

12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

## **Methodist Church The Gambia**

### **Coronavirus ( COVID-19) Humanitarian Support Report**

Since the Coronavirus was declared a public health emergency globally, The Gambia Government devised national measures to prevent, respond to and contain outbreak of the disease. The Gambia registered its first COVID-19 case on March 17, 2020. The Gambia Government took drastic measures to slow down the spread of the virus. One such measure was the closure of Schools and universities and churches. A total lockdown affected small businesses, churches and put families at risk due to low income in some areas.

#### Partnership

Methodist Church Britain (MCB) has been providing support to the response effort of the Methodist Church The Gambia (MCTG) to encourage preventative measures and food assistance. MCB donated a gift of £10,000.00 towards COVID-19 humanitarian support to support the MCTG's efforts to help families that are impacted during the difficult times they are facing. THANK YOU MCB.

#### Response Actions

MCTG responded by providing information on prevention and response to COVID-19 on social media and has put in place measures to protect staff from the virus by providing health sanitising items and encouraging social distance to limit human contact. The MCTG response is a COVID-19 Humanitarian Action for families, children and the most vulnerable.

MCTG has aimed to reach 1000 families in our circuits. In addition, a Widow/Widower Response Plan is being implemented in order to provide support in crisis situations resulting from death due to COVID-19 infection.

The following table shows the basic food aid and infection prevention support provided by MCTG through the financial support received from MCB.

Covid - 19 Accountability Statement (Report)					
Funds received from Methodist Church Britain (MCB)					
			£	D	D
Funds Received from MCB		(Rate @ 65.5)	10,000.00	-	655,000.00
Relief Items			Unit Price		
		QTY	D		
Rice		665	581.5	386,697.50	
Sugar		420	70	29,400.00	
Milk		33	450	14,850.00	
Buckets		420	75	31,500.00	
OMO		70	800	56,000.00	
Bleach		35	475	16,625.00	
Toilet Soap		105	280	29,400.00	
Laundry Soap		200	220	44,000.00	
Detol		420	75	31,500.00	
Transportation		4	3200	12,800.00	
Total Expenditure					652,772.50
Surplus (for Sanitisers)					2,227.50

The next table indicates the kinds of recipients who have benefited from food aid and infection prevention support provided by MCTG through the financial support received from MCB.

#### Allocation to Circuits for Distribution to Members

Name of Circuit	Beneficiaries
Wesley	35
Bethel	35
Bakau	25
Serrekunda/Elinkine	50
KWC	100
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>

Support was also provided through the following institutions administered by MCTG, reaching a **subtotal of 420** Beneficiaries:

- Mother & Babies and Medical/Nutrition Units
- Special school/Special Needs Children and their families
- Provincial CRR - Janjangbureh, Bani, Palang, Wassu, Jamali
- MMAP – housebound individuals, children and unemployed
- Widows & Widowers Response Plan

Total number of beneficiaries: 665

## **Challenges**

There are more families in need who at present cannot be helped in the same way due to lack of financial resources.

## **Impact**

Below we present some feedback.

Letter #1 was received from Mr. William Foster, Administrator of the Methodist Medical Work

From: William S. Forster To: Presiding Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim, Sat, Nov 7 at 9:40 AM

### **THANK YOU FOR GIFTS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

Dear Presiding Bishop,

I wish to say thank you for the under mentioned items you sent to me for distribution to the people our Clinics take care of at Makumbaya, Giboroh and Marakissa:

Rice, Sugar, Milk, OMO (Soap Powder), Bleach, Buckets, Dettol, Toilet Soap and laundry Soap:

The above items came at the time when most of the people where in a desperate situation due to the effect of the Coronavirus on their lives. They were appreciated as it shows the love you have for them and the items brought them hope.

Through you, I wish to thank the partners of the Methodist Church The Gambia for funds used to purchase the above items.

" Didst thou not make us one, that we might one remain, together travel on, and bear each other's pain, till all thy utmost goodness prove, and rise renewed in perfect love. Then let us ever bear, the blessed end in view, and join with mutual care, to fight our passage through, and kindly help each other on, till all receive thy starry crown."

I pray that God will guide you through this week, His perfect will shall be done in your life, every denial shall be approved, every disappointment shall be turned into an appointment, your finances will not run dry, you shall spring for joy, because our creator is at work, avail yourself and let the Holy spirit perfect all that concerns you this week and as you receive your breakthrough, testify of His goodness and all will be well in Jesus mighty name... Amen.

Yours Faithfully  
William S Forster  
Medical Administrator

Letter #2 was received from Mr. Max Bailor, Chairman of the Governing Board of Methodist Special School, Kanifing.

**REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS ITEMS TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF OF METHODIST SPECIAL SCHOOL, THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020**

The distribution of the under-mentioned items provided by The Methodist Church: Bucket, Toilet-soap, Sachets of Milk Powder, Sugar, Laundry Soap, Omo Soap Powder, Dettol, Bleach and Bag of Rice each were given to 36 members of staff of the School and 114 households of the students of the School.

The Headteacher offered the opening prayer before the distribution started.

The parents were so overwhelmed that they, in return, offered prayers for the Church for such an unexpected gesture during this difficult time.

The members of staff also thanked the church through the Presiding Bishop, saying that it was the first in the history of Methodism in The Gambia that such a gesture was extended to them. They were so excited and offered prayers for The Presiding Bishop and The Methodist Church.

Faithfully submitted

George Max Bailor

Chairman - Methodist Special School Board

THANK YOU MCB FOR YOUR COVID 19 HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT.

Signed : +*HCFaal-Heim*

Office held: MCTG Presiding Bishop

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