



# BIKE FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM



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## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER



It is my great pleasure to welcome my friends to this great initiative, We are dedicated to improve the quality of live for children and youths through bikes.

Technical expertise is not in itself a guarantee of success, it must be accompanied by an ability to adapt and acquire new skills that enable action to change. And we know that the Bike for school program can develop these skills and accelerate the development that is required among young people

As you may know, it has been a hard work to convince my fellow young women to engage in this program, but with my experience during this program as the leader of the program I have seen that there is a growing body of evidence that women's skill and economic empowerment is good for societies and for development.

Our partners and beneficiaries have see we share a great ambition, which gives me a great responsibility towards expanding our program. I know that we share this ambitions together, and

I thank you in advance for joining and making a contribution to support this program I count on your commitment and support and you can count on the commitment from me and my team.





Suleiman is a young boy of 23 years, His parent has eight children and he is the third child. At the age of 21 year, Suleiman took a life journey to go to Europe through what is popularly known as back way. He was sucked in Niger where he was resisted by the border security agent not to proceed to Libya. He spent a long time there trying to find his way. But after three months of trial he decided to come back to his country the Gambia. Upon his return his parent quickly got him a wife and today he is married and soon the wife will give birth. Suleiman was the first who join the bike mechanic team and today he has the skill to repair bike and through this program he now owns a bike shop and he is happy with it. . Suleiman said “I never know that I can do more important things in my country and having a skill of this type that have exposed me to a greater opportunities in my life. I am now certain that I can build my own family from the skill I have gain from this bike for school program”



Fatoumata Sowe is in grade 8 she formally walk a total of four kilometer from her village to the next village where her school Fulla Bantang Basic Cycle School is located. What makes is more difficult for her is that she is a little bit psychically challenged . But with the support given to her through the bike for school program it helps her to ride to school and cover more hours of studies in the class rather than arriving to the class when the first subject has finished . Fatoumata was very pleased that she can now ride to school . When she proudly received the bike she joyfully said to our field officer “ Today my heart is full of joy and I so proud that I can reach my school and time and I hope I will pass all my subject in the next academic year”



Hoja Camara is a girl of 9 years old she is in grade 4. she cover a total of 5km to go and come back from her school every day. Sometimes she arrives back to her school by 7 to 8pm everyday from school because she has to work a long distance before she could get home. Now Hoja has a bike which is given to her from the Bike to school program.

Now it takes her only thirty minutes to reach to her school and thirty minutes to get back home. Her father said that it is a big relieve for him because sometimes he has to go to the school by himself to assure the safety return of her daughter especially when the place is getting dark.