

Media Release



UK charity Football Gambia head to The Gambia to help develop communities in January 2014

The Gambia, 24 January 2014: 55 dedicated supporters from UK registered charity, Football Gambia, will arrive in The Gambia to help provide a sustainable future for the people of Sittanunku – a village in the northbank of the country.

Running between 17-31 January 2014, the volunteers will spend this time helping to develop Sittanunku and its neighbouring villages and empower its people to live a more sustainable lifestyle.

Teachers, football coaches and the youth will also benefit from having first-hand contact with experts in education and recreational activities to learn from.

To celebrate the arrival of the volunteers, on Friday 24 January, an initial event will be held to celebrate the international 'twinning' of Gambian town Lamin and Darwen, Lancashire, UK.

On Sunday 26, the very first Football Gambia nursery school in Cheesay, will officially open, catering for over 100 children.

During the trip, Football Gambia aims to achieve the following, to:

- Distributing educational and sports equipment to Schools in the North of The Gambia.
- Install a solar power system to generate electricity for the medical centre.
- Implement a water irrigation system to support grassroots' football club Sittanunku FC's vegetable garden.
- Open the first ever Football Gambia nursery school in Cheesay, in the North of The Gambia.
- Run a range of courses including football, child protection and first aid courses to 100+ teachers, youth workers and grassroots' football coaches in Lamin and Sittanunku.
- Set-up a chicken coop.