

Support to 40 Farmers to Fight against Hunger in Dembelia Sinkunia Chiefdom-Sierra Leone.

Join SYSO to fight hunger and malnutrition in Sierra Leone, save lives, save communities and school going children.



“I believe the children are our future, Let the children’s laughter remind us how we used to be. People need someone to look up to. Show them all the beauty they possess by giving them a sense of pride to make it easier” by Whitney Houston.

SUMMARY

Sierra Leone is ranked 179 out of 188 in the Human Development Index and the third hungriest country in the world says Global Hunger Index. There are more than 6.4 million people living in Sierra Leone, 52.9 percent of who live below the national poverty line. Roughly 60 percent of the population lives in rural areas, the majority of whom rely on subsistence agriculture for their livelihoods. Malnutrition has been the greatest cause of child mortality in Sierra Leone, accounting for nearly half of all child deaths. Almost one-third of children under five are chronically malnourished.

Agriculture, however, has faced many challenges in recent years due to lack of equipment, poor quality seeds, lack storage facilities, deforestation and climate change. Rice production has declined so significantly that only four percent of farmers produce enough to meet their needs in Sierra Leone.

Sinkunia Young Stars Organization (SYSO) is committed to reducing hunger and malnutrition in Sierra Leone by providing quality equipments, viable seeds, food for work and training to farmers to increase yield in a way that no one should go to bed with empty stomach. With that children would be able to get quality education

CHALLENGE

According to FAO, WFP and GOSL show that more than half of the population-3.5 million people are food insecure in Sierra Leone. Eating significantly less food and less varied and nutritious food, and unable to cope with new shocks such as drought, floods and fluctuating food prices.

The number of severely food insecure people has increased by 60 percent since 2010. Out of 149 Chiefdoms 110 Chiefdoms had food insecurity levels above the national average of 50 percent in Sierra Leone. Most of people who are in extreme poverty are hungry and malnourished. The largest groups of people who are in extreme poverty are Smallholder farmers in developing countries. They do not have enough income to grow enough food to supply themselves with enough to eat year round, and they earn so little income from what they sell that they cannot afford to purchase food from other sources once their own supply runs out. Food from the previous harvest runs out and families cut back on meals. This period may last for months depending on the size of the previous harvest. Over a prolonged time parents may have to pull children out of school to earn income to pay for food.

Only 4 percent of farmers use chemical fertilizer, 10 percent has access to improved seed varieties, 99 percent use manual tools and old agricultural system leading to poor production.

According to the 2017 Global Hunger Index, Sierra Leone faces an alarming level of hunger, with approximately 38 percent of children younger than 5 years of age suffering from stunting, a manifestation of chronic malnutrition.

SOLUTION

The project will help 40 farmers and their families out of extreme poverty, provide sustainable food for 40 families. Providing them with farm tools, viable seeds and training on new agricultural techniques will increase their productivity thereby households will not have to travel eight miles or more to buy or sell food.

Sinkunia Young Stars Organization (SYSO) helps to address this issue by providing smallholder farmers viable seeds, quality farm tools, food for work and training on current agricultural techniques to vulnerable farmers. Only seed supply to farmers will be returned to SYSO after harvesting which will be supplied to another set of 40 farmers within the same community, this revolves on and on and on until the last farmer benefit

from the project. Raising community awareness on the nutritional values of diverse diets through growing different types of nutritious crops and teaches them some crop preservative methods and strengthens them through knowledge sharing on new agricultural ideas and collective responsibility that will lead to increase production.

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Every farming season the project will help another set of 40 smallholder farmers and their families depending on them moved out of hunger and malnutrition caused by abject poverty. Will increased households food security, income-generating opportunities, increase purchasing power with improved livelihoods. Food from the previous harvest will serve families throughout the year to the next harvesting season. The project will use innovative and sustainable methods to overcoming hunger and malnutrition insecurity for vulnerable farmers in rural communities through youth involvement and qualified agricultural officials within the district. Sustainable food production will increase school attendance by school going pupils, reduce mortality death rate.



RESOURCES

<https://reliefweb.int> report Sierra Leone Food Assistance Fact Sheet-January 30, 2018

<https://borgenproject.org> 10 Important Facts to Know about Hunger in Sierra Leone.

<https://reliefweb.int> IFRC Sierra Leone Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak-Emergency plan of Action Final Report (MDRSL005).

<https://eeas.europa.eu> Launch of the 2015 Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA).

You can view the full profile of Sierra Leone at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra Leone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Leone)

SINKUNIA YOUNG STARS ORGANIZATION (SYSO)



Sinkunia Young Stars Organization (SYSO) is a registered non-profit organization founded on the 8th August, 2008 in Sierra Leone seeking to work with indigenous people in their communities to help provide and improve their basic human needs (Food, Shelter, Clothing, Education and Health) and strive to fight poverty and respond to emergencies during disasters and crisis (outbreak) in order to live in vibrant and flourishing communities.

Sinkunia Stars came about when hunger and malnutrition causing stunting in children, health problems, poor access to quality education, gender inequality, and the cry of our vulnerable women and girls became rampant in this underrepresented and remote community which touched the soul of few Young youths called "Sinkunia Stars" came together with ideas to address problems affecting Sinkunia and all other disadvantaged communities in Africa.

Since 2010 Sinkunia Stars have been effectively able to support economically disadvantaged people in local communities through Scholarship programmes, Village to Village Sensitization programme on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in primary schools and HIV/AIDS, Women empowerment through skills and capacity building, Soap making, Establishment of Youth Farm, Environmental Protection Campaigns.

We believed in empowering human resources to boost Africa, transforming the young generation into resourceful and impactful people who can take responsibilities on their own through quality and effective education at the end they can be able to manage their problems amicably without too much dependency, so we all can live in a peaceful, healthier and vibrant communities.

We gratefully appreciate and thanks all our donors, supporters, fundraisers and friends who have been providing us light to see our path through in making this happen.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot hide it from themselves".
From Unknown Author.

