

# Project Summary updated 22-04-2009

## 'Technical and Administrative Support to La Maison de la Gare (MDG) St. Louis Senegal.

### 1. Purpose:

- a. To provide substantial support and technical assistance to MDG via means of the SDGI network and knowledge management services.
- b. To support and strengthen the administrative capacity of MDG
- c. To facilitate communication and networking with local and international current and potential partners.

### 2. Project Background:

Many street children in Senegal, locally known as 'talibés', live under the patronage of Islamic teachers, called 'Marabouts.' The children often brought from rural areas to towns where they enroll in Qur'anic educational facilities called Daaras. Due to the meager conditions in the Daara many of the children have come to resort to begging. The current education for the children has proved to be inadequate as many remain illiterate without adequate housing and with few prospects for eventually integrating in a national educational context.

### 3. Parties involved:

- a. **SDGI** is an International Organization (INGO) with a global outreach. The organization seeks to promote pioneering sustainable solutions to modern global challenges and function as a broker and facilitators for projects between identified potential partners.
- b. **La Maison de la Gare (MDG)** is a grass roots NGO which is actively working to improve conditions for the street children of Saint-Louis, Senegal, West Africa. MDG aims to provide for the most basic rudimentary needs of the children as well as develop an alternative educational curriculum which will allow for the children to integrate into the national education system. MDG also provides vocational training for 'talibés,' in order to ameliorate future employment possibilities.
- c. **The MDG Network** is a communication platform for current and potential MDG partners. The network serves to co-ordinate the activities of all MDG partners. The network is currently comprised of four organization and several private initiatives.

### 4. Project Plan 2009 (Summary):

In 2008 SDGI conducted a field mission which enabled for the effective partnership between SDGI and MDG. Immediate and medium term needs were identified in consultative sessions with MDG which has also been at the foundation for the following project plan. Identified goals are as follows:

- a. **Facilitate an administrative platform for the expansion of MDG activities.**
- b. **Advise on an income model for MDG expenditures related to educational programmes for the children.**

- c. **Facilitate, in consultation with various national and international actors, the creation of a curriculum** which will enable the integration of the children into the national education system. Such efforts will require the participation of Marabouts, local organizations, as well as the approval and validation from national educational authorities.
- d. **Set up a locally based apprentice programme for vocational training** and potentially pilot with the 10 children.
- e. **Identify and consolidate a network of local and international organizations**, which can potentially exchange services and burden sharing in relation to identified needs which are not provided by MDG.
- f. **Consolidate the electronic platform at [www.mdgsl.com](http://www.mdgsl.com)** in order to facilitate promotion of MDG activities and further networking.
- g. **Conduct a second field mission to St. Louis, Senegal** in order to follow up on previous goals.
- h. **Evaluation and identification of medical needs** together with one or several international partners such as medical institutes, international organizations or other relevant parties.

**5. Other:**

While SDGI is constantly coordinating its efforts with other partners in the MDG Network it is also noteworthy to highlight that SDGI is also being consulted in relation to other MDG activities such as the accusation of land/ identification of adequate location to house the centre etc.

SDGI is conducting this its mandate with MDG from Stockholm Sweden,

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