

Roofing Project Gambia



Empowering Local Roof Repair in The Gambia

A sustainable 3-year initiative to train craftsmen and provide cost-effective roofing solutions.

Project Overview

This is a 3-year project to provide the local craftsmen in The Gambia with a **cost-effective solution to replacing or repairing leaking roofs**. The project has focused on the concept to do **preventative maintenance**, repair and extended life expectancy of the roofs and materials used.

Project Origins

The project began with a visit from a Dutch lady who asked us to explore **cost-effective alternatives to expensive roof replacements**.

Our team looked at the project from various angles, and applied the saying of "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". Inspired by this quote, we focused on a long-term, skills-based

Technical Focus

Thus, the project was created to supply product that would be able to seal roofs and especially the small 1mm-2mm holes, going up-to a max of 5mm which are the majority of the problems in rainy season.

This meant acquiring a product which could **seal quickly**, effectively and at a cost that would be **sustainable for the future**

A Commitment to Sustainability

In addition to supplying the initial product, we have committed to **support an ongoing supply of the materials required**. This ensures that local craftsmen can **maintain, scale, and build income independently**, reducing reliance on external aid and break the cycle of subsidies and hand-outs.

Local Impact

The **local craftsmen**, have now **started to train other local craftsmen** to use the technique, which has now created a new repair concept which **generates income** for the local families participating, and becoming **self-sufficient** in the future to order the product themselves to continue the work they are doing.

National Scale

With over 460,000 roofs registered at the last consensus, of which they believe there is another 30% to be still registered, the country suffers approximately **60% of roofs that require some maintenance or repair**.

Long Term Future

The project's success lies in its long-term sustainability, with potential for **employment, development, education, and training** in the years to come.

We would like to thank our supporters for **contributing** and **supporting** the project.

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