

Rally team embarks on epic journey to deliver life-changing equipment to Africa for Bristol charity STAND

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A South-West based rally team participating in the Dakar Challenge will depart on an extraordinary journey from the UK to The Gambia, West Africa. They will also carry vital tools and equipment for STAND, a Bristol charity working to restore mobility to amputees across sub-Saharan Africa.

The rally will see 30 teams travel thousands of miles across multiple countries and landscapes, navigating everything from smooth tarmac to remote sandy tracks. Taking roughly 21 days door-to-door, the journey is a formidable test for vehicles not designed to handle such varied and demanding terrain.

For STAND, delivery of tools and equipment is essential for providing safe, well-fitted prosthetic legs for amputees in The Gambia. The team reached out to STAND, knowing how important opportunities like this are.

Noah Stevens, UK rally team:

"When we learned about the amazing work done by the charity STAND, it was an easy decision to try and help however we could. Receiving something as simple as high-quality prosthetic legs could be life-changing; it is an honour to get involved in something so important."

Tom Williams OBE, Founder of STAND, said:

"I don't doubt this will be an adventure for Noah and the team, but it's also a lifeline for amputees in the Gambia. Reliable access to equipment is fundamental to delivering high-quality prosthetic care. By physically transporting essential equipment to The Gambia, the team is helping remove one of the many barriers amputees face in accessing mobility."

For STAND, volunteers like this play a vital role in ensuring essential resources reach the places where they are most urgently needed.

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