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The Death of Baboucarr Sanneh



Sadly we must report the loss of another villager from Genieri.

Here we have Baboucarr at around 12 years of age, looking after a little girl who was orphaned at birth, but could often be seen hand in hand with Baboucarr, who looked after her a lot.

Baboucarr was just 18 years old when he died a few days ago, one of the 6 children of Sutay and Fatou Sanneh.

We've known the family for most of Baboucarr's short life.

The death must have been particularly swift, as we received no notification of a problem from the family, or any plea for help.



Unsurprisingly his death was caused by Malaria, and equally unsurprising is that it happened during or towards the end of their rainy season, as this is a characteristic peak period for this hideous disease when hunger is at its peak.

He was a quiet and unassuming lad and quite dedicated to his family. Wanting little more than to remain in Genieri and tend the family compound gardens, he could often be seen amongst the crops helping feed the family.

He didn't get much of a chance.

Malaria is certainly one of the scourges of Sub-Saharan Africa, causing 25% of deaths in the 1 – 4 year age group, and almost 11% of all deaths in 1 - 14 year age group. So, we think we're doing the right thing by feeding the children while they're still young, building up their immune system, and helping disrupt the well-recognised synergy between Malnutrition/Undernutrition on one side and Malaria on the other.

BETWEEN US WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. PLEASE KEEP HELPING US.

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