

Our Newest Projects

- Extending Water Service by Installing Water Taps and Water Mains— we have identified five areas in Nema Kunku where there is no readily accessible clean water taps. We estimate that providing such services to the other four areas we have not yet reached will cost between D10,000 (\$333) and D200,000 (\$6,700) for each tap.
- Also, we are identifying areas where there are not even water mains. We estimate that it will cost between D300-D650 (\$10-\$22) per meter to install water mains in which we can later install water taps.
- Completed a Nova Scotia Gambia Association training activity and began a health outreach program aimed at educating the public about HIV/AIDS, malaria, reproductive health and basic life skills.



How You Can Help

You can make a donation via PayPal, credit card or check through the Port of Harlem Gambian Education Partnership (POHGEP).

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**A rainbow over a baobab tree,
The Gambia, West Africa**

Who Are We?

The Baobab Youth Development Association (BYDA) is a legally registered, self-help, charitable community based association in The Gambia, West Africa. The association started when a group of young adults from the village of Nema Kunku casually discussed how they could help their community develop. From the informal discussion, they decided to take formal action and established the BYDA in May 2010.

BYDA has about 72 members, aged 18 to 45. Most of the members live in Nema Kunku, a densely populated, economically-challenged village south of Banjul, the capital city. There are about 26,000 people living in the village; about 60 percent are youth.

We Have Five Standing Committees

- Infrastructure – plans and executes programs that enhances the community's physical status
- Organization – plans and executes fundraising programs
- Sports – plans and executes soccer and wrestling activities
- Culture – plans and executes cultural and entertainment activities
- Health and Education – plans and executes health and other information dissemination programs and a scholarship program

What We Have Accomplished

1. Rehabilitated roads in Nema Kunku to facilitate easier access and passage to medical care and other basic necessities during the rainy season when the village's dirt roads become riddled with potholes and water making passage very problematic. With donated money, we manage the buying of gravel, hiring of trucks and the feeding of BYDA road repair volunteers during the work session.
2. Neighbourhood Clean-Ups included the clearing of dumped areas and having to create and restate rules against dumping, backed by the government, to maintain a healthy environment.
3. In June 2012, BYDA created a community clean water tap, which benefits about 1,000 people. The tap cost D10,000 (\$330).
4. Annually since 2011, arranged for 20 Latrikunda Lower Basic (public) school

students to receive scholarships. Each scholarship cost D1,425 (\$50) and provides the student books, a uniform and shoes. The scholarships also cover exam, school and study fees.

5. In 2011, we facilitated the installation of playground equipment by the Dutch-based Gambia Speelt Mee at the Nema Kunku Nursery School, which, like BYDA, is supported by the American-based Port of Harlem Gambian Education Partnership. In April 2012, we provided the free labor needed to replace the corrugated roof at the school.
6. In 2012, organized the Nema Kunku community's annual football (soccer) tournament for 15 to 20-year-olds. About 200 youth participated in the sport and hundreds participated as spectators. The multi-game tournament costs D60,000 (\$2,000).
7. In June 2011, made bread more affordable during Ramadan by baking and selling the bread for D4 (\$0.13) versus the market rate of D5 (\$0.17).

