



**MEDIA OUTREACH ON
INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE
(FOSTERING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING)
- PROJECT REPORT -**



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FOREWORD

Brutal acts of terrorism and heinous crimes are being perpetrated today under the coverage of religion and ethnicity.

The youth of today are bordered by frequent reports of violence and intolerance. They are besieged by a culture of violence, brutal acts of terrorism and crimes. There are continuing acts of intolerance and violence based on religion or belief against individuals, including against persons belonging to religious communities and religious minorities in Africa and around the world. The number and intensity of such incidents, which are often of a criminal nature and may have international characteristics, are increasing

According to Pew, in 2018 more than a quarter of the world's countries experienced a high incidence of hostilities motivated by religious hatred, mob violence related to religion, terrorism, and harassment of women for violating religious codes.

The rising trend of these vices among youths, who ironically constitute both the perpetrators and the victims, in our society, has prompted FIIDI and Triple-D Foundation to come up with this program - a forum where the Youth can be trained under an atmosphere of mutual dialogue and identify the numerous benefits of embracing peace, tolerance and respect for human right.

We give God all the glory for making this project a reality. We thank God for our Chairman, Pa Seedia Gassama, Mr. Shaka Ceesay, Director FIIDI and all FIIDI Team for their assistance and encouragement in this outreach. Their helpful knowledge and timely guidance are appreciated.

Our appreciation equally goes to all Triple-D Foundation members; Peter Mendy, Oulimatou Ceesay, Rachel Shadare, Jeremiah Jatta and Pastor Mark Obi of The Evangel World Mission.

Finally, I thank all everyone who have diligently worked to make this project a reality. Triple-D and FIIDI shall continue to enlighten and influence the public especially the youth, on the importance of cultivating a culture of peaceful co-existence and respect for human right across all religious and cultural spheres in the society.



Dr. Lawrence Owoyemi
Director Triple-D-Foundation (TDF)

INTRODUCTION

Triple-D Foundation is an independent non-partisan, nonprofit, educative and human-development organization based in the Gambia.

Our activities center on healthy youth development within and outside school, sensitizing and creating awareness for the youth on developmental issues such as **HIV, health, human rights, human development, domestic violence, gender-based violence, drug abuse and peace-building**. We do these by maximizing our members' potentials and natural gifts for the purpose of using them to carry out our peace-building and developmental objectives. We train and educate young people on issues bothering on self – discovery, self – discipline and self – development.

OUR PASSION

Our passion is to see people, especially youth - living meaningfully, utilizing their potentials maximally for theirs as well as for the good of humanity, thereby creating as a matter of habit, a peaceful and harmonious society.

METHOD OF OPERATION

We carry out our objectives through information dissemination; training, public lectures, Seminars, Radio, Television, Online media, music and movie productions.

MEDIA OUTREACH ON INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE *(Fostering Community Engagement and Understanding)*

As part of the objectives of collaboration existing between Triple-D Foundation (TDF) and Foundation for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives (FIIDI), **Media Outreach On Interfaith And Intercultural Dialogue** *(Fostering Community Engagement And Understanding)* was organized for the purpose of informing and carrying the media along as partners in our aim at engaging and educating the public on the issue of interfaith, intercultural dialogue and young people in The Gambia.

The media outreach, which took place in National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), Bakau on 20 October 2021 attracted 11 participants drawn from the media, religious and educational institutions.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To inform the media and other relevant bodies about FIIDI and Triple-D Foundation's goals of mutual commitment at all levels, to promote intercultural and interreligious understanding.
- To empower communities in peacebuilding activities that contribute to living together in dignity and dialogue.
- To engage the media in fostering community engagement and understanding that promotes religious and cultural tolerance.
- To address and prevent religious and ethnic violence affecting the communities we serve

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

All participants in the media outreach were supported by Triple-D Foundation (TDF) to meet the full cost of their participation. Triple-D Foundation (TDF) provided the venue, meals and refreshments, document handouts, with funding from Foundation for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives (FIIDI and Jabbis Conference & Catering Services).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The participants were welcome to the workshop by Triple D-Foundation Publicity Secretary – Jeremiah Nicholas Jatta. In his introductory remarks, he stated that three Ds which stand for **Self-Discipline, Self-Discovery** and **Self-Development**, forms the bases upon which Triple-D Foundation is founded. He explained that the objective of TDF among other things is to promote PEACE at local, National and Global level through relevant leadership training programs and harmonious interactions.

