

## **GFA ON A COUNTRYWIDE TOUR**

Under the leadership of Hon. BB Dabo, the GFA leadership has embarked on a grand tour of all the constituencies starting with those in the Kombos (West Coast Region). During these visits consist the delegation paid courtesy calls on local dignitaries, opinion leaders, youth organizations and women groups to bring GFA's message of hope to The Gambian people. The visits also provided an opportunity for the party, particularly the leadership to hear the concerns and the challenges the different segments of our society are confronted with in their daily lives, which range from lack economic opportunities for women and youth, poor health facilities, poor access to drinking water, etc.

### **Visit to Old Yundum Constituency on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

The visit kicked off on Sunday 8 March 2020 at Old Yundum Constituency, which includes the Sinchu settlements, Old Yumдум and the surrounding villages. The Party Leader and delegation arrived around 10am and were taken round to the Nyassen Khalifate in Nema Nassir, Sinchu Baliya, Daru Busumbala, Sinchu Sori and Sinchu Alagie; and in all these places the Party Leader and delegation were warmly welcomed. In the discussions our hosts clearly articulated the challenges facing the country and the need for a new direction to improve the living conditions of the people. They made constant reference to the PPP's past record and prayed that the country gets a similar government that improve the lives of the people and ensure good governance. In many instances, they also recalled the good services Hon. BB had rendered to the individuals and communities whilst serving in the PPP government. In this respect our hosts expressed their support to the party because they believed Hon. Dabo has the necessary education, experience and character to lead this country to a brighter future in the interest of themselves and their children.

For us, in the delegation, it was an amazing revelation about how much people can still remember the multiple and varied forms of selfless services Hon BB Dabo has rendered to Gambians throughout his career in the public service. In Sinchu Baliyah, for example, it was the case of helping the community get a school so that the children do not have to go to Serrekunda to get to school. He was then the Minister of Education and late Nyimasata Sanneh-Bojang was the Member of Parliament for the constituency of Kombo North. This and similar recollections by the communities themselves reassured us in our choice of leader.

A general meeting was to follow the courtesy calls. However, the chief mobilizer of the constituency was bereaved and the news of the death was relayed to the delegation at the time the party supporters were gathering at the meeting venue at Sinchu Alhagie football ground. As a mark of sympathy for and solidarity with the bereaved party member's family, it was decided to postpone the meeting to a later date.

### **Second Visit Party Leader and Delegation to Busumbala Constituency-Tuesday 10th March 2020**

This is the constituency carved out of Kombo North Constituency and comprises Lamin, Mandinary, New Yundum, Busumbala and the surrounding new settlements. As usual the Party Leader and delegation started with the courtesy calls on elders, women and youth groups to convey the message of GFA to the members of the constituency. The settlements visited included Lamin CDC, Banjuluding, New Yundum, Busumbala, Kunkujang Jattaya, Mandinary and Galoya. In all these places, the delegation was received with much joy and enthusiasm. The exchanges were fruitful and reflect the high level of awareness of the people about the challenges facing this country and the possible solutions to these problems. Among these was good government and having priorities that address their immediate needs such as access to food. They pledged support for GFA and prayed that we have victory in the coming elections so we can lead this country.

The visit culminated in a general meeting at Lamin CDC village. The meeting was well attended and the speakers explained their hardships and clearly expressed their belief that GFA is the best qualified to lead this country. The speakers urged voters to vote massively for GFA party in 2021. The meeting lasted for many hours and came to end at around 20.00 Hrs. The tour gave an opportunity to the party to assess its support level in the constituency, the party's structures in the constituency as well as the way forward for the party in the area.

Overall, the tour has been a resounding success and reflects the fact that the people had been waiting for an experience person like BB to lead this country out of stagnation.

The rest of the programme for the tour in the Kombos is as follows:

- 1) Thursday 12/3/20-Kombo South Constituency**
- 2) Friday 13/3/20-Brikama North Constituency**
- 3) Saturday 14/3/20- Kombo East Constituency**
- 4) Sunday 15/3/20-Brikama North Constituency**

**Waato sita! Waahtu bi Jotna!**