gambia.

The foundation however is independent from religious, party-political, ethnics, race and any form of social status.



PROFILE OF KAFUTA JUNCTION 5 NEIGHBORHOOD

Kafuta Junction 5 is located in Kombo East District, Western Region of The Gambia. This neighborhood is one of the most oldest and populated neighborhood within the village of Kafuta. It is located in the middle of the village of Kafuta and not too far from both the Primary and Upper Basic School. Women constitute the highest of the population — in this neighborhood approximately 61% are women while men population is estimated at 39%. The school going children's is projected at 43% of the population (19% of which are boys and 24% girls). The area also constitute different ethnic groups and well known for being a very peaceful and harmonious area within the village of Kafuta. Sharing and caring is a norm in this area of the village. The neighborhood also has formed an association called **"The Association of Kafuta Junction 5 for Development"** this is a registered community base organization with Anthony General Chamber under the Ministry of Justice. This association was formed since the year 2012. The main objective of the association is for the development of the community of Kafuta Junction 5. This association is headed by a president with his executive

committee members. Subcommittees such as – health, education, tap and water, mosque, disaster and environment and development committees were also formed for smooth implementation of its activities, programs and projects.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATION AND NEED ASSESSMENT

As community consultation and need assessment can be an effective tool to clarify problems and identify appropriate interventions or solutions. Below are the objectives of this need assessment and consultation meeting conducted by Honorable Sulayman Jammeh, and Ismaila Drammeh on behalf of the Glocal Community Foundation at the community of Kafuta Junction 5, Kafuta Village, Kombo East, Western Region of The Gambia;

- To gather accurate information of the needs of the community of Kafuta Junction 5.
- To address the needs or gaps between current conditions and desired conditions or needs of the people of Kafuta Junction 5.
- To identify sustainable community projects for the community of Kafuta Junction 5.

METHODOLOGY

The Director of Glocal Community Foundation, Honorable Sulayman Jammeh was received by the President, Vice President and Secretary General of The Association of Kafuta Junction 5 for Development. The need assessment and consultation meeting started with usual prayers and was followed with an officially opening of the discussion. Firstly, the Director of Glocal Community Foundation, Honorable Sulayman Jammeh was officially welcomed by the president of the Association of Kafuta Junction 5 for Development and this was followed by the inhabitants of the community of Kafuta Junction 5 to reveal difficulties hindering the development of their community and issues affecting their lives particularly the women's and girls in the neighborhood. The community of Kafuta Junction 5 also talked about some of the urgent needs of their community emphasizing that those needs will help them a lot as a community.

Ismaila Drammeh, the Secretary General — Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter also gave a detail information about Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter — the operations of the foundation, projects implemented and future plans and activities of the foundation. The Secretary General of Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter also spoke on the profile of the Glocal Community Foundation both the Gambia and Netherlands Chapters.

For his part, Honorable Sulayman Jammeh emphasized that, when it comes to community development there is no boundary for him and his counterparts in development. “with my partners in development, we have implemented series of community development projects

which helped venerable families and individuals, empowered youths and women across The Gambia.” Honorable Jammeh said. He also informed the gathering that, he is the head of Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter and glad to be in Kafuta Junction 5 community to conduct a community need assessment and consultation meeting on behalf of his team. “I have heard all what you have said here and I have also looked around during my few hours stay in your community, indeed the needs of your community that you have mentioned before me are worth fixing. I will discuss with my team here in The Gambia about your community and which of your needs we can come in to help your community. My team and I here in The Gambia, will also communicate with our partners in Netherlands. I am glad that the able Secretary General for Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter, Ismaila Drammeh is here with me, he will take note.” Honorable Jammeh said. The Director of Glocal Community Foundation, The Gambia Chapter, Honorable Jammeh also thanked the community of Kafuta Junction 5 for a very warm welcome.

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPANTS

The consultation and need assessment was conducted under a mango tree at the center of the community of Kafuta Junction 5 and brought together all the members of the neighborhood — both women, men, youth, boys, girls and community elders.



PROBLEMS/NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY OF KAFUTA JUNCTION

The following problems/needs were identified by the community of Kafuta Junction 5;

1. Inadequate water supply — this community is currently having a hand pump which was installed in the year 1984. It is currently in a very bad shape — very difficult to pump water through it. Women are struggling hard to get water from this old hand pump. Women cannot even finish up their household chores early due to difficulties of getting water from this old hand pump daily.
2. Lack of milling machine – many of the families in Kafuta village are farmers and the daily food for families is rice paddy, maize, millet and sorghum. It was said that pounding rice paddy, maize, millet and sorghum, maize is seriously hindering the health of the women's of the village of Kafuta. Many girl in the village will spend more time pounding cereals for their families to make food instead of reading their books as students. Therefore, a milling machine will be a huge source of income for the community of Kafuta Junction 5 and will help not only the community of Kafuta but the neighboring villages as well.
3. Inadequate electricity supply within the neighborhood.
4. Bad shape of the community mosque — the only mosque located within the neighborhood is in bad shape and needs proper renovation.

CONCLUSION

The community consultation and need assessment was very successful — it was smoothly coordinated — well organized, interactive and educative. Members of the community of Kafuta Junction 5 were able to come up with challenges hindering the development of their community. Honorable Sulayman Jammeh was also presented with a bag of mangoes by the community of Kafuta Junction 5 as an appreciation for his visit to their community. The bag of mangoes was handed over to Honorable Sulayman Jammeh by the vice president of the Association of Kafuta Junction 5 for Development, Mrs. Awa Camara.



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