Una Kushe-o!

Our team in Sierra Leone has been busier than ever during the first 6 months of 2017 thanks to YOUR generous support! Natalie and I traveled to Sierra Leone in late June to meet with our partners at Programme for Children and The Learning Foundation. We are grateful for these partnerships with skilled, dedicated Sierra Leoneans, working hard to improve educational opportunities for children.

As you will see below, together we are increasing access to education, working side by side with teachers to improve their skills, providing much-needed books and learning materials, planting trees, and making sure that girls have the feminine hygiene materials they need to go to school – every day – and the reproductive health training so they understand their changing bodies.

We have much more to come in 2017! Many, many thanks to YOU for joining hands with us to empower the students and teachers of Sierra Leone!

Warmest regards,

Cindy
**Construction**
Our team has completed the school and water well in Walihun, and installed the roof and steel doors on the school in Sulehun. It is almost complete!

**Solar**
Our team has installed 4 solar systems in schools this year, and distributed 20 solar study lights to schools and homes.

**Opening Ceremonies**
In June and July, SfS and PFC held opening ceremonies for 4 schools: Education for All, Gbumbeh, Bendu, and Walihun.

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**Education Quality**

**Teacher Training**
Over the Easter break, TLF conducted a teacher literacy training workshop for our teachers in the North as part of our strategy to provide ongoing hands-on support and training for our teachers.

**Books & Learning Materials**
PFC has delivered new books to our library in Mamboma, and delivered workbooks and other learning materials to our schools across the country.

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**Girls Program**
On June 30, our team held an official opening ceremony for our menstruation kit sewing program. Our three tailors have completed over 200 kits. Other groups in Sierra Leone have already begun ordering kits to distribute to their communities. Juliet and Mannah have been conducting reproductive health education in our schools, and giving kits to girls who start their periods.

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**Other Projects**

**Tree Planting**
8 schools have planted 80 trees total to combat climate change. Each tree is adopted by a child to look after.

**New Project Vehicle**
In January, SfS and PFC purchased a lightly used, reliable vehicle to ensure safe transportation to our schools to implement our programs.