



**Ubuntu Cycling Foundation, Tour De Gambia Organization  
And  
Collective Hands Academy (Tour De Gambia Affiliate)**



## REPORT ON SCHOOL CYCLING PROJECT AND COMPETITION

**Date: 27th February 2026**

**Venue: Tallinding Annex**

**Banjul, The Gambia**

**Organizers:**

- Ubuntu Cycling Foundation
- Tour de Gambia Organization
- Collective Hands Academy

### ***Executive Summary***

On the 27th of February 2026, the Ubuntu Cycling Foundation, in partnership with Tour de Gambia and in affiliation with Collective Hands Academy, successfully hosted a School Cycling Project and competition at the Tallinding Annex grounds. The primary objective of the event was to promote cycling as a sport and a sustainable mode of transport among the youth, while fostering unity and healthy competition among students from three local schools.

The event was active participation from **26 students (15 Boys and 11 Girls)** from **Collective Hands Academy, Brimawa Upper Basic School, and Tallinding Annex School**. The occasion was graced by dignitaries from the **Gambia Cycling Association**, school administrators, and community members. The day concluded with an award ceremony where all participating students received prizes and certificates in recognition of their efforts and sportsmanship.

## **Introduction**

Cycling is a vital tool for youth development, promoting physical fitness, environmental consciousness, and community engagement. Recognizing this, the Ubuntu Cycling Foundation and Tour de Gambia, in collaboration with Collective Hands Academy, initiated this school project to introduce students to competitive cycling in a safe and encouraging environment. The event aimed to identify young talent and encourage inter-school camaraderie through sport.

## Attendance and Participation

### ***Participating Schools***

The project drew enthusiastic participation from three schools in the Tallinding area:

1. Collective Hands Academy
2. Brimawa Upper Basic School
3. Tallinding Annex School

### ***Student Participation***

A total of 26 students took part in the cycling activities. The breakdown is as follows, demonstrating a strong effort to include female participants:

**Collective Hands Academy 5 girls and 6 boys**

**Tallinding Annex 4 Boys 6 girls**

**Brimawa Upper Basic 5 boys**

### ***Dignitaries and Guests***

The presence of distinguished guests underscored the importance of the event for the community and the nation's sporting landscape. Notable attendees included:

1. Mr. Sorie Fofanah – Proprietor, Collective Hands Academy & Board Chairman, Tour de Gambia organization
2. Mr. Sullay Kanu CEO/Founder Tour De Gambia Organization

3. Mr. Christopher J Ballu
4. Mr. Conteh – Head Master, Tallinding Annex
5. Mr. Cherno Joof – Secretary General, Gambia Cycling Association
6. Mr. Jallow – Vice President, Gambia Cycling Association
7. Amara Sellu – Secretary General, Tour de Gambia
8. Abdulai Kamara – Member, Tour De Gambia
9. Mr. Kallon – P.E. Teacher, Tallinding Annex
10. Mr. John Yamanto – Teacher, Brimawa Upper Basic School
11. Mr. Abdul Kanu – Member, Tour de Gambia
12. Mr. Idrissa Fofanah – Acting Principal, Collective Hands Academy Junior School
13. Mr. Patrick A. Kamara – Teacher, Collective Hands Academy
14. Mr. Sankoh – Teacher, Collective Hands Academy

## ***Event Proceedings***

The event was structured to combine competitive sport with formal recognition, ensuring a memorable experience for the young cyclists.

- The Cycling Competition: The students participated in a friendly but spirited cycling competition. The event was well-organized, with safety measures in place, allowing the children to showcase their cycling skills and speed. The races fostered a sense of achievement and school pride among the participants.
- Award Ceremony: Following the conclusion of the races, an official award ceremony was held to honor the students and officially open the proceedings with formalities.

1. Prayer: The ceremony commenced with a prayer led by a student from one of the participating schools, invoking blessings for the day's success.

2. Welcome Statement: **Mr. Sullay Kanu, CEO of Tour de Gambia organization**, delivered the welcome address. He thanked the schools for their participation and the guests for their presence, outlining the vision behind the project.

3. Statement by **Mr. Sorie Fofanah: The Proprietor of Collective Hands Academy and Board Chairman of Tour de Gambia** addressed the gathering. He spoke on the importance of holistic education, where sports like cycling play a crucial role in building character and discipline in students.

4. Statement by **Vice President, Gambia Cycling Association: Mr. Jallow** addressed the students and guests, emphasizing the **Gambia Cycling Association's** commitment to

developing the sport from the grassroots level. He encouraged the young riders to continue pursuing the sport.

5. **Presentation of Prizes and Certificates:** The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of prizes and certificates. Every student who participated—all 24 boys and girls—was recognized for their courage and participation. This inclusive approach ensured that all young athletes felt valued.

6. **Vote of Thanks:** **Mr. Amara Sellu, Secretary General of Tour de Gambia organization**, delivered the vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to the **Ubuntu Cycling Foundation**, the school administrations, the guests, the teachers, and the students for making the project a resounding success.

### ***Conclusion***

The School Cycling Project held on February 27, 2026, was a significant achievement for the **Ubuntu Cycling Foundation, Tour de Gambia organization, and Collective Hands Academy**. The event successfully achieved its goals of promoting cycling, encouraging gender participation in sports, and fostering unity among three local schools. The enthusiasm of the 26 students and the support from the **Gambia Cycling Association** and school officials indicate a bright future for youth cycling in The **Gambia**. The collaboration between the organizing bodies serves as a model for future community-based sporting initiatives.

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