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Rotary Club of Coronado
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Dear Mr. Ovrom,

I would first like to extend my deepest appreciation for the invitation to submit the enclosed proposal.

As previously discussed there is a present and immediate need in one of the poorest communities in the world. The Family Enrichment Services of Sierra Leone (FES-SL) has answered the cry for help from a village called Gbaiima (bima). Gbaiima is located in the Bo district of Sierra Leone, West Africa.

We are requesting support in the amount of \$18,900. Your support will allow to us to meet their immediate needs of **(1)** renovating the existing health clinic **(2)** providing a clean water supply to the clinic by installing one mechanical well and **(3)** shipping of medical supplies, construction supplies, equipment and food. We are confident that with your support we will be successful and truly meet this immediate need for the residents of Gbaiima.

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Mr. Hassan Mansaray one of our staff met with the leadership of the Rotary Club in Freetown. The meeting occurred on 12 February 2015. The meeting took place with current president Mr. E.N. Assamany. Mr. Mansaray explained our project and extended an open invitation to collaborate. It was accepted. Mr. E.N. Assamany also extended an invitation to join the Rotary Club in Freetown. The invitation was accepted. We look forward to working with the Freetown chapter. It is also our intention to give the appropriate recognition to the club by installing a permanent conspicuous plaque on the well, and on the wall of the clinic recognizing the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club will also be recognized in any media including print, online, radio and or television.

The attached proposal outlines the details of the project "Save One Village" including photos, documents and video links.

Again, on behalf of the people of Gbo/Gbaiima, Bo District, Sierra Leone West Africa, I thank you in advance for your consideration of contribution. Please feel free to contact me directly @ 510-479-5146 or davidfess14@gmail.com.

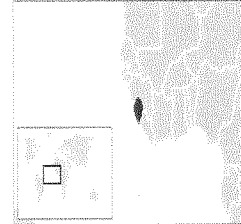
Sincerely,

Approved by FES-SL Board of Directors Submitted by David Asfall, CEO

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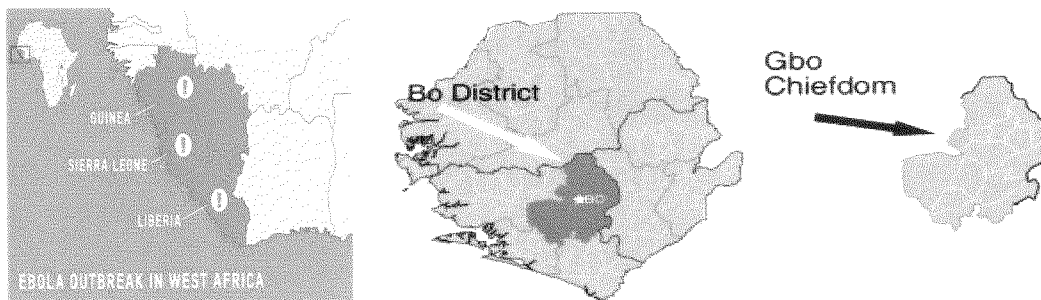
Background

Sierra Leone is small country in West Africa, bordered on the north and east by Guinea, on the south by Liberia, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. Sierra Leone is an extremely poor nation with tremendous inequality in income distribution. While it possesses substantial mineral, agricultural, and fishery resources, its physical and social infrastructure has yet to recover from the 11 year civil war, and serious social disorders continue to hamper economic development. Nearly half of the working-age population engages in subsistence agriculture. Manufacturing consists mainly of the processing of raw materials and of light manufacturing for the domestic market. Mining remains the major source of hard currency earnings accounting for nearly half of Sierra Leone's exports. The fate of the economy depends upon the maintenance of domestic peace and the continued receipt of substantial aid from abroad, which is essential to offset the severe trade imbalance and supplement government revenues.



