**PROJECT TITTLE: Helping Vulnerable Children realize a better future through Primary Education and improved WASH facilities**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE**

Based on needs assessment, the implementation of this project will provide educational as well as water, sanitation and hygiene support in schools, intentionally targeting twelve clustered vulnerable communities in Makarie Gbanti Chiefdom (Mathinka, Magbenteh, Magbema, Magbongnah, Makallah, Magburreh,New London, Mangae ,Loko Town, Rokuprr, Newsite and Mabanta).

From all indications, presently there is only one Primary School available to serve all twelve clustered communities called “The Needy Today Orphanage Primary School” located in Mathinka Village. The school is even owned by us and being run from our own local contributions. This school is experiencing very poor education and deplorable WASH conditions-school structures are terrible and not enough, no water facility within the school except pupils have to walk about 400 meters into the nearby village to access water, the school has got only one toilet of two rooms almost at the brink of collapse, furniture and teaching materials are lacked and 98% of its pupils are extremely vulnerable in terms of everything, and most of them had to walk long distances to come to school. And still there are many more children within these communities who have not been enrolled to school mostly because their parents/caretakers could not afford. Teachers of this school up till now do not receive salaries from government but only stipend from our organization, yet have remained committed and resolute to help children from neighbouring communities achieve a brighter future through quality education.

In consideration with all the above, the implementation of this project aims to improve the status of education and WASH in The Needy Today Orphanage Primary School, and also intends to construct a new Primary School with improved WASH facilities in the Magbongna Community. The construction of the new school will help increase children’s accessibility to primary education. All strategies will be geared towards complementing national course on achieving sustainable development within the country

**PROJECT AIM**

Is to support vulnerable children realize a better future through achievement of quality education and good health

Through the provision of reliable WASH facilities and awareness raising on acculturation of WASH best practices, help improve poor conditions of WASH for better living

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

* Improve Primary Education in the aforementioned twelve (12) clustered communities in Makarie Gbanti through the renovation and expansion of The Needy Today Orphanage Primary School in Mathinka Village, and construction of a new Primary School in Magbongna Village to increase access to primary education within target communities.
* Also help improve Primary Education through the provision of teaching aids/school learning materials and furniture for The Needy Today Orphanage Primary School and the new Primary School that will be constructed in Magbongna Village
* Improve health conditions of school children through construction and repairs of Water Wells and Pit-Latrines in The Needy Today Orphanage Primary School and the new Primary School that will be built in Magbongna,
* Through participatory approach, train and raise awareness of pupils on proper WASH behaviour practices
* Also, provide school learning materials for already existing pupils and those that will be enrolled
* Provide stipend for school teachers and motivation packages in the form of cash to enhance increased performance of out-put of school children

**TARGET COMMUNITIES AND BENEFICIARIES**

Twelve (12) clustered communities in Makarie Gbanti Chiefdom, Bombali District will be our target for the implementation of this project (Mathinka, Magbenteh, Magbema, Magbongnah, Makallah, Magburreh,New London, Mangae ,Loko Town, Rokuprr, Newsite and Mabanta).

We will target 742 most deprived children who will stand to benefit directly

**STAFFING**

The implementation of this project will hire the service of: Executive Director, Programmes Manager, Project Officer, Finance officer, WASH Officer, WASH Construction Supervisor, Field Supervisor, Protection Officer, M&E Officer.

**PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Results on needs assessment from survey conducted in potential target communities for the implementation of this project clearly bring to light that the status of education and WASH in Schools within these communities are in very bad conditions almost heading constantly downwards. Unbelievably we cannot still imagine that there is only one Primary School being available to twelve clustered communities within the chiefdom (Mathinka, Magbenteh, Magbema, Magbongnah, Makallah, Magburreh,New London, Mangae ,Loko Town, Rokuprr, Newsite and Mabanta). WASH condition within this school is terrible- no source of water except children walk about 400 meter to the surrounding village, and an already collapsed toilets with two drop-holes. The school structures are very weak and not enough to accommodate all the 292 pupils, the school lack teaching support materials, 98% of its pupils are extremely vulnerable and therefore could not afford most learning materials and teachers are not on pay-rolls but on stipend provided by our organization, meaning there is room for demotivation that would undermine the learning process. Considering the fact that most of the children had to walk from far away communities to come to school and there are many more not still enrolled in school, therefore, there is need for construction of a new school which this project plans to provide.

**EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTCOMES**

* That by the end of project a reasonable number of children in target communities would have got access to quality primary education
* A new Primary School would have been built in target communities to enhance increase in school attendance
* Children attending these primary schools within target communities would have been provided learning and relevant school materials
* Both the old and the newly constructed Primary School would have been provided teaching aid and other learning materials
* Conditions of WASH in target schools would have improved

**PROJECT DURATION**:

12 months (March 2016- March 2017)

**MONITORING & EVALUATION STRATEGIES and SUSTAINABILITY**

Monitoring & Evaluation of project activities will be done on routine basis 2-3 times per week and will include the involvement of stakeholder participation for guide and sustainability. We will also encourage and include huge community participation throughout project activities and allow them to take ownership which will also allow project success and sustainability. Results of project outcomes will be compared before, during and after in a bid to tell the level of impact created by the project.