

Statement About Gambia Incident

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On August 13, 2020 Penny Appeal Canada was notified by Penny Appeal UK of an alleged safeguarding incident in The Gambia at a local community-based organization supported by one of Penny Appeal UK's partners. While we are still trying to ascertain the exact nature and extent of these allegations, we are deeply concerned.

Penny Appeal Canada has made our concerns for the welfare of the children and these allegations known to Penny Appeal UK, and we welcome the commissioning of a full, transparent, and independent investigation into all related matters.

Penny Appeal Canada has zero tolerance for incidents of violence or abuse against every person we serve, especially children. Penny Appeal Canada is an independently operated organization, with our own policies of governance and compliance in accordance to the standards set by the Canadian government. This means that all of our programs and partners are subject to a thorough vetting process carried out by the Penny Appeal Canada team, and we only support those with the highest standards in terms of transparency, capacity, and impact to beneficiaries.

Penny Appeal Canada has not used any of our donor's money to fund projects in The Gambia.

Further updates will be provided once the investigation is underway.