The Social Secretary for Triple-D Foundation, Racheal Shadare, took her turn to introduce the objective and purpose of the media outreach. She stated among other things that “peace is a deep-rooted commitment to the principles of liberty, justice, equality and solidarity among all human beings”.

THE KEYNOTE STATEMENT by Dr. Lawrence Owoyemi

The keynote statement was delivered by Dr. Lawrence Owoyemi, Director Triple-D Foundation, who gave background information of the foundation and conveyed a special greeting on behalf of the Foundation for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives (FIIDI) in Sierra Leone and their volunteer Fund Development and Communications team in Canada, and Triple-D Foundation. He stated that freedom of religion or belief, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to peaceful assembly, and the right to freedom of association are interdependent, interrelated, and mutually reinforcing. Upholding these rights he said, plays an important role in the fight against all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief. He reaffirmed FIIDI and Triple-D Foundation's commitment at all levels, to promote intercultural and interreligious understanding and to empower communities in peacebuilding activities that contribute to living together in dignity and dialogue.

SATISFACTION

Participants consisting of Journalists, Clergies and Students, expressed their satisfaction at the end of the media outreach through Mariama Marong of Faroyaa Daily News.

Most of the delegates expressed the need for additional training for journalists on INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE, Peace-building and promotion of human rights in the society.

CONCLUSION

The effort by FIIDI and TDF to organize this **media outreach** on Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue

“Fostering Community Engagement and Understanding” Peace-building among the journalists and others, should be commended. Acquiring such knowledge is a critical step in promoting and sustaining peaceful coexistence and respect for human rights among youths and the society at large.

There is potential for the organization to provide enlightenment and practical mentorship for the youth in The Gambia and beyond on the area of **peace-building, human rights, human development, kicking against domestic violence, gender-based violence, and drug abuse**. This cross learning will hopefully lead to further entrenchment of self – discipline among the youth in the Gambia. The group was very participative and dynamic which made it easier to run the workshop.

ANNEX I



**MEDIA OUTREACH
ON INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE “FOSTERING
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING”
PROGRAMME**



National Nutrition Agency (NaNa), Bakau (20 OCTOBER 2021)

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00-10:30	Arrival of participants /Registration By Oulimatou Ceesay, Mama M. Touray
10:31-10:45	Introduction & Welcome Address by: Sainabou Mbye Ceesay CEO & Founder SAACS, Racheal Shadare, Jeremiah Jatta & Peter Mendy <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Organizational Matters◆ Housekeeping announcements
10:46-11:00	Statement by Dr. Lawrence Owoyemi – Director, Triple-D Foundation, The Gambia
11:01-11:30	Discussion on the current situation of interfaith violence in West Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Questions and Answers Responder: Dr. Lawrence Owoyemi – Director, Triple-D Foundation, The Gambia
11:31-11:45	Tea Break
11:46-12:00	The way forward & Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Distribution of Statement to all participants
	Family Photo with Event Banner

ANNEX II



MEDIA OUTREACH ON INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

Fostering Community Engagement and Understanding



Time: 10am-12pm

PARTICIPANTS

Date: 20 October, 2021

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ANNEX III



MEDIA OUTREACH ON INTERFAITH AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

Fostering Community Engagement and Understanding



Time: 10am-12pm

PADIEM

Date: 20 October, 2021

S/N	Name	Institution	Amount (D)	Signature
1.	Kumba Leigh	Gambian Daily	GMD 250:00	
2.	Ndellah Jeng	Daily News	GMD 250:00	
3.	Peter Mendy	Triple-D Foundation	GMD 50:00	
4.	Mariama Marong	Foroyaa Daily News	GMD 250:00	
5.	Sainabou Sambou	The Voice News Daily	GMD 250:00	
6.	Sainabou Gassama	The Voice News Daily	GMD 250:00	
7.	Jeremiah Nicholas Jatta	Triple-D Foundation	GMD 50:00	
8.	Oulimatou Ceesay	Triple-D Foundation	GMD 100:00	
9.	Rachel Shadare	Triple-D Foundation	GMD 50:00	
10.	Mark Obi	Evangel Mission		
11.	Lawrence Owoyemi	Triple-D Foundation		
12.		TOTAL	D1,250:00	

Venue: National Nutrition Agency (NaNA)

ANNEX IV: PROGRAMME PICTURES



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