

**Statement by the Executive Director
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BHA enters into the first Quota with a remarkable confidence to improve the educational standards of the program beneficiaries. With sharpened clarity on approach and improved knowledge and talent base, the organization was poised to leap ahead to cover other untouched marginalized and forgotten children who need basic education

As the Executive of BHA I feel proud to present our first sponsorship program Report to GlobalGiving and our donors, which provides you a glimpse of what we did and achieved this three month through our synergized effort. BHA is reaching the most marginalized sector of our society, that is vulnerable children with focus on providing more educational opportunities for vulnerable children and supporting their families to steer the process of their own development which has been our primary goal. In the process, we successfully supported 15 children with their educational needs.

BHA has extended its presence in two Regions (Upper River Region and Central Regions) by employing two Regional Coordinators who assist us with our regional programs. This has strengthened the relationship with us, the children and communities that we serve hence they see our presence and working with them every day.

Let me end this statement by acknowledging that the strength of BHA based on our dedicated staff and volunteers who sacrifice their time to make change possible. Thanks to our donors and GlobalGiving for their technical support and facilitating the available of fund to support this program for the pasted three months. We are looking forward to more years to come where we will have the opportunity to work with you and save more lives and create opportunity for more children to go to school.

Within the month of April this year 15 children received educational materials and this will increase and improve their school performances.



Mariama Saho have been one of the child who started with us on the sponsorship program. She has shown a lot of interest with her educational studies and has grown up speaking English which is one of the achievements she can be proud of. According to her, if she did not have the opportunity for this support she could have been enrolled into an Islamic school where she will not have the opportunity to speak English and there could have been not opportunity to get admission in future into higher educational school such as to the university.

One good part of it is that she is now helping her siblings with their lessons at home and have been an impression to other girls within her village to understand the model education is the best for a girl child which enable her to know her rights and protect herself from domestic violence and other kind of abuse.

This type of success and achievement have inspired and motivated BHA staff and volunteers to work tirelessly to ensure that the children received the required support for their basic education including working with more partners who share our vision.



Binta Sanyang have successfully completed her second term examination, she looks forward to be enrolled into one of the senior secondary school where she has to spend another 3 years in order to complete her secondary education.

There is no doubt that she will like to further her educational after completing her secondary education because of the ambition in her to attend to a good educational qualification which we enable her to get a good job. She has always wanting to help the sibling and the parent.



Should any child be so proud to have the opportunity to go to model school, please name Alieu O Joof as one of them.

Alieu have always show that it has been a great opportunity to go to school. His performances have been outstanding.

Recommendation

- To look for more opportunity to enroll more children to school
- Consideration to be given by the donors regarding increase on the cost of items
- Consideration to be given for the provision of sanitizers for children in the schools