

## **Report on the Preparatory Visit to Senegal for Regional Exchange Visit**

Exchange visit for study tour advanced visit from on the 28th September to 3rd October 2018.

GYIN Gambia Chapter will organize a one-week visit of 5 young entrepreneurs', selected from among the Rural Youth Award winners 2017 and 2018 to Dakar, Senegal to allow the participants to learn from Senegalese entrepreneurs' in their sectors and to form professional networks.

This regional exchange visit is funded by the European Union (EU) and supported by the International Trade Centre (ITC) through the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP).

The regional exchange visit will help the award winners to improve their knowledge and practices on new technologies, production and processing.

Target group: Winners of the Rural Youth Award 2017 and 2018 Duration of the programme: One (1) week. Target number of participants: five (5) young men and women. The programme starts on the 18th of November and finishes on the 24th of November, 2018.

The main objective of the advanced visiting was to do the ground preparation in Senegal for the visit.

During the visit, the team spoke to Mr. Mamadou SECK, Director General, KARARA SUARL FARM, is one of the agricultural integrated farms.



**GYIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT KARARA SUARL POULTRY SITE**



**KARARA SUARL POULTRY SITE**

KARARA SUARL is a farm of 32 hectares, located in NIAYES area specifically NDIAR in the town of DIENDER in the region of THIES, 50 km from DAKAR, SENEGAL.

**AREAS OF ACTIVITY:** KARARA SUARL has a team of professionals working in the following areas:

Marketing, gardening and arboriculture, fish farming, poultry and Transformation

KARARA's primary objective is to contribute to the development of Senegal and the well-being of its population.

Mr. Njie disclosed that the following investment has been made in the 32 hectare farm that is the construction of four (4) buildings consisting of eight (8) modern open chicken coops with a capacity of 5,000 chickens.

According to him, each coop has a total capacity of 40,000 chickens, allowing an average production of 20,000 chickens per month.



**KARARA SUARL VEGETABLES SITE**

The advanced team also visited TAARU ASKAN FARM which is located in Mbour, Senegal. Taaru Askan is an association that promotes environmental protection and works with local communities and youth.

**Mission-** Taaru Askan Farm strives to promote environmental protection by working with local communities and youth to provide a development model for ecological practices in bio diversity, renewable energy, and sustainable agriculture and forestry.

At the farm, the advanced team met one of the senior staff, Mr. Claude S. Thiaw at the farm, who took the team on a site visit of the farm.



**GYIN GAMBIA'S M&E OFFICER AT TAARU ASKAN FARM**

The farm has a ready market that it produced for the American market. They produced agricultural products that suit the taste of the Americans. He disclosed that it is a profitable business especially during the tourist season.

Every year, according to him, the farm takes some interns who want to venture into agriculture. The farm has a special training module that enables the interns to become professionals in agriculture.



**INTERN WORKING AT TAARU ASKAN FARM**

Time was not very friendly for the team to meet with more professional businesses but notwithstanding the team made some research so as to meet more entrepreneurs in the visit.

Taaru Askan farm also welcomes interns from different countries for a period of six months.