

# Global Welfare Foundation Joins FasterCapital EquityPilot To Build Rehabilitation Center In The Gambia

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## **Market opportunity & problem**

Sub-Saharan Africa faces a persistent orphan and vulnerable-children crisis exacerbated by HIV/AIDS, health-system gaps and recent epidemics. In The Gambia, rural districts report high child-headed households, malnutrition and limited access to education and healthcare. Existing NGO capacity is fragmented and underfunded; Global Welfare Foundation's plan for a model rehabilitation center (projected cost \$709,803) addresses acute shelter, health and education gaps while creating sustainable food-security and livelihood programs — a replicable solution for other underserved regions in the Western Region and nationwide.

## **Startup solution & differentiation**

Global Welfare Foundation brings grassroots credibility — registered in 2009/2011 and operating in Bara, with more than 150 vulnerable children registered locally — and a comprehensive, integrated care model: residential shelter, nutrition and child survival programs, primary education support, vocational and agricultural training (piggery, poultry, dairy), and microfinance-driven women's livelihood initiatives. The center's holistic design couples immediate life-saving interventions with long-term self-reliance pathways, reducing institutional dependency and creating revenue-generating social enterprises. This blended humanitarian-development approach creates defensible program advantages versus single-focus interventions and positions the center as a regional model.

## **FasterCapital partnership value**

Through the EquityPilot program, FasterCapital will provide strategic mentorship, fundraising support, legal and financial structuring, and access to its global investor and donor network via FasterCapital. FasterCapital's selective criteria vet startups and nonprofits for impact potential and operational readiness; acceptance signals validation and accelerates time-to-implementation. The collaboration targets a first-phase build and program roll-out within 12 months, with capital-raising milestones tied to construction, staffing and food-security pilot launches.

## Executive quotes

“Harnessing disciplined startup acceleration methods for high-impact social projects is core to our investment thesis,” said Hesham Zreik. “Global Welfare Foundation’s integrated model is a scalable answer to a persistent humanitarian challenge in West Africa.”

Joseph Ola, Project Lead at Global Welfare Foundation, added:

“This partnership fast-tracks our vision to provide safe homes, healthcare and future-building skills to children who need them most — enabling durable change for families and communities.”

## Growth trajectory & next steps

Near-term priorities include land acquisition, phased construction, staffing and launching child-survival nutrition clinics and agricultural pilots. The organizations will pursue a blended funding model (donors, impact investors, social enterprise revenue) to meet the \$709,803 budget and scale to additional districts within 24–36 months. Monitoring tools (QuickBooks financial tracking, quarterly/biannual reporting, annual audits) will ensure transparency and donor confidence.

## About Global Welfare Foundation

Global Welfare Foundation is a Gambian community-based nonprofit founded to care for children affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty. Operating from Bara village and registered nationally, the Foundation provides shelter, nutrition, education and livelihoods training to vulnerable children and families, focusing on long-term rehabilitation and community reintegration.

## About FasterCapital

FasterCapital is a global venture builder and online incubator dedicated to co-funding and co-founding innovative startups. Established in 2014, we are now #1 venture builder in terms of number of startups that we have helped, money invested and money raised. It supports startups worldwide through various programs, including funding assistance, business development, and technical support. The EquityPilot program is designed to help early-stage startups build scalable solutions with mentorship, strategic guidance, and network support.

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