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Preface

This document has been drawn up through collaboration between Brufut Diaspora Association (BDA) and CASA - Gambia.

The document is intended to guide the further function of CASA-Gambia in realizing her objectives with BDA. The immediate cause for the preparation of this document is for BDA and CASA-Gambia to expand the Labour Ward (delivery rooms) of Brufut Health Center.

This document is intended to serve two purposes:

1. Clarity for CASA-Gambia about the nature of the project and the task ahead for her organization.
2. As a motivation for BDA and other stakeholders to realise the viable nature of the project and how the project can be implemented together with Casa-Gambia

Introduction

In year 2015, a group of youth and friends abroad committed to the development of the Gambian people, particularly the deprived. The founders of the organisation acknowledged the vitality of the individual and the role of concerned groups in national development. This innovation is premised on the prevailing national economic situation which affects the ability of the target group to meet their basic needs and efficiently support the education of their children. It is envisaged that the beneficiary's quality of life will eventually be improved if they are given direct support based on their priorities and engaged on self-reliant economic activities of their choice for a reasonable length of time.

The founders are committed to work with the poor through an established charitable association to be called: CASA-Gambia (Community Action Support Association-Gambia). The Association shall always be in recognition of a beneficiary action as evidence of interest and feeling. CASA-Gambia is a non-governmental organisation; a non-political, non-religious and a non-profit making charitable association with the main thrust of poverty alleviation

Composition of project team

Casa Gambia consists of nine (9) members and four (4) consultants.

More information about Casa Gambia you can find on <https://casa-gambia.org>

This project will be sponsored by BDA.

Objective of CASA-Gambia

To improve the quality of life for the Gambian people by giving them direct support based on their priorities and engaged on self-reliant economic activities of their choice for a reasonable length of time.

The target areas are:

- Education
- Agriculture and sustainable energy including natural sources
- Health care
- Sports

Target groups

Priority of the project is to improve healthcare.

CASA-Gambia is focused on the expansion of Labour Ward of Brufut Health Center, because this is an area which need urgent intervention. This was revealed to the association after completing a month long information seeking on request of Brufut Diaspora Association who intend to sponsor a project at the facility. Among other challenges faced by the facility, it was proven that the ill equipped labour ward is serving far below its demand. This makes the area more crucial than others.

Obtained records from Brufut Health Center indicated an estimate of nine hundreds (900) deliveries yearly since 2014. On records, January, October and December registered the highest deliveries every year. During these months there are sometimes up to five deliveries in a day consequently these numbers cannot be accommodate because of the space of the labour room which clearly indicates the need to expand the ward.

According to the data obtained from Gambia Bureau of Statistics in year 2013 Population Census, Brufut is home to some 42,966 people, of which approximately 22, 257 are women. A rough estimation indicates that it has 10, 611 women of child-bearing age. By the population growth in the future, this number will be even greater.

According to the CIA World Fact book the Gambian population is growing which is indicated in the table below:

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2,29	2,23	n.a.	2,11	2,05

The estimated amount of people in Brufut at the end of 2017 is around 46.800 people, and this amount keeps increasing. After considering the recorded amounts of deliveries yearly since 2014 we believe the numbers make it clear that expansion is urgently needed in the said Health facility.

In terms of availability of health facilities and services for the whole area, the under resource and illequipped Brufut health center is the only Government Health Center in the area characterised by density and a fast growing population.

Problem statement

The health situation of the population of Brufut is characterized by:

1. Densely populated (about 46,800 inhabitants) area
2. Majority live in conditions prone to severe health related problems
3. Expected population growth through child-birth and migration
4. Inadequate space and limited number of delivery beds at health facility
5. Bad condition of the buildings in the facility due to irregular maintenance and care

Together with BDA, CASA-Gambia considered the expansion of the labour ward of Brufut Health centre as a priority and intend to put in all necessary amenities in the ward after completion of construction works.

