

Remarks

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Ambassador's Self-Help Program

Ten Toubab High School – Project Inauguration

Department of Thiès

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Asalamu Alekum, Mbooloomi !

Greetings of Peace

Mbokki Sindia!

Oh people of Sindia!

Mangi leen di nuyu, ku ci nekk ci sa tuur ak sa sante !

We greet each of you by your name and by your family name.

On behalf of the Ambassador of the United States of America to Senegal, Lewis Lukens, it is with great pleasure that I come to Sindia [**Sin ज्या**] to commemorate our partnership that has improved students' daily classroom experience. The U.S. Government is honored to have financially contributed towards the Parents' Association's goal of increasing school capacity.

The Parents' Association of Sindia [**Sin ज्या**] is one of the organizations that captured the interest of the U.S. Embassy thanks to their motivation and initiative in striving to improve the educational facilities in their community. Through the assistance given by the Government of the United States to this school, I hope that students may more comfortably focus on their primary task of learning.

The Ambassador's Self-Help Program at the United States Embassy supports local, and community-based initiatives and micro-projects. This program traditionally targets community groups, cooperatives, associations, and well-organized village committees devoted to the development of their community. By partnering with community groups throughout Senegal, we support their efforts to develop and invest in projects that respond to local needs and provide tangible benefits.

The United States of America and the Government of Senegal share the profound conviction in educating our children for a brighter future. We are committed to promoting the work of Parents' Associations and other civic groups throughout Senegal by providing our support.

I congratulate the Parents' Association of Ten Toubab High School for matching the Embassy's contribution. I wish the Association and everyone of you – students and teachers - every success in your future endeavors.

Gaccé ngaalaama yeen / wa Diass !

We are proud of you!

Jeureujeuf ! Wasalaam !

Thank you. Peace be with you.