The living standards and conditions of the country are the lowest in the sub-region and rates close to the bottom in the world. The civil conflict caused the deaths of thousands of people, a virtual halt in economic activities, massive destruction of infrastructure including health and school facilities and the displacement of at least half of its then 4.5 million people. Sierra Leone began to display glimmers of recovery, then, unfortunately the Ebola Virus Epidemic struck. Ebola struck hard and swiftly, killing almost three thousand in one year and as of the date on this proposal continues to kill. It is estimated over 1,800 children have been displaced and or orphaned. Sierra Leones government estimates that the Ebola crisis has halted the country's progress by up to 10 years.

We have established a strong relationship with Gbo/Gbaiima. It is located in the middle of the country on the northern end of Bo District and is approximately 238 Km from the country's capital Freetown.





The population of Bo District is estimated to be around 600,000. The population of Gbo/Gbaima village itself is estimated at 10,000. Gbo/Gbaima is by and large 95% Mende tribe the second largest tribe in Sierra Leone. Gbo/Gbaima has absolutely no industry to stimulate development or growth. This village is incapable of supporting itself. It can only survive with external support. Over 90% of the residents rely on local hand farming to eat and or trade in order to eat. 65% of the children do not attend school due the lack of schools in the area or the inability to pay the mandatory school fees. The average school fees are approximately \$90.00 per year. This does not include books, mandatory uniforms or transportation. There are no high schools in Gbo/Gbaima. The closest high school is almost 10 miles away. This poses the additional challenge of lack of transportation, resulting in almost all high school aged children discontinuing their education. One existing school structure does exist but requires extensive repairs, funding and leadership in order to be utilized. FES-SL is planning to assist in reopening the school in the near future.

One health clinic structure also exist, however the structure is decapitated with extensive black mold present. It is unmanned, unsecure and ill equipped. This poses a greater health risk for the sick. During this Ebola crisis the village has had several cases of Ebola however the clinic was not utilized sighting a bigger health risk to the patients and the community. The government has no intention of renovating the clinic to sufficient standards despite the repeated requests from the local government and residents. Most people in need of serious medical attention will make their way to the side of a road with the hopes a vehicle passing will offer them a ride to the nearest town where medical attention possibly can possibly be received. Unfortunately, with the clear and present danger of Ebola receiving a ride is very unlikely.

Flowing streams are sites for collecting drinking water, washing, laundering, and waste disposal. And yet, one sub-community's drinking reservoir may be downstream from the next sub-community's waste site. Running water and plumbing are not available. Water-borne diseases plague entire communities perpetuating preventable illnesses. It is understood that communities with deep water wells, solar water pumps, and innovative filtration systems experience increased health and overall productivity. The simple pump of a well can save community hours of walking, days of illness, and lifetimes of struggle. The village has four open water wells for 10,000 people. Although the wells are known sources of water to drink, wash cloths, bathe and cook with. They are also a source of contamination to spread infectious diseases such as bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A, schistosomiasis, and typhoid fever. In addition the open wells are known to promote vector borne diseases such as malaria, dengue fever and yellow fever. Polio, or poliomyelitis is still a very serious concern. The Disabled Children Camp in Bo is home for several children with Polio. Unfortunately due to the lack of proper maintenance and the unsanitary conditions of most open water wells they are not considered a viable source of fresh water.



We anticipate improvement in health and well-being in the village; even saving lives. In addition to the health benefits, we anticipate and welcome the increase in productivity and reallocation of time that will be used to increase education, medical care, access to technology, and the overall quality of life in the village.

