



## The Gambia



*E-Learning is a form of learning health through technology. It gives pupils and students the opportunity to know about health issues and at the same time give them the opportunity to use computer.*

*In recognition of the enormous benefits that can be derived from the venture, the Gambia submitted a two year proposal for the e-Learning project. The project was jointly developed by the Departments of State for Education (DOSE), Health and the WHO Gambia Office. DOSE serves as the Secretariat for the project and hosts all meetings whilst Health serves as chair. The team consists of two representatives from the Health department, three from the Education Department and one member from the WHO Office.*

*An initial assessment of all the potential schools was completed to school readiness for the project and to establish the needs for the schools. This was completed from 18th -23rd June 2007.*

*Twenty four schools were selected based on the selection criteria. Below is a brief description of the schools that were selected. The project as mentioned earlier is scheduled to run for two years. However, the first year has passed and virtually nothing is implemented. This is due to the fact that funds have not been released. Seven topics have been selected for the project which includes*

- 1. Avoiding Tuberculosis: focusing on increasing knowledge on Tuberculosis prevention and control*
- 2. Fighting for our lives: focusing on Tobacco control*
- 3. Safety on our way: focusing on road traffic accidents*
- 4. Stay fit: focusing on physical activity*
- 5. All the way to the blood bank: focusing on HIV/AIDs*
- 6. Malaria*
- 7. Water for life*