

Genieri Collections - Newsletter No.9 – March 2018

An Update

Progress with food security



Things are going very well in the Village with food security, with the new Ladies Gardens being brought to a high level of productivity thanks to the ladies themselves and the efforts of the Garden Manager, Sulayman Sanneh. It's difficult to appreciate just how meaningful the simple basket of onions in the picture is to the village.

We noticed that the Day Care Centre bought less rice this month, but more high value food with our contribution, as the email extract shows. It's interesting that the Centre chose to buy **BOTH** potatoes and sardines, significantly improving on the normal dietary qualities. This has all the signs of welcome news.

We're glad also to know that the money we send for foodstuffs has eased the burden on a sister charity, allowing that charity to engage in more developmental projects towards sustainability. They have considerably more experience here than we do. It's your own donations that are both feeding the children and helping the Village migrate towards sustainability.

Greeting to you all for supporting the feeding programme.

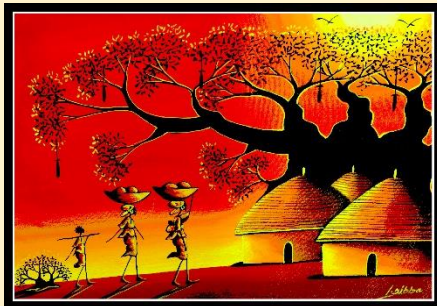
Item	qt	unitcost	Total
Rice	2	D1250	D2250
Oil	3 gallons (20L)	D1100	D3300
Onion	2 bags	D750	D1500
Blackpepper	1 kg	D600	D 600
Potatos	2 bags	D750	D1500
Sardine	3 carteen	D750	D2250
Mage cube	2 pkts	D125	D 250
Fare			D150
Total			D11800

The Toilet Project.

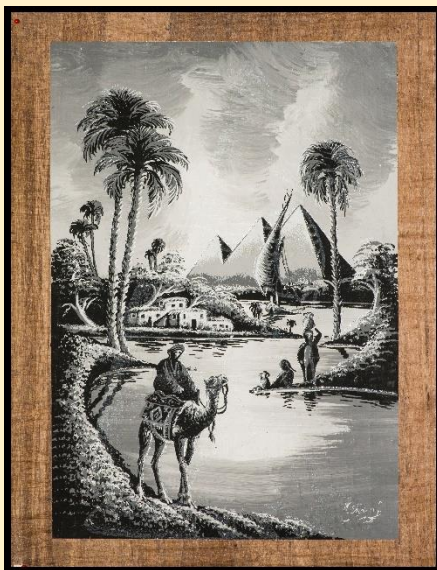
This project is progressing, but on GMT (Gambia Maybe Time), as the Village has elected to completely renew the entire toilet block for the Day Care Centre, with our contribution helping them along. Having seen the existing facilities we both think that this is well worth waiting for - so very badly needed. We'll continue to monitor the new toilet provision of course, and let you know about progress.



What next?



Our minds have recently turned to trying to find new ways of helping a wee bit more, and we're now contemplating starting a small business on behalf of the Village. This will comprise of online selling of artwork reproductions of material we have collected mainly from India, Africa and Egypt over the last 30 or so years. We find the artwork beautiful, and hope that quality prints would sell well.



This will hopefully generate significant money for the Village, as we would only require recovery of materials and postage costs. That is, **ALL** "profit" would go directly to Genieri.

This could bring significant benefit to the Village, for instance in improving their ability to irrigate the increasing quantity of food crop they're managing to grow.



Any thoughts you may have on this would be greatly appreciated.