



Inclusive Impact: Beyond Boundaries
**“Supporting Feminist Changemakers &
Call For Adequate Assistance”**
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Rural Sierra Leone, West Africa

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Dr. Adama Kalokoh

- Proud Descendant of Sierra Leone, West Africa
- Passionate about Public Health, Education as well as Agriculture
- Passionate about women and girl's empowerment
- Founder of Impact Sierra Leone (ISL) and Changemaker
- Proudly using my **voice** and platform to improve lives.



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IMPACT SIERRA LEONE

OVERVIEW ON IMPACT SIERRA LEONE

Impact Sierra Leone, a 501 c3 organization with a mission to reduce socioeconomic challenges in Sierra Leone and the United States through sustainable agriculture, education, skills training, and building strong partnerships with the Diaspora community.



AIM: REDUCING POVERTY/FOOD SECURITY

Currently, limited access to food crops such as fresh vegetables and fruits is a major factor leading to **nutritional deficiency** and affects the entire population. To address this ongoing problem, ISL launched a new program called the "**Seeds of Life**". This initiative aims to address nutritional gaps and improve the **wellness** of citizens in Sierra Leone. Our goal is to boost nutrition knowledge, promote behaviors that improve nutrition, boost food production and the local economy. ISL kicked off this initiative with a local community in a remote village called Foindu, located in the northern provinces of Sierra Leone.



Seeds of Life Project
Foindu, Sierra Leone

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SEEDS OF LIFE PROGRAM

Launched in 2021,
The Seeds of Life Initiative is a program dedicated to promoting wellness and reducing poverty through **Education**, **Empowerment**, and **Enrichment** activities. This program is designed to meet the poverty needs of underserved communities around the world.



Our Voices Matter!

An empowerment visit to Foindul Village in January 2022 allowed us to hear the women voice what they want to see in their community. They were reminded of their value to the community and their voices were heard. All of the women expressed desire to have their own farming project.



PROBLEM: LACK OF RESOURCES FOR WOMEN FARMERS



In March 2022, Impact Sierra Leone (ISL) held a Women's Empowerment Meet and Greet for the women of Foindu Village (40 women total) on the heels of Women's History Month. The women expressed the need to have their own farm project and to be change agents in the community. ISL heard their voices and launched the Women's Farm Collaborative in April 2022.



WOMENS FARM COLLABORATIVE

What a joy to launch a sub-project called the Women's Farming Collaborative or what I like to consider the Wellness initiative under the Seeds of Life umbrella.



SOLUTION: CREATION OF WOMEN'S FARM COLLABORATIVE!



WOMEN FARMERS, FOINDU VILLAGE



**“A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture, and transform.
~Diane Marlechild~**

SEEDS OF LIFE PROGRAM



SOLUTION: PURPOSE DRIVEN WOMEN FARMERS WHO GROW HEALTHY CROPS!



The women have planted groundnuts, cassava, okra, beans, cucumbers, krain krain, and more! The women desire to grow many other crops to restore hope in the community and boost food production in Sierra Leone

SOLUTION: PURPOSE DRIVEN WOMEN FARMERS!

“Women in rural farming communities like Foindu Village lack direct access to a variety of seedlings, farm gear, and adequate farming equipment.” Foindu Village is a farming community that heavily relies on farming for their livelihoods. By building the capacities of women in our rural communities, we promote **economic growth**, **productivity**, and **profitability**!



PURPOSE DRIVEN PROJECT: WOMEN'S FARM COLLABORATIVE



“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” Former President, Barack Obama

UNITED WE STAND, TOGETHER WE RISE!



The forty women farmers are mothers, wives, providers, and the strength of Foindu Village Community. They want to be Change agents that make a difference in their community!

SOLUTION: HELPING WOMEN RISE TO THEIR POTENTIAL!

The Women's Wellness initiative will provide **tools** and **resources** to women farmers so they can grow nutritious herbs, spices, grains and other crops that can benefit their communities and be outsourced to other countries. The initiative is currently being launched in Foindu Village located in rural Sierra Leone, West Africa



FUTURE TARGETS!

- Skills Training Center to teach garment making, crafting, literacy & more
- Establish Micro Credit Programs
- Establish Seed Recycling

TARGET CROPS

Jute leaves aka Krain Krain,
Sweet Potato Leaves,
Callaloo aka Greens,
Cassava Leaves,
Okra, Tomatoes, Okra,
Tomatoes, Chili Peppers,
Cabbage, Root Vegetables,
Sweet Potatoes, Cassava, Ginger,
Turmeric, Moringa, Coco Yams,
Rice, Plantains, Palm Kernel, and
Cocoa



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WOMENS FARM COLLABORATIVE

- Community Development
- Capacity Building
- Collaboration
- Changemakers
- Catalysts of Change
- Sustainability Champions
- SDG Advocates
- Small Business Owners!





**Empowering
women
farmers so
they can thrive
and not just
survive!**

As the theme says, Investing in women: Accelerate progress. The United Nations has designated this year 2024's theme with a focus on addressing economic disempowerment, while the campaign theme for this year is **"Inspire Inclusion"**.

ISL proudly achieves this theme through our many programs, specifically our **Women's Farm Collaborative** where we are providing 40 women with seeds, food, skillstraining each month so they can thrive! In addition, our aim is to develop them into small business owners who can be a support to their families.

I am but one feminist changemaker, but I can't do the work alone. We need support from every level to support us as we aim to create opportunities for women to be included. We need more women in political roles and leadership. Access to grant funding and resources are critical to our mission. Government agencies such as United Nations, World Bank, UNDP, USDA and more are essential to ensuring for helping us build capacity!

Diversity, Inclusion, Awareness, Equality are a Must!



**“BE THE
CHANGE
YOU WANT
TO SEE IN
THE
WORLD!”**





THANK YOU!



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