

# Youth Health Cup

## 29th December 2024

### **AVIC Academy 3 v Yarambamba Academy 1**

A fantastic day was had by all. This year the match took place at the AVIC Academy ground so you could say they gained home advantage in their attempt to stop the run of two consecutive victories by Yarambamba Academy!

The first goal, a back flicked header, was greeted by a crowd invasion. Delighted youngsters ran over to drown the goal scorer. It took a while before the pitch was cleared and the crowd returned to behind the touch lines! The final score was 3-1 to AVIC.

**Aidgambia** sponsored transport for the away team and this included a mini van of supporters. Bodies crammed the interior - lost count of how many! - and the same number sat on the roof. This was rent a crowd with a particular Gambian flavour.

The game scheduled to kick off at 10 did so at twenty past - quite an achievement in the context of GMT (Gambian Maybe Time). The referee distributed a number of yellow cards which came as a surprise considering this was an under 12 match. No quarters were asked or given on a pitch that was a dust bowl with some struggling grass in each corner!

**Aidgambia** donated 50 U.S. dollars to each Academy after the medal awarding to help with their finances - all gratefully received. This was after talks from Bas Bessane the AVIC chief coach and Lamin Njie, the clinical adviser to the trustees of **Aidgambia**, about 1. The dangers of taking 'the back way' (illegal travel to Europe), smoking and the importance of sport and keeping healthy and fit.

Robert Simpson (Treasurer)