

Transport Project In Gambia

Outline

The project has been created after visiting The Gambia over a period of 2 years. The project was set-up to focus on how to help a sustainable project that would allow individuals or groups of people to be transported for work, school, development or simply a necessity such as hospital checkups etc.

In The Gambia, we met with various individuals and organizations to get a full overview of what they needed, required and what is missing. It became apparent that one sector we wanted to help was women and kids either getting to work or to school, while also staying sustainable through local income generation and the need not to have subsidies or hand-outs. Our main goal with all the projects we initiate, is to make them sustainable, so our slogan of “give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime” is applied to all we do.

Project

The transport and local micro financing project is to provide 7-seater vehicles (Seat Alhambra, VW Sharan) which can be used throughout the day from early morning till late evening, thus providing the maximum resource to service the designated project. Example is that the cars can transport kids to school, then be used for women to go to work, then for commercial pickups to fund the project, then again to return kids and women safely home.

One of our sectors within the project, is young women travelling to work routinely and safely. There is a large growing network of young women who are wanting to work or are young entrepreneurs wanting to have their own jobs and income, but due to transport not available or not at convenient times, the idea of using the cars is perfect and adds the ability for these young women to go and earn their own income, while being able to rely on transport specifically set up for them to use.

Project Overview

We are going to support the project by supplying 2 vehicles each 6 months for the following 2 years. The vehicles will be purchased in the Netherlands, serviced, fixed, provided with an extra set of wheels, a spare refurbished airco (there are no replacement aircos in Gambia and cars that break, are then not repaired) to go to gambia with a complete set of 7 chairs.

The cars can be driven by volunteers to The gambia, or shipped if shipping rates are cheaper. We have already worked out the cost to drive, which is cost effective, with specific locations of refueling. The first vehicles will be driven to gain publicity and social media to the project.

Local Support

During our visits over the last 2 years, we have been able to acquire honest, trustworthy and dedicated people to assist who are locally situated and know the local laws, customs and people to seek help from. Amadou Jallow or “Ams”, wanted to be involved with the project, as he has been living in the Gambia his whole life and operates a current driving service. His

inspiration and drive to help local people to become sustainable and self-sufficient is a key to teaching and encouraging people to take their own destiny in their hands. His drive and dedication are superb, and he sees this as a way to empower local women to be able to create their own work and futures, for kids to get education and to generally improve the welfare of the local area.

What do we need

We are looking for support in this project either financial, contributions, support, services or time. As per our discussion, we came to the show room the other day to explain the projects goals. We would greatly appreciate if you could look at the first of 2 cars that are already bought, give them a service, check them out, and if you see items that are of concern, to then repair them or let us know what it might cost to do so.

Anything that you put into the project saves money on the project, which then goes to buying other vehicles, getting tyres, airco etc for the future vehicles. This project is totally a charity/volunteer project and self-funded by the people we work with or ourselves. There are no reimbursements or cash taken out of the project to pay for our services.

If you could provide the following we would be most grateful:

- A full Service for the Alhambra/Sharan.
- Replacement of parts that are required if possible (please remember its going overseas).
- If you have 4 extra tyres to go with the car to Gambia it would be appreciated (but not a must if it's too much or you don't have).
- A spare airco pump (if you have a refurbished).
- Need 3 extra charis (currently looking for them).

What we would do for your help

- Make you a co-sponsor/donor of the project.
- You would receive mentions in all correspondence and any local media.
- All online videos would mention your name.
- All social media for the travel to mention your name.
- A sponsor/donor logo on the new website of the project as a donor or sponsor.

General

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to read what we have written. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to email info@vimgentis.com