

Education and Resource Center for Children Project

After School Support Classes

Unique Foundation The Gambia (UF) focuses on providing children and youth with quality education and equal opportunities that aims to inspire dreams among those who, otherwise, do not stand a chance. Through a seed grant support from **The Pollination Project Foundation (USA)**, UF successfully started a volunteer-run community-based study center in Chupe Town Dippa-kunda, The Gambia to help increase underprivileged children access to learning materials, such as text books, mentors and tutors.

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The primary aims of this project “Education and Resource Center for Children” are to:

- Improve education quality and learning achievement of underprivileged children in the community by increasing access to textbooks, mentors and tutors for the children,
- providing free evening tuitions and supervised study sessions and intensive coaching in core subjects like English, Math and Science,
- Preventing children from becoming involved in anti-social activities which are ramped in the urban slums by engaging them in constructive activity every evening.
- reducing the number of children abandoning school and increasing the number of children who enroll in school and attend regularly and
- Guiding the school dropout children towards formal education and/or vocational studies that suit them best, which will enable them to succeed, build confidence and courage towards future challenges.
- Providing illiteracy classes for uneducated women and youth
- Training and equipping unemployed youths and teenage mothers with income generating skills

Due to insufficient supplies of learning materials in public schools, underprivileged children performances in their exams are poor. Most parents are unable to help their children with school work at home because they are uneducated and there is the non-availability of conducive space for learning in most homes because of the above education and resource center was started. Currently, we are providing study facilities, test-books, coaching, and private tutoring for school-going and non-schooling children for free in Chupe Town Dippa-kunda, Kanifing Municipal, The Gambia.

We are not just helping to improve children’s learning but we are equally teaching technical skills that will enable children to succeed, and these set of skills include computer coding and programming because we want our children to be thinkers and innovators who can bring their ideas to life, and we know that programming will give children the confidence that they can be designers and builders that will use their programming skills to build things that could change the world.

Currently, we have more than 120 children who come from underprivileged families that attend our free evening tuitions classes. These children attend classes at different times during the evening hours. Most of these children’s parents are uneducated, and are unable to help their children with school work and assignments. The center is providing this needed help. There are many More children like the once we have want to join us but due to limited spaces, text books and classroom furnishings in the center, we try to send many of the deserving children away.

We desire to help many more deserving children in Dippa-kunda and it surrounding communities develop a sense of self-worth and help them grow to be mature persons mentally, socially and emotionally so that they can eventually earn a better future and cope with the world around them.

What the project has accomplished since we started include:

- Mentoring and helping more than 120 deserving children with their school work, providing them extra moral classes, teaching them Children's rights education and computer educations.

- We started adult literacy classes for uneducated youths and women currently; we have more 12 adult in our adult classes. We are also providing computer lessons such as graphics design to unemployed youths at the center.
- We have mistermmed 6 out of school children back to school since the program started last November, 2017. These were children who dropped out of school but through the resource center, they gain back their interest in education. By September, we have more than 13 children who will be starting school for the first time and 8 dropout children will be going back to school.

Success of the Project

This project is continual, it is to reach all parts of the nation but because of limited resources at present, the organization focuses on Chupe Town Dippa-kunda, Kanifing Municipal and its environ. At the end of the two years by November, 2019 this project is expected to meet the estimation of 595 vulnerable people living in and around Chupe Town Dippa-kunda, Kanifing Municipal. This will include: 350 school going children • 100 non-school going children • 75 uneducated youths, women, and teenage mothers • 30 unemployed youths. Furthermore, the children are expected to greatly improve at English (writing and speaking), Mathematics, and Sciences, to understand the basics understanding of the computer operating, be able to surf the net to acquire needed information, discover the artistic nature in themselves in craft and sport respectively. The successful children who passed the final West African Senior Secondary School Examination that are ready to mentor others will be given the opportunity.

Pictures taken at the center:





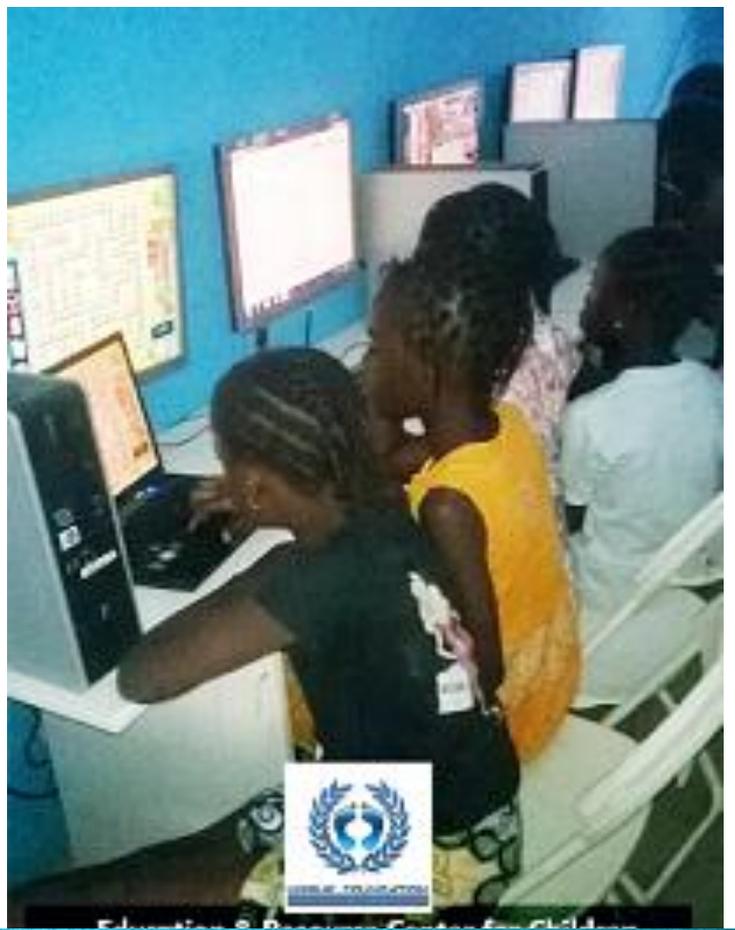
















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