

CPA Appreciates Financial Sponsors

By Lamin Camara & Nancy Swartwood

The work of the CPA would not be possible without the financial support of both our national and international donors. We would like to express our gratitude to the following organisations for supporting CPA programmes and activities during the last quarter:

American Embassy - Second Membership Workshop; Wages for Programme Officer

British High Commission - Information & Awareness-raising Campaign (including CPA

brochures, position papers and posters)

Defence for Children International/ECPAT Netherlands - Financial contribution to ongoing CPA activities

ECPAT International - Second Membership Workshop; Partial funding of CPA Newsletter

Save the Children Sweden (Regional Office in Dakar) - Recent pledge of financial support for several upcoming CPA

activities

Terre des Hommes Netherlands - Financial support of the CST Report Launch Ceremony

UNICEF - Media Workshop; CPA Newsletter; Donation of computer for VOICE

And a special Thank you! to **U.S. Peace Corps** and **VSO** for their continued support of the CPA through volunteer placement.



Save the Children
Sweden

British High Commission Pledges Support

By Jalamang Camara

After briefing on the principles and aspirations of the CPA, the British High Commission (BHC) has pledged to become a sponsor of CPA activities to further their own commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of children in The Gambia.

On the 9th February 2003, the BHC approved funding for two CPA programmes through its Small Development Projects Fund (SDPF). The SDPF will sponsor an information campaign involving production of posters and brochures on child protection issues, and also a capacity-building training for the CPA Board of Directors on child rights promotion and protection.

The need to break the silence

surrounding child abuse and exploitation convinced the BHC to fund the Information Campaign, which will make possible the production of three CPA position papers (on corporal punishment, adolescent pregnancy and child sex tourism) and five posters from July's Poster Competition. This is part of CPA's Speak Up! Speak Out! Campaign to raise awareness among the general public on issues that affect children in The Gambia.

It is clear from the BHC's support that the idea of child protection is gaining importance as a subject of discussion in The Gambia. The only way to build on this momentum is by continuing to promote discussion on the

issues, which are often misunderstood or not talked about in public.

The Child Protection Alliance is very proud to be associated with the British High Commission. We wish to express our gratitude to the BHC in The Gambia and the British Government for their support. Their contribution to the work of the CPA will go a long way in creating a Child-Friendly Gambia, where every child can grow up in peace and dignity. We also wish to register our profound appreciation to **Mr. Ron Rimmer**, Deputy British High Commissioner, who personal commitment and dedication has contributed immensely toward the realization of CPA's objectives.



British High Commission Banjul

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that all of the clinic activities were drawn from the Gambian curriculum and are relevant to the lives of the students

The students were also exposed to science in action during field-trips, where they actually witnessed to what useful purposes their knowledge in physics, chemistry, biology, environmental science and Information

Communication Technology can be applied to help develop The Gambia.

From the feedback we received some of the students are already impacted on, in that they feel more confident about themselves, are taking on more leadership roles in their schools and perform better in class.

A strategy we are pleased to use in Peace Corps is to support the Department of State for Education's policy objectives by working with other partners in the field. The science clinic, in that respect, is one of those activities.

"Development organisations of every size have long agreed about the cost-effectiveness of investing in girls' education and about the urgent necessity of doing so, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where there are more than 50 million primary-school-age girls out of school."

- The State of the World's Children
2003