

# Circle of Friends donates D3M to Sukuta Upper Basic School Library

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Sukuta Upper Basic and Senior Secondary School library have received a financial donation of one million dalasis from Circle of Friends Sukuta-Moormerland; a German-based Charity.

The school library project started in 2015 by the board of the Circle of Friends, the school administration and the management committee. Circle of Friends Sukuta-Moormerland provided 30, 000 euros, equivalent to D1, 680, 000, 00, while the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education agreed to provide D500, 000, 00.

Holger Schneider, chairman of Circle of Friends Sukuta-Moormerland was accompanied to The Gambia by Secretary Dr. Eberhard Erbsloh and other Circle of Friends Sukuta-Moormerland committee members.

The group also brought some education materials which were donated to the school, including chalks, blackboards, books, photocopier and footballs. They also provided English language and Mathematics textbooks and 1, 350 General Science textbooks.

Mr. Schneider said; "We have worked for hundreds of hours to realise this project and we were confident that we could start the building in January 2018. In 2017, we submitted the documents to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to apply for funding for this new building."

He said they recently conducted a partnership discussion where they had an agreement to construct the school library, saying they hope to sign the agreement before returning to Germany. "Even though the complete construction sum is not yet available, all partners hope that the library construction project will be completed by 2020. We still need financial support both in The Gambia and in Germany," he noted.

Mr. Schneider said they are optimistic that they will succeed, appealing for support to cover the remaining financing of the project.

Principal Haddy Sosseh said since the creation of the charity in 1988, it has been significantly contributing to the school's development.

School management committee chairman Saikou Fatty commended Circle of Friends Sukuta-Moormerland for their contribution to the school's development.

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