

FROM RESTORE HOPE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Despite ongoing pandemic issues, 2021 was a record setting year for the Restore Hope global team. More women and mothers found healing from old traumas and mental distress through their participation in our community-led, interpersonal talking therapy groups (IPT-G). And more children gained access to quality education and succeeded through our scholarships and education extension programs.

We also designed and are already executing a scaling plan to expand our reach in 2023 to surrounding communities who do not currently have access to the health and mental health care our team so expertly provides. This drive for low-cost, high-quality expansion is an essential part of our unique health equity model designed to help Liberian women and children live fuller, healthier, and more empowered lives.

Some of the world's biggest challenges need urgent, impactful, and creative solutions. The pandemic taught us that there is no health without mental health. Providing mental health support to the women of Liberia touches and heals entire households and even ripples out into the surrounding community. The Restore Hope family remains committed to the women and children of Kolahun, while we expand the reach of our services to some of the other Liberian communities that are also in dire need.

Periods of growth create new challenges and much uncertainty. They also offer us an opportunity to grapple with changes and emerge with clarity and renewed purpose.

Our work this year was one of those times.

Like many of us, Restore Hope leadership spent the year thinking deeply about our programs, our impact, how we can most effectively achieve our mission. How can we best frame the work to most accurately represent, uplift, and equip those we serve?

Humanitarian work is undergoing an exciting revolution that has re-centered the leadership and decision making of global initiatives back to local populations with a particular aim to respect local traditions, create sustainability through community buyin and leadership, and to redistribute power and leadership more equitably to those who traditionally have been the most vulnerable and marginalized, most affected in this era of polycrisis. In particular, the women of Liberia and West Africa who have been disproportionately affected by the violence of war, the persistent gender-based violence in the peace that followed, the highest maternal mortality rates in the world; and who suffered and died most often during times of epidemic and pandemic disease, including Ebola and Covid virus diseases. In spite of this, they stopped a war, held their families together, and began the slow, steady steps of rebuilding their villages, and a nation.

We are still examining the ways our work already aligns with these new priorities and the ways our work yet needs to adjust to stay in step with this changing world. These considerations are at the top of our minds as we discuss how best to utilize funds, how to design more impactful programs, and what is the best way to reach our health equity goals as we strive to positively impact health, in its fullest definition.

In final recognition of all that has been achieved during this year of celebration and introspection, I want to take a moment to congratulate Anna Morris and Bezalee Siafa Aaron, two young adults in Kolahun who graduated this year from the nursing program at Lofa County Community College. RESTORE HOPE ensured they had access to education and the support they needed to succeed. Their ambition, hard work, and hopes for the future shine brightly. Congratulations, Anna and Bezalee! We are so proud to have you as a part of the Restore Hope family and legacy! /

Saundra Williams

Executive Director

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERTISE

Two Independent Organizations: Partnered for One Great Result

Restore Hope

Supports Restore Hope: Liberia through -

- 1. Stewardship of Donor Relationships
- 2. Fundraising
- 3. Engaging Advanced Technical Assistance
- 4. Leadership Capacity Building
- 5. Finance & OperationsOversight
- 6. Risk Compliance
- 7. Overall Quality Assurance





Restore Hope: Liberia

Supports Restore Hope through -

Programmatic Leadership & Implementation

Field Expertise

Monitoring & Evaluation

Ongoing Quality Controls

Local Health System Strengthening

Key Relationship Building

Partnership Coordination

Guiding Expansion Strategy & Future Programmatic Design

THE NUMBERS: COMMUNITY SUPPORT



2,246 Adolescents received Sexual & Reproductive Health information



74 Children received clinical care via case management referrals



85 Children enrolled in school who would not have been otherwise

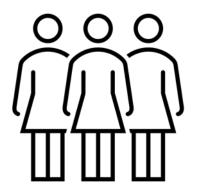


18 University scholarships awarded



Women empowered through governance & financial management training

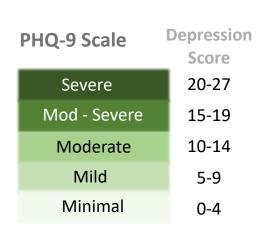
THE NUMBERS: Reduction in Depression for Mothers



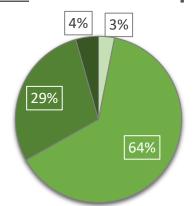
mothers received our group talking therapy (IPT).

