

CASE STUDY 3



BUBA

Buba
The Gambia

Learning during Covid-19

Many countries still have their schools closed because of Covid-19, and similar emergencies may close schools in the future. Schools like Buba's received help to be able to quickly switch to home learning and keep children learning during the pandemic.

Buba lives in a small village in The Gambia. He usually travels 2 ½ miles every day to his school. However, during the lockdown schools were closed and Buba helped his father on the family farm every day. His father felt that the schools being closed was a good opportunity for Buba to help on the farm.

In lockdown, children at Buba's school were supplied with radios with solar batteries. This was so children could complete home learning lessons. As Buba was the only student from his village, he was given the chance to receive a solar radio.



Buba said

“ What would have become of me and my education, if I was not given a radio that helped me follow up lessons? The radio was my saviour, because as soon as the school gave it to me, I told my dad that my work at the farm had to stop and I will concentrate on my lessons with the radio and that's what I did. ”

Mr. Camara, a teacher in a different school to Buba's, was also given a radio and he made good use of it. He helped four children from his village by recording to the lessons on the radio and then in the evening repeating them with the children. The children and parents appreciated this very much and the children got very good results at the end of the school year.

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