

## Yiriwaa report 2012

### **1. Introduction**

In 2012 the Gambian board of the Yiriwaa Foundation was working under the name of Kairoh Garden Foundation. It was the ambition to grow from 60 until 90 students and we succeed in that. The year 2012 was also spend to grow in quality: to create a Yiriwaa feeling and to invest in the monitoring of students and contact persons.

In this report we give the overview of the students, the financial overview, the activities we undertook and the ideas we have for the year 2013.

### **2. The Yiriwaa students 2012**

In January 2011 we started with 15 students and at the end of 2011 we grow up to 61 students. At the end of 2012 we count 97 students.

In 2012 we also lost some students:

- 3 finished their schooling
- 2 boys traveled illegal to Libya
- one boy passed away
- one boy was not motivated anymore to go to school
- one girl left school because her parents took her out of the school

At 31 December 2012 we have the following students:

Lower Basic School grade 1-6 : 33 students: 21 boys, 12 girls

Upper Basic School grade 7-9 : 29 students: 14 boys, 15 girls

Secondary Senior School grade 10-12: 33 students, 19 boys, 14 girls

Other type of schooling : 2 students, 2 boys

Boys, girls and region of The Gambia

	<b>West</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>
<b>Total</b>	40	37	20
<b>Boy</b>	19	26	11
<b>Girl</b>	21	11	9

### 3. Financial overview

The balance at 31-12-2011 was	€ 3.682
In 2012 we received from Yiriwaa Foundation Gambia the amount of	<u>€14.950</u>
	€18.632
Expenses made in 2012	<u>€10.167</u>
Balance at 31-12-2012	€ 8.465

Not all the school-, study and exam fees from the current students were paid at the end of 2012 because some costs were spread out in the academic year. The balance will cover the remaining costs.

### Expenses 2012

	west	central	east	total
School- and exam fees, school fund, book bills	4188	765	507	5460
School materials, study classes	575	708	206	1489
Transport costs students	550	0	0	550
Yiriwaa group activities				1787
Board				881
<b>Total</b>				<b>10167</b>

In the attached excel sheet you can find the details of the expenses 2012.

### 4. The activities in 2012

To create a Yiriwaa feeling and –community we organize the following activities for the students:

- a student meeting day in every region at the time the Dutch board of Yiriwaa was in the Gambia in March 2012
- a student meeting day in January 2012 in the Western Region about the value of education
- to invite guests of Kairoh Garden to share their knowledge with students: some guests give workshops in the Western Region
- in the Eastern Region the contact person organizes every month a meeting with the students. The meeting is mentioned to encourage the students and to hear their problems so the contact person can take action when necessary
- in the Central Region the contact person starts in the last quarter of 2012 to invite the students every first Saturday of the month about the problems and questions they have

In 2012 we organized one meeting with the Dutch and Gambian board and the contact persons and 4 meetings with the Gambian board. It was our intention to organize more meetings with the contact persons, but because they are living far from each other, we don't succeed in that. So the contacts with the contact persons were more bilateral.

## **5. The ideas the Gambian board has for the year 2013**

### For the students:

- We had to make a clear policy about what happened when students are leaving the school before they are finished.
- We like to continue to organize regularly events for the students. Purpose is:
  - \* to create a Yiriwaa feeling and -community
  - \* to know each other and to hear and see their improvement and problems
  - \* to give new experiences and new knowledge to support the quality of their education

### For the Board and Contact persons

#### Contactpersons:

- It is still a point of attention to invest in good communication with the contactpersons. Special now the contact persons in Central and East have their own Yiriwaa budget. The board have to give clear instructions shat is their authorization, in how they had to spend the money, how to record that and how to monitor them.
- We are thinking to divide the Western Region in Kombo North (Banjul-Serekunda) and Kombo South (Brikama). We had to look then for an extra contact person

#### Board:

- We see that it is also important to see each other every month. It was our intention to do, but we don't succeed to organize that. We had to invest in a strong cooperation what is based in trust and commitment. Everybody had to know better what is the meaning of their position in the board and what is their responsibility.

#### In general:

- In 2012 the Dutch board starts with the project to use internet colleges for the Yiriwaa Students. In November a volunteer started with investigation and experimentations about how classes by internet can be used to support the learning process of the students. In 2013 we like to look how we can organize this on a regular way in each region.
- For every initiative we undertake, we had to look how we keep connected with the teachers (and parents) of the students.
- We like to promote the Kairoh Garden Foundation and Yiriwaa on different ways. Every year more persons start to know us. So it is time to promote our selves before others are doing that. One of the ideas is to invite some journalists when we organize the next students meetings day. Next to that we are going to inform the Regional Education Officers in each region where Yiriwaa is active.