

The Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, in collaboration with the Banjul Office of World Food Programme of the United Nations on Tuesday launched a Multi-sectoral Working Committee for the home-grown school-feeding programme in The Gambia, at a gathering held at the conference hall of the Region 4 (Four) Education Directorate in Mansakonko, in Jarra West District of the Lower River Region.

The main task of the committee that comprised officers and personnel from different government departments and institutions, will henceforth share the implementation of the school-feeding project in the Lower River Region (LRR).

The main objective of the four-year programme, among others, is to provide training on capacity assessment, using a global tool called System Assessment and Bench Marking for Education Result (SABER), an assessment tool developed and recommended by the World Bank.

Salifu Puye, the governor of the LRR, in his launching remarks, expressed delight at hosting such a programme in his region, as he applauded WFP for coming up with what he called a timely consent, aimed at improving agricultural production.

According to him, the home-grown school feeding programme being implemented by the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, in collaboration with WFP is in line with Vision 2016. He added that the programme must be supported by all stakeholders, so as to enable the country achieve its food self-sufficiency drive.

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