## TRUE FRIENDS: Disable Not Unable



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#### I. OUR WORLD: the most admired & sought after

# • 1. The Rich

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# **II. Disability**

Chilling Statistics - 650 million ww, 400 million dcs, 40 percent Africa (10-15% of the school-aged), DPR>20 percent per 1000 in The Gambia

- Their world:
- 1) Darkness
- 2) Immobility
- 3) Discomfort
- 4) A life of constant struggle in an unlevel playing field
- 5) Other circumstances that the able dread

III. Special characteristics of the disable - personal experience

1. Some born with disability 2. Some by "misfortune" along the rigorous roads of life (hence anyone among today's able may be tomorrow's disable) 3. Patience 4. Above all "the light in their hearts".

#### IV. TRUE FRIENDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

- The Gambian "Gold Medalists"
- Driss of the Mountains (Morocco)
- Born without hands and legs (Jordan)
- Hawking of Cambridge



## V. ORIGIN OF THE GDITF

- **1. Disappointment in a village**
- 2. TAFCON 2017 the Second Day
  - 3. The partners: Heeno International – statement form my daughter, Taf Foundation, GFD, Bliss Executives, EMPRETEC/GIEPA

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EVENT

#### **VI. OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND**

- I. To provide credit to persons with disabilities in Gambia
- II. To alleviate poverty among the disabled in the Gambia
- III. To make persons with disabilities financially independent & stop/reduce begging by them
- IV. Increase the self-employability of persons with disabilities
- V. To contribute towards the economic development goals of the Gambia
- VI. To showcase the entrepreneurial skills of the disabled in Gambian society
- VII. To exploit the "disability multiplier"

VIII. To encourage others to do the same or more for the truly needy and willing to work

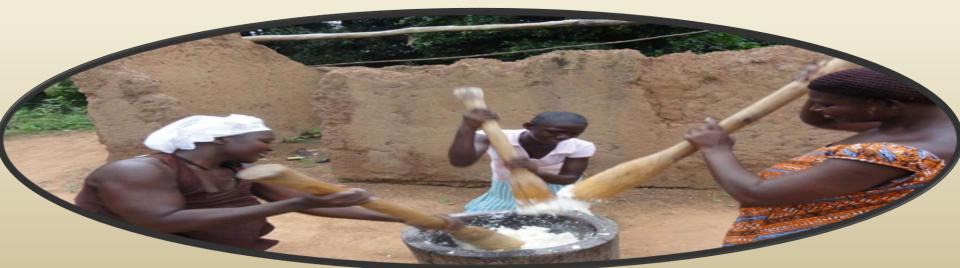


## VII. THE TERMS

D25,000 max/entrepreneur II. Zero interest rate III. 9 months (3 months grace period) repayment IV. 20% of gross profits in years 2 and 3 will go to Heeno

### VIII. FUNDING THE GDITF

- 1. The D4 million that flew away
- 2. From State House to a printing press
- 3. From \$10 to \$1,000/copy
- 4. The fat lady's gift (>\$6,000)
- 5. Other sources with similar vision



## STEPS

1) Formation of the Advisory Committee

- 2) Applications
- 3) Training
- 4) Disbursements
- 5) Monitoring and Supervision

#### 6) SUCCESS

#### **GDITF**



A SMILE FOR THE PRESENT & THE FUTURE

# THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