Project Objective

The objectives of this project are to address an immediately health issue and improve the quality of life for the residents of Gbo/Gbaiima by:

- (1) Renovating the existing health clinic. The clinic is to be renovated to standard. This action will allow the 10,000 residents of Gbo/Gbaiima to have a local health facility that can at least address the basic and most urgent needs. This will be accomplished by utilizing local skilled labor, local equipment, materials and supplies. At the conclusion, the clinic will have electrical power, running water, useful equipment and fully trained combined volunteer and paid staff.
- (2) Renovate the existing open water well. The water well is in close proximity to the clinic. The well will be converted to a mechanical well with a motorized pump that will pump clean fresh, uncontaminated water directly to the clinic. This action in itself will promote health and sanitation.
- (3) Ship supplies and a vehicle by 3 March 2015. We plan on shipping required items to further support this project. Items to be shipped include but are not limited to: complete computer systems to be used by local leadership, to be utilized in the clinic and to be utilized in the school. Medical supplies such as medicine cabinets, over the counter medicines, hospital beds and other medical equipment. Hygiene, cleaning and sanitation supplies such as hand soap, bleach, disinfectants, deodorant and tooth paste will also be sent. We are also sending food products such as canned food, rice and pasta. We currently have a donation commitment of 2000 lbs of rice. We are also sending an SUV to be used to transport patients to the closest hospital in Bo when and if required.
- (4) Engage the local leadership and residents in education and prevention strategies. Oversight of this objective will be the Paramount Chief Tutu. She will receive support from the local government health district. Paramount Chief Tutu is a Registered Nurse trained and licensed in Maryland U.S.A



Sustainability

In order to sustain this and future projects, programs and services, FES-SL will continue to submit proposals and conduct fundraising activities. We will also move towards developing our own for profit business within Sierra Leone with the intent to stimulate economic growth and also support the NGO. We are currently developing a plan to enter the fishing business. We expect to be in operation by the close of 2015.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation

FES-SL will monitor the project and maintain an internal daily progress sheet. FES-SL will also provide a monthly progress report to Coronado Rotary Club as well as the Rotary in Freetown. FES-SL also invites the Freetown Rotary to monitor the progression at will. FES-SL will also provide an end of project report which will include a financial report. It is anticipated that this project will end no later than September. We invite the local rotary to conduct the final external evaluation of the project.

Constraints and Limitations

1. Funding is the main constrain and limitation to this project. Timely and sufficient funding would provide the means to not only address the immediate problems but also support future projects, programs and services.
2. Time also poses a significant challenge. Ebola is still prevalent and having a usable clinic will help save lives.
3. The weather also poses a challenge. When the anticipated shipment arrives in Sierra Leone in mid May it only leaving two months of decent weather before the rainy season. Sierra Leone's rainy season is heavy and last up to five months. This minimizes outdoor activity such as construction.

Agency Description

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Mission

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Budget Justification

Item # 1

(Shipment of 40ft container including transportation, storage, distribution and labor.)

The cost to ship from Oakland California to Sierra Leone is \$6,500. The cost to store and load the container at the port is \$1,000. FES-SL and the chiefdom of Gbo have agreed to cover the cost of off loading, transportation to Freetown storage in Gbo and distribution of items; estimated at \$2,000

Item#2

(Water well renovation including equipment, parts and labor.)

The standard cost for a mechanical water well in the local area is \$13,000 to \$16,000. Our cost is substantially less due to the preexisting well that will be modified and mechanized. This work will be conducted by a professional well building company. We will not be able to subsidize the professional labor or parts. The total cost is estimated at \$8,000.

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Item#3

(Clinic Renovation including equipment, parts and labor.)

Equipment and parts are estimated at \$3,400. This cost is reduced due to purchasing most of the supplies in the nearby country of Guinea. The estimated cost to purchase in Sierra Leone is \$5,000 but to purchase in Guinea is usually 30% less. Truck transportation will be donated in-kind by the Catholic mission of Bo. Labor and miscellaneous cost is estimated at \$2,000.

Conclusion

The need for this funding is critical. We firmly believe that with this funding we will not only address the immediate need but future needs as well. The people of Gbo/Gbaima are good people that are just in a bad situation. We further believe that if you are not given a chance you don't have a chance. We are asking you to please help us give the residents of Gbo/Gbaima a chance.

On behalf of Chief Tutu, once the Ebola crisis is over you are cordially invited to visit our wonderful Gbo/Gbaima, Bo, Sierra Leone, West Africa.