81% ended therapy reporting no or very minimal depression symptoms.*

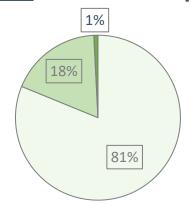
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
# of Groups	10	7	14	20
# of Facilitators	10	7	14	14
# of Clients Served	43	20	57	184







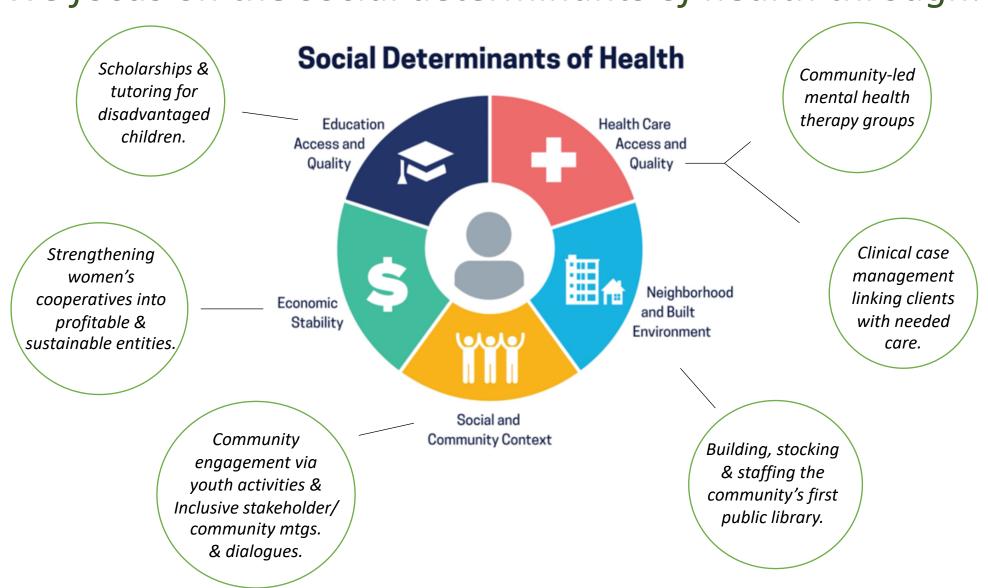
Post- IPT-G Therapy



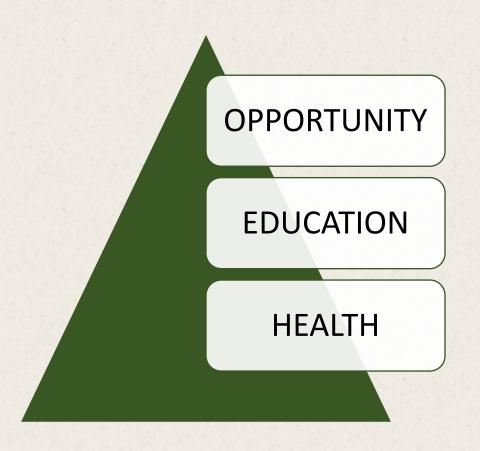
^{*}RHL implements the proven, WHO-endorsed, Interpersonal Group Therapy model. Changes in depressive symptoms are measured using the clinical diagnostic tool, PHQ9.

OUR PROGRAMS

We focus on the social determinants of health through:



Pyramid of Hope



We provide coordinated support to the individuals we serve.

Our priority area is health because without good physical and mental health, development is unattainable.

But we know that good health, alone, is not enough to overcome poverty and its ills.

We invest in education and support entrepreneurs to ensure the communities we serve have opportunities to succeed.

This is our model.

WE are GROUNDED in the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





We
TARGET
the most
marginalized
women &
children.



We <u>SUPPORT</u> grassroots food security initiatives; increasing yields & access to microcredit.



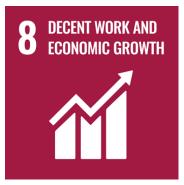
We <u>PROVIDE</u> mental healthcare, access to medical care/ clinical services, & local health systems strengthening.



We <u>FUND</u> scholarships, from kindergarten to college, for the most disadvantaged children.



We STRIVE TO END
Sexual & genderbased violence via
community-led
advocacy campaigns,
youth education, &
referrals for
emergency care.



We INVEST IN & strengthen women's coops that grow opportunities for quality, profitable, and empowering employment.

