

MBG News – March 2020



Dear friends,

These are unprecedented times and we wanted to share with you the situation of our friends and colleagues in Gunjur.

Gunjur Update

Gunjur Community Link volunteer Essa Sumareh shared an update yesterday:



“We are all feeling the impact here in Gunjur, though no full lock down is in place yet. Schools have been closed since the 12th March but people are still going to work as normal.

Food prices in Gunjur have started to go up with a bag of rice raised from D1200 to D1500 a 50Kg bag (£20 to £25). Cooking oil, onions and potatoes have all increased in price, so this is a major concern.

“With poor health systems here, people are very worried about how deadly the virus may be.

“According to the news, so far there have been two cases in The Gambia, one lady who travelled from the UK and she is recovering at MRC and the other is a Bangladeshi national who died in Banjul hospital, he was an Islamic scholar on a preaching mission to the country.

“Associations and groups here in Gunjur are distributing soaps, bucket taps and hand sanitisers to residents to keep clean and defeat this pandemic.



The normally packed Gunjur high street nearly deserted.

MBG update

The out break of Covid-19 obviously means that the 13th Annual MBG Quiz will no longer be happening in April.

We had hoped to secure a new date for October, but quite understandably St. John's is not taking future bookings at this time.

We will confirm a new date as soon as possible, through it may not be for some time.

The 2020 three week summer trip for St. John's students for late June/July is still currently going ahead, though we will continue to assess the changing situation and follow the medical advice of both the FCO and The Gambian government.

MBG is contacting all its partner organisations who operate in Gunjur to assess their needs at this time and look to see what support we may be able to offer. We wish them and all their staff well.

The MBG AGM will be delayed until later in the year though the trustees will look to pull together the 2019 annual report.

Until next time, stay safe and our best wishes to you all

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