

# 10 Months of strenghtening the rights of girls and women in The Gambia



## About me

My name is Julia Sieber. I am 26 years old and started a 10 months volunteer service in The Gambia after completing my master's degree in Management. In The Gambia I am working in a girls' and women's rights organisation advocating for education and the empowerment of girls and women.

I am sharing insights into my volunteer service in my blog [juliasthoughts.com](http://juliasthoughts.com)

## My project

Our main topics of intervension are Violence against women and girls, gender based violence, child marriage and menstruation and a big focus on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The topic of FGM is very present in The Gambia right now since the existing legal ban of the practice is currently revised by the parliament. This means, that there is a possibility of FGM, a harmful traditional practice violating the human rights of females, being decriminalised in the country.

**- Meaning there is much to do to protect the rights of girls and women!**



## Call for donations

To cover my financial self-contribution for my volunteer service (approx. 2.200 €) I am still looking for donations. Each amount to support me in my project is highly valued. There are two options to support my volunteer service:

1. **Direct donation via *PayPal*** to [julia.sieber@aol.com](mailto:julia.sieber@aol.com)
2. **Donations to my sending organisation *VoNet e.V.*** There is a possibility to receive a donation receipt from 50 €.

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