

## **FATOUMATTA JAMMEH -UNDP CHANGED MY LIFE**

I am fatoumatta jammeh the C.E.O. of The Gambia female automotive service providers, I am a Gambia in my early thirties, I completed my senior secondary school in 2009 after sitting to the WACE in the same year, I then enrolled at Riders for Health as a trainee apprentice in the vehicle management and mechanical unit in 2010 after undergoing training on workshop floor for eight good year I was admitted to GTTI in 2015 to pursue my professional and vocational career in auto – mechanic where I graduated from after writing to my diploma program in 2019.

After completing my diploma program I imitated and successfully facilitated the establishment of the first female automotive garage under FASP of which I have since served as the C.E.O. ,Already a track record has been set in advocating ,promoting and actualizing the training of young women. In 2022 we organize a free maintenances and servicing program for some government institutions. It was this program created the confidence of the ministry of trade of The Gambia to engage and to request for our services. Credible international and media outlets, to name a few DWTV, BBC, GRTS, and QTV impressed with our work conducted several live coverages of our work and operations, as the CEO of FASP I was awarded by QTV the JAMBARR the year and also Gambia talent name me JAMBARR of the year 2022, we also actively participated in the formulation process of the national employment policy 2022/23.

To date we have serviced and maintenances over seventy-five vehicles from both the public and private sector. We wish to urge and encourage government, the private sector, gender and women empowerment agencies and individual to agencies and individuals to network, support and work with us to build on the capacities of women who constitute over 60% of our productive population in the skills, technical and vocational professionals. Our goal is to further enhance the standard of our workshop to a modern state of the art workshop with capacity to deliver quality services and training for prospective female auto mechanics to usher in a sustainable developed nation.

The opportunity provided by UNDP has changed my life. UNDP bought us all the equipment we need to set up the first ever female auto mechanic workshop in the Gambia and now I train others. We have challenges but we continue to push through and hopefully in time we can spread our business into the rural areas.