Communication

To support the activities of CASA-Gambia it is necessary to present itself to the world.

This support focuses mainly on:

- Getting support for its activities at responsible authorities on the target areas of the Organization

- Effective cooperation with the population concerned and the government of the Gambia
- Recruiting sponsors for (co) financing of its projects

CASA Gambia does this by communicating through its own website (www.casa-gambia.org): report regularly on approach, motivation, her progress and the results achieved.

This project will be fully funded by Brufut Diaspora Association (BDA) and implemented by CASA – Gambia. The community of Brufut will be represented in the project by Village Development Committee. On the part of government, ministry of Health and Social welfare is expected to grant permission for the implementation of the project, give technical support on the project and to maintain the structure after realising the project.

With this feasibility study we also hope to get the cooperation, involvement and contribution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

Challenges

Important challenges in improving health care in Brufut are:

- Maintaining the standard of the facility after the project
- Appointing and maintaining qualified staff
- Instil trust in the heart of the people of Brufut on available resources and qualify staff at the facility
- Obtaining adequate equipment for the clinic to function effectively
- Creating and maintaining effective cooperation with the population and the Government.

Market Research

To meet these challenges, it is necessary to get support and thus possible material support from the "outside world". With BDA as main the financier of the project. Casa Gambia hopes to get support from genuine and concern citizens in the diaspora (BDA) to intervene whenever such needs arise. CASA-Gambia will use these opportunity to implement the project and get the highly expected result.

Organization concept

The Organization for the project setup for the expansion of the Labour Ward should be based on the following step-by-step approach:

1. preparation of the thorough feasibility study, highlighting the need for the project be demonstrated (essentially this document)
2. Draw up a project plan, in which the result to be achieved with requirements, wishes and constraints are described. The approach should also be defined uniquely from quality aspects, project organization, finances, time planning and communication within and outside the project.

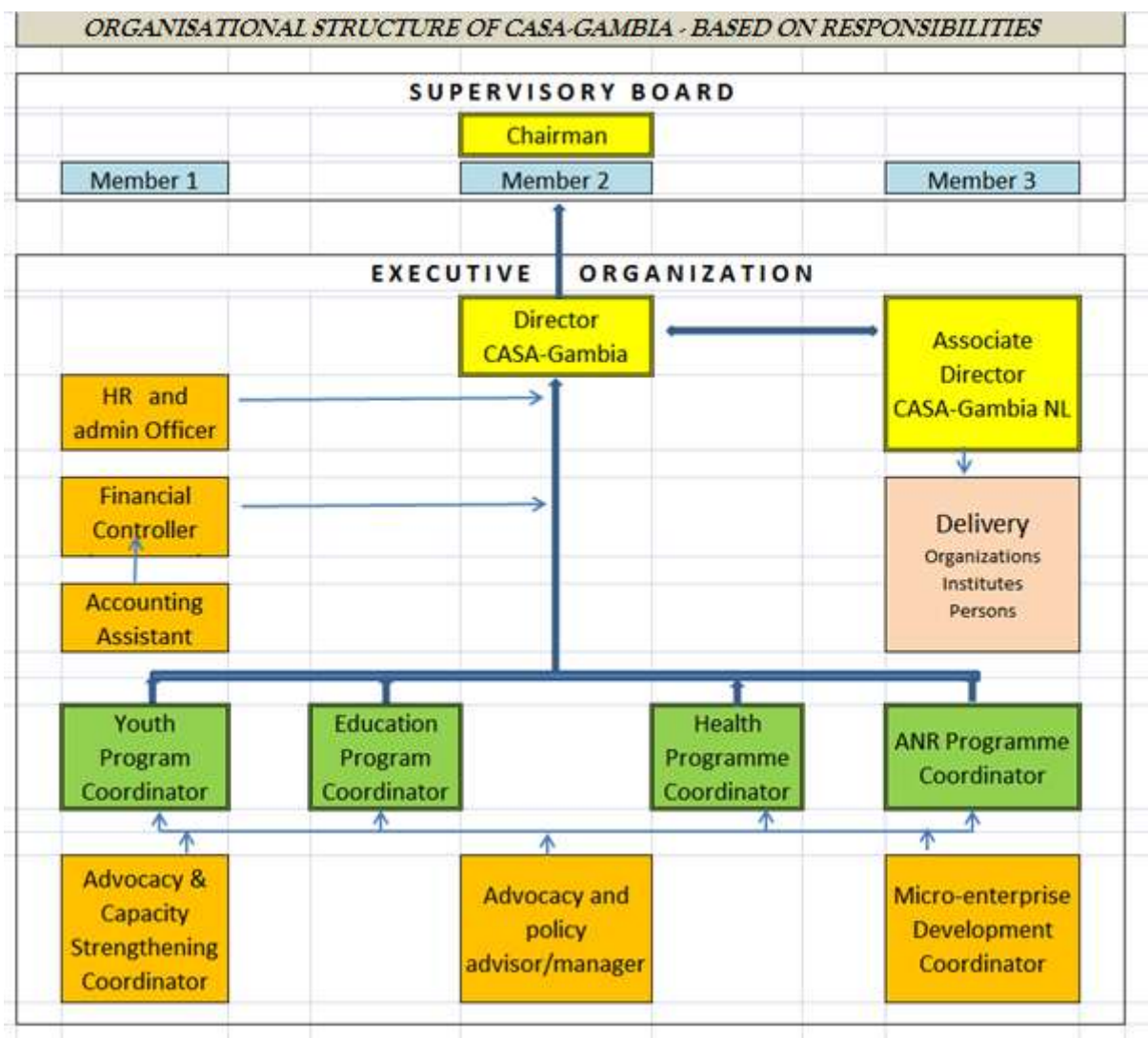
The purpose of this document is two-fold:

