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Reports from The Gambia last week reporting abuse at orphan facilities overseen by Penny Appeal UK came as a shock to us all. We are deeply saddened and concerned by these horrific allegations. They violate everything we believe in as an organization and as committed humanitarians.

Penny Appeal Canada welcomes Penny Appeal UK's statement on August 20th outlining the rapid steps they are taking to ensure they get to the bottom of this serious matter. More importantly, Penny Appeal UK will ensure greater diligence and governance across its global programs.

Full statement can be found here: <https://pennyappeal.org/news/safeguarding-gambia-update>

While Penny Appeal Canada does not have any programs funded in The Gambia, we are taking this matter very seriously and are further reviewing our internal policies and ensuring we continue to improve our safeguarding policies, governance and oversight on all our programs which impact beneficiaries with your donation.