



Slum Solutions

**Building new
sustainable villages
and communities
in Sierra Leone**



Home Leone has a vision to close the slums of Sierra Leone within 25 years. In their place are vibrant new towns and villages. The impact is profound.

Sierra Leone is consistently one of the poorest countries on earth. Each year people die because they live in dangerous coastal and cliff hanging slums. This should not be. This is URGENT.

Home Leone is founded and led by Christians with a passion to enable the poorest to make the most of fresh thinking and innovaton.

Home Leone is delivering a relocation strategy, based on 17 years' experience of building low-cost homes in 6 developing nations. We draw on 7 years in-depth study of local slum-dwellers needs, developing

partnerships and contextualizing within the nation's opportunities and constraints. The impact is profound and visitors to our pilot "Destiny Village" say **"This is amazing."**



Home Leone is now relocating over 2,000 people to its initial 25-acre site, comprising 7 strategic pillars:

- **Low-cost, affordable homes** - 344 homes, designed by residents, deliver culturally appropriate living at affordable prices in a rent-to-buy scheme;
- **Businesses, employment, micro loans and skills** - participants with jobs contribute to society in a sustainable dignified manner;
- **Education** - community primary, secondary, and vocational training schools equip and empower the next generation. Adult education offers a second chance;
- **Healthcare** - Understanding local facilities, demand and preferences leads to the development of a triage and pathway service;
- **Water and Waste Management** - Drinkable water delivered to homes and the wider communities. Effective Waste Management and a waste-to-power incinerator;
- **Power** - Aiming to connect to the local power grid, supplemented by solar mini-grids and generators;
- **Behavioural change** - Scarcity mentality and unhelpful cultural pressures are challenged, leading to happier, more fulfilled and longer lives. Our programmes, social justice initiatives and training, maximise the effective use of the new facilities.



Feel the Impact of this life-changing work:

- ✓ 56 homes and moved over 200 people to a new life;
- ✓ 6 classrooms, a school and nearly 100 children learning;
- ✓ 6 businesses and 2 micro-loan projects providing livelihood;
- ✓ A new church sharing God's love in this vibrant nation; and
- ✓ Training, power, water, waste management and so much more...



Low-Cost Homes

Think for a moment how much your home cost you? Each home costs less than **£6,000 (\$7,500)**. Built in blocks of 8, each house contains a parlour, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, toilets, and wash facilities. Culturally-appropriate design means they have private and community facilities. Tenants buy their homes over a 20 year period, in a rent to buy scheme. Each person over 15 years old, contributes 3 hours a week of community service.

We seek to

“take the slum out of the individual as well as the individual out of the slum.”

Personal growth and enabling each person to make the most of the opportunity is core.



Education

As Nelson Mandela said,

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

September 2019 saw us open a primary school. We trained local teachers in child centred learning. Thankful for the first 6 classrooms, the school is building curriculum and learning. We are now developing adult education and a secondary school. The schools are designed, equipment is waiting as, with your help, we build for children hungry to learn and change their nation.



Procurement

Procurement enables cost effective development. UK schools and businesses moving to new premises offer us their old buildings and equipment. Volunteers strip out the doors, windows, kitchen equipment and more. We've already sent 10 containers of this high value recycled equipment that would otherwise have gone to landfill. It ensures our charity delivers great value for money.

Organisations, like yours, donate unwanted stocks and make key donations. From tooling to solar panels, football kit to medical supplies, building materials to expertise and financial support. Thank you.





Come to Sierra Leone

Corporate Teams

Home Leone enables staff teams to contribute by visiting us, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and personal development programmes. By hosting teams, we help your organisation deliver powerful outcomes. Clear wins are demonstrated for the individual, the company, and the new community.

Already companies such as Arup, Jacobs, Futuresource, Turley, IM Group and more have said YES, benefiting from the fruit of such trips.

So many participants say:

"I thought I was going to help – but they gave me so much more."

Churches, Schools and Healthcare

We provide trips for churches and schools. We have orientation and debrief, great cross-cultural preparation and of course those vital risk assessments. We welcome your teams.

We also welcome healthcare teams and individuals with acute specialities like dentists.

Individual Volunteering

No matter if you have a week, a month, a gap year, career break or a lifetime. We would so much value your help. We know you have so much to offer!

Sierra Leone

In the last 20 years, this nation has emerged from civil war, Ebola, and natural disaster. In August 2017, a mudslide killed hundreds living on a hillside highlighting the urgent need to relocate thousands of residents. Over 10 government ministers have visited Destiny. Their response is summed up by the Deputy Minister of Social Welfare who said

“This is wonderful and very exciting for the children who are opportune to be part of this historic project. This Government values your work as it has brought hope to many families who never thought of having a descent home for themselves”.





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