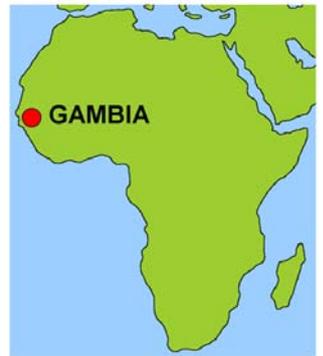# The Gambia

Gambia is one of Africa's smallest countries compared to its West African neighbours. It has enjoyed long spells of stability since independence. Gambia is also known as Republic of The Gambia, the capital city of this country is Banjul. The major languages spoken there are: English, Mandinka, Wolof and Fula. The major religions in Gambia are: Islam and Christianity.

As most of you know that the purpose of Ahmaddiya Muslim Jamaat is to preach and spread the message of Islam.

The Ahmaddiya Jamaat was established in Gambia, in 1961; the first person to accept Ahmadiyyat was: Sidi Mucktar Mydara in 1967 from Georgetown mid. After that many people in Gambia accepted Ahmaddiyat.
The first ahmadi General- Governor was also from Gambia named: Al-Haj Sir Famara Mohammad Singhate.

A prophecy fulfilled

A famous revelation of the Promised Messiah (AS) is: "Kings would seek blessings from your garments." This prophecy was first fulfilled during the time of the Third Caliphate in the person of Sir Singhate who was elected Governor General of Gambia, West Africa. Governor General holds the highest office in a state. Mr. Singhate, a devout Muslim, was previously president of all the Ahmadiyya branches in Gambia.

Source: www.alislam.org

The Ahmaddiyya Muslim Community has helped Gambian Jamaat since 1921; this is when the first missionary was sent to West Africa including Gambia:

- Building mosques in four different cities:

 - Ahmadiyya Mosque in Saba
 - Ahmadiyya Mosque in Burock
 - Ahmadiyya Mosque in Latrikunda
 - Ahmadiyya Mosque (Baitus Salam Mosque) in Talinding Kunjang

Ahmadiyya Mosque, Saba - Gambia

- Building school: Masroor School

'Masroor School goes from strength to strength'

The Masroor High School in the HF (Humanity First) Old Yundum Campus is going from strength to strength. The school now has around 700 pupils studying in two shifts. Results from the recent national exams have been very encouraging. HF has a full roster of teachers covering a full curriculum of subjects including Maths, Sciences, and English, Economics, History, Agriculture, Geography, Accounting, IT, Physical Education and IT. Further investments are being made by HF in the Science Labs, sports field, IT Labs and Library.

Source: www.humanityfirst.org

- IT Centres:

HF now has 4 IT centres running in the Gambia and almost 4,500 students have so far graduated in a range of courses including Microsoft Office, Infrastructure Management and Internet.

Source: www.humanityfirst.org

- Hospitals:

The hospitals provided by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were established in 1970 after Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the Khalifatul Masih III made the historic visit to West Africa and Gambia was one of them.

Source: www.alislam.org

Nusrat Jehan Scheme

After touring the West African countries in 1970, Khalifatul Masih III announced a scheme to expand the activities of the Movement in West Africa through the establishment of a number of schools and hospitals.

The new scheme was named Nusrat Jehan Scheme and Khalifatul Masih Ill appealed to the Community to raise 100,000 pounds sterling over the next three years. Furthermore, he appealed to the Ahmadi teachers and doctors to volunteer themselves for service in these African countries.

The response of the community in making financial donations as well as volunteering their services was overwhelming. Very soon, schools and hospitals started to be established in Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Gambia and Sierra Leone. The results of this scheme have been most gratifying. The effort of the Movement has not only provided educational and medical services in remote regions which were completely devoid of any such facility, but, more importantly, the close contact of Ahmadi doctors and other workers with the local population has forged strong bonds of international brotherhood.

Source: www.alislam.org

Quiz

1. Locate Gambia on this map:

2. Name the Khalifah who made the historic visit to Gambia? And when?
3. What was the scheme called to help people in Gambia?
4. Who owns Humanity First in Gambia?
5. What was the name of the school in Gambia?
6. Where is Baitus Salam Mosque located?

Fill in the blanks:

7. The establishment of Gambia by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was in _____

8. The first person to accept Ahmadiyyat in Gambia was _____

9. There are _____ mosques in Gambia.

10. Kings would seek _____ from your _____ .

11. There are around _____ students that are benefiting from Masroor School.