

## Major boost for Mandina-ba

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Joseph Stafford, US Ambassador to The Gambia, on Friday, formally handed over library books to the community of Mandina-ba in Kombo East District, Western Region, on behalf of Fatou Jammeh, an American Peace Corps Volunteer and the Wings of The Dawn.

Handing over the library books, Ambassador Stafford, underscored the significant role of Peace Corps in community development, especially in promoting education. He then urged the people of Mandina-ba to make the best use of the materials and derive the best use of them.

He thanked the people of Mandina-ba for the warm reception. He assured Mandina-ba community of his office's recognition of their commitment to development.

For his part, a twin-partner of the Project Coordinator, Mr Exodus Kilanko, said youth are the future leaders of any nation, adding that their participation in community development is crucial.

In receiving the items, Kawsu Sanno, Youth Leader in Mandina-ba, said the Mandinaba Youth and Sport Association, was formed in 2005.

According to him, the executive committee and the general body of the association has left no stone unturned towards the realisation of their objectives, since its inception.

Mr Sanno then thanked Ms Fatou Jammeh and the Wing of The Dawn for the donation of the books and other learning materials. He assured the donors that the materials will be put into good use.

The occasion was attended by some elders of Mandina-ba community, characterized by cultural drumming and dancing.