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PROFILE

BACKGROUND

Masanga Children's Fund (M.C.F.) - Sierra Leone, is a registered Non-governmental Organisation (N.G.O.), providing Social and Education Services to Children, Families, and Communities.

Initially, i.e. between 1981 and 2003, M.C.F. was a Desk Project, under the Rehabilitation Department, of Masanga Leprosy Hospital, Commonly known as "Rehab". During the Civil War (1991-2002), the Programme moved from its humble beginning at Masanga Town, in Tonkolili District to Makeni, and later to Freetown.

In Freetown, the Programme was changed from a Desk Project to an Organisation. In June, 2004, it was registered as a Local Non-governmental Organisation under the name - Masanga Children's Fund.

OUR COMMITMENT

Masanga Children's Fund, is committed to:-

- The provision of increase access to and participation of children in formal education.
- Support the development of Educational institution, especially in Basic Education.
- Mobilize funds to provide sponsorship to needy children.
- Mobilize and increase community participation in planning, managing and monitoring of basic educational services within the community.
- Sensitize parents and community leaders on the need to establish a community development approach towards education.
- Support activities that improves the quality of life for local communities.
- Support children and families of people with Disabilities.
- Provide social and technical support to complement community resources.
- Support child Protection Advocacy.
- Facilitates the provision of good quality teaching / learning materials to children and schools.
- Provide support for skills training to young people, who can no longer benefit from formal education.

OUR PRIORITY - THE CHILDREN

Children are our priority, and their welfare is our concern. In order to promote sustainable development, Sierra Leone needs to invest heavily on its Human resources, especially the children, who are the future leaders (i.e. the men and women of tomorrow).

OUR FOCUS - EDUCATION

Education is the key, and knowledge is power, therefore, education is a fundamental right of every child. In Sierra Leone, about Fifty-Five percent (55%) of children, according to UNICEF, are still not enrolled in school. This situation threaten national development in the 21st century. Promoting access to education and providing additional opportunities for children, to complement government's effort, becomes the focus of Masanga Children's Fund.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The framework of the Organisation's implementation strategy is centred on cooperation and partnership. We believe that the successful implementation of our projects depend on the active participation of families and communities. The following approaches constitutes the core of our implementation strategy:-

SERVICE DELIVERY

- Provides financial assistance to children in various forms of sponsorship.
- Provide relevant materials to support and improve the teaching / learning environment.
- Build schools for communities to make education accessible to children, within and around these communities.

ADVOCACY

- We advocate the basic rights of the child & people with disability- education, health, food, housing etc.
- Work towards increasing awareness on issues relating to child abuse - Child Labour, Substance Abuse, Gambling etc.
- Influence policy makers on the need to support child welfare programme.

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

- Sensitise and mobilize community Leaders and families in project communities on the need to support development activities.
- Increase awareness of the value of education for all, regardless of sex, tribe, age or religion.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- We support the training of staff, to increase their efficiency and output.
- Facilitate the training of community leaders to enable them participate in the management, supervision, and monitoring of community projects.
- Assist in the training of local facilitators to support community projects and programmes.

OUR BENEFICIARIES

The organisation have Two Hundred and Fifty (250) Sponsored Children, who are Direct beneficiaries; give support to TWO Thousand, Nine Hundred (2,900) Children in Fifteen (15) Primary Schools, Three Hundred and Fifty Students in Secondary School, and support individual Families and Communities in the following category:-

- Disadvantaged children from families with low socio-economic status.
- Children and families of people with disabilities.
- Children out of school, especially in rural areas, where Basic Education is inaccessible.

- Communities with low quality of life - poor housing, lack of clean drinking water, lack of access to basic income etc.

OUR DONORS/PARTNERS

The principal donors of Masanga Children's Fund are:-

- Danish Children's Fund - Denmark.
- Schools for Salone - U.S.A
- Friends of Sierra Leone - U.S.A

Staff Capacity

The organisation has four (4) full time staff, and a number of Volunteers who serves in various capacities at different times. However, the organisation has two permanent volunteers in Bo, Southern Province and Masanga/Makeni, Northern Province, respectively.

MCF - Board

The Board consist of ten (10) Members, five permanent and five non-permanent members, constituted as follows:-

MCF Management/ Administration (Permanent Members)

- Executive Director
- Executive Secretary
- Finance Officer

Seventh-day Adventist Mission (Permanent Members)

- Mission President
- Education Director

Beneficiaries (Non-Permanent Members)

- Three Members

Community Members (Non- Permanent Members)

- Two Members

Bankers

Rokel Commercial Bank Limited,
Freetown
Sierra Leone.

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CURRENT PROJECTS 2006 /07

Western Area

- Provision of Sponsorship to Ninety-Six(96) Students (77 in Greater Freetown and 19 in the Peninsula Area) and other in desperate needs.
- Construction of Office Building for Masanga Children's Fund, 8 The Maze, Off King Street, Wilberforce, Freetown.
- Construction of the S.D.A. Primary School, at the Good News S.D.A. Church, Main Motor Road, Congo cross, Freetown.
- Provision of Computer Training and related services to Sponsored, Non-Sponsored Children and Adult, at Masanga Children's Fund Office, 8 The Maze, Off King Street, Freetown.

Northern Province

- Provision of Sponsorship to Eighty-Eight (88) Students.
- Support to the Association of People with Disabilities - Masanga, Tonkolili District.
- Support to S.D.A. Primary School, Maforeka, Tonkolili District.
- Construction of Three Classrooms, Office and Store at the SLMB Primary School, Masanga, Tonkolili District.
- Construction of Four Classrooms, and Toilets for S.D.A. Primary School, Makali, Tonkolili District.
- Construction of Three Classrooms, Two compartment pit latrine, Furniture and hand pump water well

Southern Province

- Provision of Sponsorship to thirty-Eight(38) Students.
- Construction of Four Classrooms, Office and Store for Bo District Education Committee Primary School, Kandor, Bo District.
- Rehabilitation of Offices and Library Building at Jama Bongor Secondary School, Koribondo, Bo District.
- Construction of Three Classrooms, Office and store, Four compartment pit latrine, Furniture and one hand pump water well.

The board recently voted ten projects for possible funding and implementations.

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