- A. controlling the project at run time
- B. Motivating the organization and persons to provide the require materials, finance, or human resources.

The first steps is to put together the yards of nine (9) members who are part of the CASA-Gambia organization. The proposal is then to:

- The distribution of tasks to members of CASA-Gambia will specifically be focused on the project, thus by assigning specific tasks to individuals as pointed under the above chapter "challenges".
- BDA will monitor and supervise the project, while ministry of Health through its concerned directorate will give advice and technical supports so that the project is realised as planned.

Appendix 1 Organogram of CASA-GAMBIA



Work plan

The work plan is broadly based on the activities that are described in previous chapters.

The steps sequence are as follows:

1. Feasibility study: to show viability of the project to stakeholders, especially the sponsor of the project
2. Tuning organization of CASA-Gambia on realising the expansion of Brufut Health Center Labour Ward
3. Identify and draw up Project Plan for the project
4. Cooperation between responsible parties involved in MOU's
5. Research to stakeholders
6. Implementation of the Project Plan
7. Updating the website and social media accounts of CASA-Gambia and BDA by placing specific information on status of the project

CASA-Gambia will make her own time table for the above work plan which will be shared with BDA

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Utilities and necessities are submitted by all responsible persons, concerned individuals and organizations identified and endorsed
- A first step has been taken by the cooperation between BDA and the CASA-Gambia organization
- Feasibility study is ready. The Project Plan is ready in concept
- The collaboration with other parties takes shape by MOU's

Costs

After the appointment with the regional director of health and the signing of MOU with Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, we are hoping that we will be able to make a good cost calculation with experts from the responsible department at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. With their advice and technical support, we anticipate the construction of a long-lasting structure.

In these proposed expansion CASA-Gambia is not only focused on the existing demand for delivery, but her attention and concern is more on the future.

With this feasibility study document, CASA-Gambia is hoping that all relevant stakeholders will collaborate with them in realising the project for improved healthcare delivery in Brufut and Gambia at large.