PROPOSAL

Orphans Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Project

(O-WASH)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The Ebola Virus Disease impact on Liberia was devastating and affected every sector of the Liberian Society. A post Ebola recovery program is important and essential especially for orphanges in Liberia who prior to the Ebola outbreak did not have proper water and sanitation facilities at orphanage, limited sanitary supplies and other challenges.

The implementation of this project is through the establishment of a well-organized orphanage based student organization to be called water, sanitation & hygiene Club (O-WASH-Club). For the successful implementation of the project Orphan Concern-Liberia and partners will mobilize, recruit, educate and equip Orphanages school students who will be participants and members of the various clubs to promote WASH in their schools and orphanages at large.

The schools selected for the WASH Project are part of our Network of 12 partnering schools. These schools have shown a greater need for WASH Program their schools and the setup of a WASH Program at the schools will booster the learning programs at the schools. The project will Train and Commission 20 students (5 from each of the four schools) that will serve as WASH Ambassadors.

They will oversee the WASH Program at the schools and will be supervised by Two Staff members of the schools that will be referred to as WASH Champions These Champions will monitor and supervised the role of the Ambassadors and the general sanitation program of the school. These schools already have a janitorial team but the Ambassadors will also help in getting students involved through WASH RELATED PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOLS. The Champion will supervise and make a report of the project. The school will also for sustainability purpose to be encouraged to provide wash materials for the running of the project.

The Orphanage WASH Project is being proposed by Orphan Concern Liberia a registered not for-profit organization established in 2012 with the sole intention to advocate for the welfare of orphans across Liberia and the Liberia Youth WASH Coalition is a consortium of civil society youth-led organizations campaigning for youth participation and recognition in achieving local access to safe drinking Water, sustainable sanitation and hygiene for all at all levels through research, policy advocacy, awareness, sensitization and capacity development.

The Orphanage WASH (O-WASH) Project is aimed at improving WASH related activities at five selected orphanages and their schools in Montserrado targeting over 1500 beneficiaries. The program is expected to last for four (4) months from February -May 2018 and is put at a cost of

**ORGANIZATION’S HISTORY, MISSION & GOALS**

Orphans Concern-Liberia is a non Profit, voluntary Liberian Initiative founded in July 2012, who is passionate about the welfare of Orphans within our society. Our membership comprises of Orphans and Indigent children who lived at various orphanages, as well as individual who have the passion for orphans in seeking their welfare and improving their lives. Being fully aware of the downsized and less privileged conditions of children in our society especially orphans ranging from lack of quality Education, appropriate health care, required moral upbringing and crashed dreams amongst others, we are embodied in a holistic call to see the lives of Orphans Transformed for positive service to Liberia and our Global Village.

During the Ebola crisis Liberia, Orphans Concern implemented numerous Ebola prevention programs and relief activities including food and non-food items, Ebola prevention awareness, provision of sanitary materials etc.

Orphans Concern-Liberia has worked and partnered with the Orphan Relief & Rescue, UNICEF-Liberia, Kids Education & Engagement Project, PLAN International- Liberia, Action Aid, YOCEL, UNWOMEN, African Union, South Africa Embassy, Ghanaian Embassy, Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection, National Union of Orphanages & Children Welfare Institutions, and is member of the child protection network of Liberia.

Through its programs and activities over the years 1300 children from 38 orphanages mainly girls has benefitted from the Mentoring Service & Outreach Program initiated since 2014. Under the My Body is Mine Program (Sexual Exploitation Prevention) 500 students from 12 partnering orphanages schools in Montserrado County has benefited. Over 85 girls living at 9 orphanages has also benefited from our SPACE program initiated in 2018. Six orphanages schools and over 800 has so far benefited form the Orphan School WASH program in 2017. Launch in 2017, over 88 youth living on orphanages have so far benefited from the Orphan Empowerment Summit. Over 208 Ebola survivals and orphans benefited from Ebola recovery and school program supported Lakarmissionnee Swedish based Ngo. Constructed two homes for Ebola ORPHANS.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

With the Desire to foster positive transformation amongst Orphans and less fortunate Children in our communities, we are committed to our framework of transitive educational trainings and voluntary advocacies in ensuring that the lives of Orphans in Liberia is brightened by unleashing their potentials and exposing them to opportunities they need to secure a better future.