FINDINGS: YEAR 2 SUCCESSES of the MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



- Recruitment of committed group therapy facilitators who are excited to scale the model.
- ✓ 6 group therapy facilitators volunteered to lead a 2nd therapy group each week.
- ✓ Graduated clients are "supporting" friends & family via informal groups in remote villages not yet served by RHL.
- ✓ More than 80% of group therapy graduates report improved happiness & a desire for others to receive similar access to care.
- ✓ <u>Right Place. Right Time</u>. Kolahun has proven to be the right testing ground for early IPT-G work in Liberia.
- ✓ Getting Key Answers Right Now. RHL's data shows that IPT-G works in Liberia.
- ✓ With proof-of-concept complete, we are strengthening systems & preparing for rapid growth & scaling ahead.

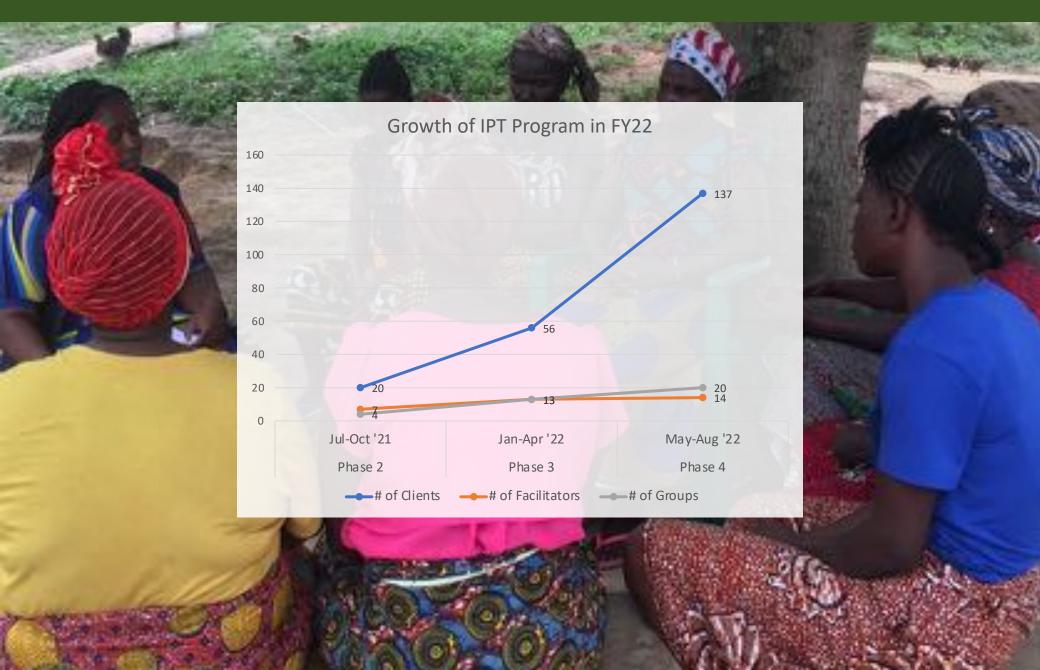
FINDINGS: NEEDED CHANGES to the MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



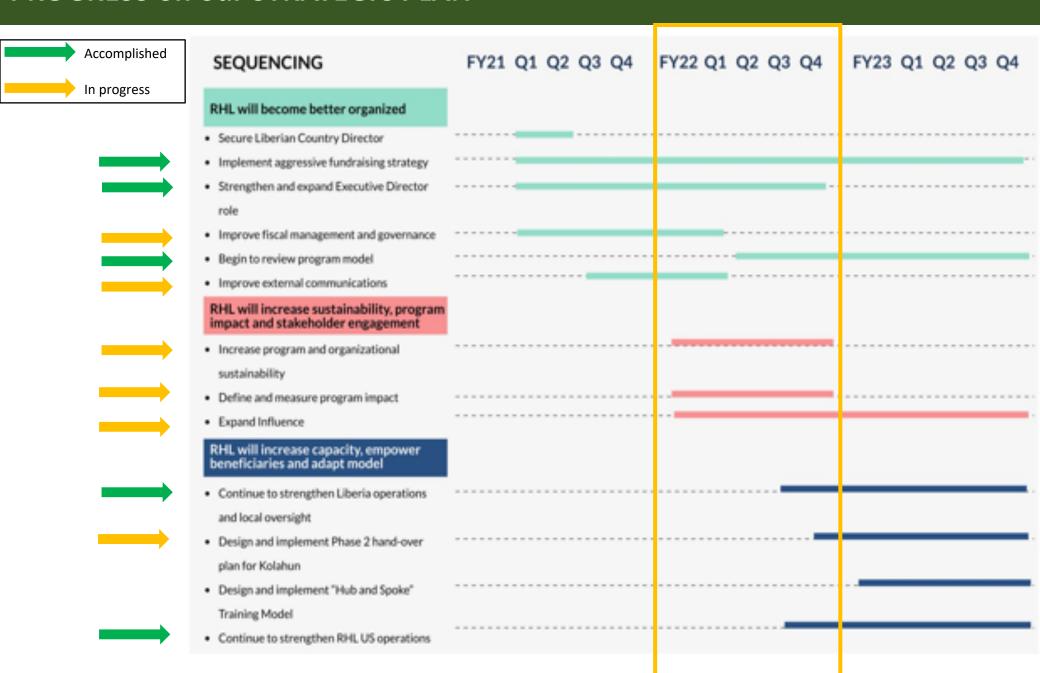
AREAS FOR GROWTH:

