



# An introduction to EducAid

## What is EducAid

EducAid runs a network of schools in Sierra Leone that provide distinctive, personalised, top-quality, holistic education to vulnerable young Sierra Leoneans.

We promote and provide high quality, holistic education among the underprivileged and war-affected young people of Sierra Leone. The education of young men and women is essential to unlock human potential and necessary to overcome poverty, improve wellbeing, build democracy, and to be the cornerstone of stable social development.

## Why Work in Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leone has good diamond and gold reserves, however, these resources are not evenly distributed across the population. The vast population live in destitution and poverty, and Sierra Leone ranks as the 11th lowest in the UN Human Development Index.

The impact of the brutal civil war was felt most strongly by the young people of Sierra Leone. Many lost their families, homes and education, and over 6000 were forced to fight, maim, and kill. With a population that is 60% under 24 years of age (2012), and a 48% child labour rate (2005 est.), children in Sierra Leone are the most vulnerable group in the country.

## What is our presence in SL?

- One secondary school in the capital, Freetown.
- Three secondary schools in the provinces.
- Five primary school in the provinces.

## Among our pupils are:

- Ex-combatants
- Girl Mothers & Orphans
- Refugees & Displaced People
- Poor people from the local area.

There are many educational barriers in Sierra Leone: there is no free secondary education and students have to pay for uniforms, books and exams.

We remove all of these barriers and make it possible for young people to access high quality education. Our fees are excellent attendance, excellent behaviour and excellent effort – that is all we require.

## What does EducAid provide?

EducAid covers all educational costs and provides free tuition and materials as well as extra lessons for exam classes, free lunch every day and essential medicines when necessary.

EducAid also provides accommodation for around half of our students and represents a significant and stable employer in all of our communities.

## What do we achieve?

Our students consistently achieve some of the highest results in the country. For the past several years we have achieved a 95-100% pass rate, in comparison to 40% junior and 10% senior national averages.

Our results compete with the most expensive and selective fee paying schools in the country. This marks an incredible achievement by our students, many of whom have had their education and lives disrupted by poverty and war.

## How can you help?

If you decide to support our work you will be helping some of the poorest and most vulnerable young people in the world.

£15 pays for one student to be fed, watered, housed, medicated and educated per month.

**That's £180 per year.**

Change a life for the change in your pocket.



We are proud to say that our Trustees cover all overheads in the UK; so all money donated goes directly to benefitting those in Sierra Leone.

## Where can you find more information

Visit our website, sign up to our newsletters, and connect with us through social media. We distribute information and call for project-specific donations so it's a good way to stay in touch.

