

# Roofing Project

## Description

3-year project to provide the local craftsmen in The Gambia with a cost-effective solution to replacing or repairing leaking roofs. The project has focused on the concept to do preventative maintenance, repair and extended life expectancy of the roofs and materials used.

The project was conceived from a visit by a Dutch lady, who had asked us to look at how to solve leaking roofs cost effectively, and as an alternative to costly replacements of existing roofs. Our team looked at the project from various angles, and applied the saying of "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime".

Thus, the project was created to supply product that would be able to seal roofs and especially the small 1mm-2mm holes, going up-to a max of 5mm which are the majority of the problems in rainy season. This meant acquiring a product could seal quickly, effectively and at a cost that would be sustainable for the future.

In addition to supplying the initial product, we have committed to support an ongoing supply of the materials required, so that local craftsmen can become sustainable, generate income and break the cycle of subsidies and hand-outs.

The local craftsmen, have now started to train other local craftsmen to use the technique, which has now created a new repair concept which generates income for the local families participating, and becoming self-sufficient in the future to order the product themselves to continue the work they are doing

With over 460,000 roofs registered at the last consensus, of which they believe there is another 30% to be still registered, the country suffers approximately 60% of roofs that require some maintenance or repair.

The project has longevity and a sustainability that will see employment, development, education and training for the future years to come.

We would like to thank our supporters for contributing and supporting the project.