



Project "Living in the Gambia - the everyday life of the people".

We want to gather concrete, everyday reports from Gambians living here in Baden-Württemberg. **Why did they come to Germany** and what do the refugees learn about the everyday life of their families, their friends in the Gambia today.

With these protocols we want to draw attention to the reality of the normal people in the Gambia - beyond politics and official development aid. We will make the reports available to Gerald Knaus, who is a member of the expert commission on the causes of flight. By the end of 2020, it is to provide the German government and the Bundestag with an analysis of why people leave their homeland for Europe.

The following questions, for example, are at issue:

Keyword work, job, money: Do the relatives, the friends in Gambia, have a job, how do they earn money, what do they live on? Do you support your families from Europe with money?

Keyword housing: Do they live in a house or an apartment? - Is there electricity? - Is the energy supply reliable or does it fail again and again? How do the people cook, do they have a stove, a refrigerator? - What do the toilets look like? - How do they live with their neighbours? - What does the environment look like? Are there problems with the garbage?

Keyword climate, rainy season: how do people experience the change of heat and rain, how do they protect themselves or their rooms from the rain, are houses, streets flooded? How do they protect themselves against mosquitoes?

Keyword movement, mobility: how do they move, do they walk or are there buses, shared taxis, how much does it cost?

Keyword school, education: if schools were/are visited, which ones?

Does it cost money, how much? Can the relatives read and write?

Keyword health: what happens when you get sick, who helps you, how accessible are hospitals, how much does it cost, do you have to pay for food, accommodation and medicine? Which experiences do you have with doctors. Which illnesses are common - in families or in the neighbourhood: for example asthma, high blood pressure, malaria, diabetes.

Keyword buying, shopping, prices: can the families grow their own food, do they keep cows, chickens, do they have bananas or mango trees? What do they buy in shops? What is difficult or impossible to buy, what is particularly expensive? How have prices developed in recent years? Is shopping transparent, i.e. can you see how much the articles cost?

Keyword nutrition: what do the families eat, what can they afford? What do they drink, is there clean water?

Keyword politics, administration, state: when are the families in contact with a political/official body, what do they need documents or official papers for? What are their experiences? Do the people feel safe at home and on the streets? What are the experiences with the police?

What are the Gambia's ideas about Europe?

The discussions can be conducted on the basis of such a list of questions. However, the answers should then, if possible, be recorded without the questions as a coherent protocol of the answers.

Anonymity is guaranteed if desired. It would be good, however, if each protocol were at least marked with a fictitious name (common name and a shortened family name) and the correct age of the respondent. The reports can also be given and recorded in English.

Please complete the protocols until the end of March so that they do not enter into the work of the commission too late. Please send the minutes to gambia@helferkreis-breisach.de