**GOAL**

To create a society where Orphans are well catered for by the provision of basic social needs and opportunities to explore.

**CURRENT PROJECT:**

Orphanage Care Plan Program

Donor: KEEP

Partner: Orphan Relief & Rescue

Beneficiaries: 12 orphanages

Location: Montserrado & Margibi Counties

Duration: Six Month (November 2018- May 2019)

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Supported Independent Living Program

Donor: Save the Children

Partner: Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection & Orphanage Union

Beneficiaries: over 400 youth

Location: Montserrado County Duration: July –December 2014

**CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE:**

Orphans Concern Liberia has the required capacity in terms of executing the proposed project. This capacity is based on the professional and qualified staff that runs the day to day affairs of the organization. Orphans Concern Liberia is a member of the Child Protection Network of Liberia, member of the National Education NGO Secretariat.

With over five years of experience in implementing various projects, Orphans Concern has implemented and organized international events including the World Orphans Day, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2015 Day of the African Child , amongst other.

Fostering attitudes that promote integrity, transparency, accountability, dedication, hard-work, volunteerism and social responsibility are at the core of Orphans Concern work.

**TARGET BENEFICIARIES:**

Four orphanages with Elementary, Junior & Senior High school students ages 8-23 years in Montserrado County

**TARGET COUNTY:**

Montserrado

 BACKGROUND/ JUSTIFICATION

The Ebola Virus Disease impact on Liberia is devastating and affected every sector of the Liberian Society. A post Ebola recovery Program is important and essential especially for orphanages in slums and rural parts of Liberia who prior to the Ebola outbreak did not have proper Water and sanitation facilities.

A focus on orphan WASH stems from the fact that children have a right to basic facilities such as school toilets, safe drinking water, clean surroundings and information on the deadly Ebola virus and hygiene. If these conditions are created, children come to school, enjoy learning, learn better and take back to their families, especially siblings, concepts and practices on Ebola prevention, sanitation and hygiene. In this way, investment in education is more productive. Such conditions have an even greater positive outcome for girls who often stay away from or drop out of schools which do not have toilet facilities.

The framework for comprehensive school health calls for the provision of safe water and appropriate sanitation facilities as basic first steps in the creation of a healthy learning environment. And, based on a great deal of experience showing that facilities alone are not enough to achieve the desired improvements in both health and education outcomes, the framework also calls for skills-based health and hygiene education and partnerships with school administrations to ensure that facilities are maintained and used properly.

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**PROJECT GOAL:**

The primary goal of this project is to improve and institutionalize WASH related activities at targeted orphanages in Montserrado County, Liberia.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

To assess the extent to which the proposed project remedies the problems noted above, it will be necessary to quantify the results to measure the project’s effectiveness. The following are the project objectives:

* Establishment of WASH Club in 4 orphanages schools with functional WASH facilities (drinking water facilities and group hand washing facilities); in Montserrado County ;

* Train forty students and eight teachers in WASH education, WASH facilities management, awareness and supervision;
* Build the school WASH Clubs capable of monitoring and sustaining the result when project is over;

* Provide disinfectants and other WASH materials to targeted orphanages schools.

**MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN**

* Pre project interview with beneficiaries and stakeholders through a structural questionnaire
* Midterm project interview with beneficiaries and stakeholders through a structural questionnaire
* End of project interview with beneficiaries and stakeholders through a structural questionnaire
* Facilitators Notes, photography evidences and participants attendance List

Evaluation and other project information will be collated as described in the plan and collated for midterm and end of project reports. Results will be presented to donor partner and any other relevant project stakeholders as well as allowing identification and implementation of any improvements to the project.

TIMEFRAME

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| **NO** | **ACTIVITY** | **EXPECTED RESULT** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| 1. | Project setup:  Orphanages /School selection, Students identified and project officially launched. | Selected orphanages mobilized, students identified and recruited, Create massive publicity about the project |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2, | Training of students & teachers | Students/ teachers WASH capacity enhanced along with hygiene education |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | Distribution of WASH materials, set up WASH Club and WASH Facilities | Improved WASH activities at orphanages |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Reflection & Reporting  -Share success stories  -Present sustainability plan  - Appreciation letters sent out | Share reports with relevant stakeholders and partners |  |  |  |  |  |