- Underbudgeting has led to an increase in turnover
 & thus a loss of institutional knowledge.
 - ✓ We have improved budget forecasting and have recruited a stronger workforce to support the significant growth ahead.
- An in-depth analysis found gaps in RH/RHL readiness for external donor partnership.
 - ✓ We dedicated time to addressing these gaps (short & long term). We are ready to learn more about the ways we can give donors confidence in the work we do, how we steward their funds & the success & impact of our work.

SCALING for GREATER IMPACT



PROGRESS on our STRATEGIC PLAN

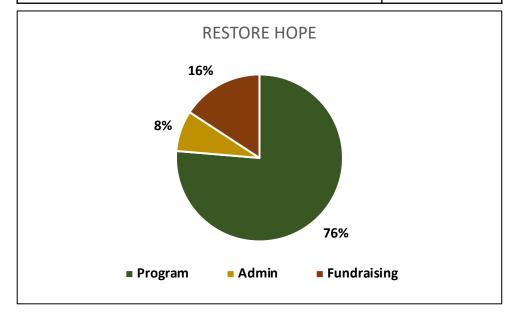


FINANCIALS

RESTORE HOPE: FY 2022			
INCOME	Amount		
Donations	194,141		
Grants: Dovetail Impact Foundation, Together Women Rise	50,000		
Sales	1,885		
Total Income	246,026		
EXPENSES			
Grants to RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA	175,789		
Direct Program Support	21,579		
Administration	20,433		
Fundraising	40,766		
Total Expenses	258,567		
BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES	(12,541)		

RESTORE HOPE, a 501c3, provides fundraising and advisory support to RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA, a registered nonprofit in Liberia.

RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA: FY2022				
INCOME	Amount			
RH Grants	175,789			
EXPENSES				
Health Program	123,278			
Education Program	40,620			
Economic Development Program	13,329			
Total Expenses	177,227			
BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES	(1,438)			



WHAT'S COMING

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Improve literacy skills of overage students in order to enroll at least two grades ahead to better align with their age
- Survey teens in schools across the District to measure impact of our S&RH peer counselors
- Expand Kolahun Cooperative membership by 10% and increase revenue by 50%
- Double the number of women receiving microloans from the revolving microloan fund from 36 to 72
- Increase scholarships from 18 to 25 for higher education

MENTAL HEALTH for WOMEN

- Expand geographic reach of therapy groups to surrounding areas outside of Kolahun District, reaching over 600 mothers in FY23
- Increase the number of groups led over the year from 37 to 63 as part of our scaling plan and to reduce cost per participant.
- Improve depression healing rates even more, from 81% in FY22 to 87% in FY23
- Strengthen organizational infrastructure by hiring M&E Officer and Admin/Finance Officer

THANK YOU!

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THEIR VOICES



We don't have to pound rice in the mortar anymore. These days food is ready before we are out of school! – David Blama

Group therapy made me to find my life meaningful with all of my problems. – Oldlady Musa

I'm a very proud student at the nursing department at college...I just want to encourage all girls that in school if you get pregnant it doesn't mean you stop school...Take courage and continue your schooling. – Anna Morris

Group therapy gave me courage. – Fematta Armah

OUR PARTNERS

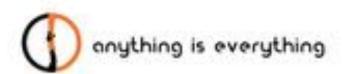






Together Women Rise is a non-profit giving

circle dedicated to empowering women and girls living in extreme poverty.





Truman Charities





Creating Smiles One Book At A Time

