## HPHC DMV: Beverly Berndt's Newest Exciting Project in The Gambia

Achille Acolatse June 11, 2021

> Dear Capital Community Family Members, Our local sister, Beverly Berndt, is the National Messiah to The Gambia (in Africa). Over the years she has done numerous projects there, even bringing our 2nd Generation there to experience serving in another country. Now that things are opening up again she will be heading back (possibly with two young men) to The Gambia on the 20th for a new project creating training for women. She is trying to raise \$9000 to support this project. You can find out more about this project in the flyer below. If you would like to support this project you can make checks out to Gambia Project or send money to Beverly through Venmo or Cashapp. She will also be setting up a table at our church service on Sunday. Let's all pray for her safety and success while she is gone. Beverly Berndt 12204 Lisborough Rd. Bowie, MD 20720 240 486-0362

Thank you, --Pastor Achille Acolatse

# Fundraising Aims and Sustainability of the Project

Together with IRFF-UK (International Relief Friendship Foundation) we are raising \$9000 to set up and maintain this endeavor for the first four months. The first four month phase will provide skills training, starting with tie and dye, entrepreneurship, character education, and simple accounting for 25 young women.

The goal is to develop this into a self-sustaining program within a year and expand it to other nearby communities. The Village Development Committee of Sukuta is committed to creating a program that will assure the continuation of the project without external help. The main objective is to provide not only a temporary remedy but to enable continuous development and expansion.

#### Details on the building procedure

The Village Development Committee is providing a multipurpose centre with space for classes and hands-on skills training, meetings, and cultural activities. Construction is already underway with new fencing and the purchase of whiteboards and tables. GTSP will provide funds for materials, the Sukuta Skilled Men Association will provide free labor to install running water, sewage, and toilets.



We are very excited about this project, our scholarship program, and other projects and would love any tax-deductible support from you to assist in its development. **Thank you!** 

# Our Newest Exciting Project In The GAMBIA

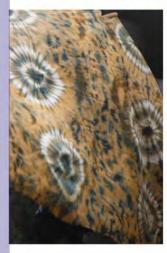
Girl's Empowerment and Skills Training Project

# **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

GESTP provides young women with an opportunity for education, a skillset and a brighter future in the town of Sukuta, and neighboring towns. New Hope Academy's Gambia Project is partnering with IRFF-UK and the Village Development Committee of Sukuta. The Gambia Project, a project of New Hope Educational Institute, a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, has been working in Sukuta and other areas in The Gambia for over 20 years. We have seen over and over again the resourcefulness, sincerity, and perseverance of the Gambian people when the opportunity arises.

### The Project

Sukuta Town is in Kombo North District, Gambia. This region of Gambia is very poor. Many young women lack access to education and therefore have no ability for financial independence. They see no option but to marry at an early age, which tends to lead to the continuation of the cycle of poverty.



The 'Girl's Empowerment and Skills Training Project' plans to renovate an existing building into a multipurpose facility enabling the education of young women in this community and nearby communities. The goal is to provide practical skills to the young women and empower women through mentoring in entrepreneurship, leadership and character education.



