



Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. For years, it has battled through wars and recently overcome the dangerous and deadly Ebola epidemic. Families have broken apart and are now homeless; orphanages are overflowing; and food and jobs are scarce. The country is working to restore its economy—finding ways to heal. Yet countless challenges remain.

Now more than ever the people of Sierra Leone need your support, particularly the children. Because the future of our world lies in the hands of children, nurturing and educating them should be the country's top priority.

## ALL PROGRAMS

### COST/WHAT WE NEED

To provide a school feeding program for nearly 2,000 Sierra Leonean children living in extreme poverty—children who might otherwise not eat—for one year we need—

1,200 students in Banta	\$ 66,600.00
350 students in Kenema	19,236.00
390 students in Freetown	16,380.00
30 students in Kossoh Town	1,260.00

**\$103,476.00**

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Sarah Armstrong founded BTA, a 501 (c) 3 organization in 2004 because of her limitless desire to help women and children in Africa.



**HELP US SUPPORT SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS**  
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A Brighter Tomorrow for Africa Foundation (BTA) is, and has been for years, making a difference through the establishment of school feeding programs.

There is ample evidence that school feeding programs make a truly positive difference in children's lives as they provide—



**Nourishment through meals** they would otherwise not get. This translates to weight gain and improved overall health leading to higher capacity to focus and concentrate in school;



The incentive for children to **attend and stay in school** every day;



The promise that children will succeed in school and thus **advance to higher levels of education**.

"Auntie" Sarah Armstrong's first BTA school feeding program began in 2004 with 100 students in the Upper Banta Chiefdom/Moyamba Province. It has grown to more than 1,200. Students receive breakfast and lunch, and they call the meals "My BTA." Being nourished has led to great success: this past year, 90% of students passed their national exams to advance to the next level of school.

This period in a child's life is vital; their minds are at the most absorbent stage of development. Nourishing brains as young as possible is key to creating a path to success later in life.



# YOU CAN HELP

## BY SUPPORTING ONE OR MORE OF THESE FOUR BTA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM ONE *BTA's first priority*

#### Children of the Nations / Upper Banta Chiefdom-Moyamba District

**OBJECTIVE:** Improve children's health and increase school enrollment, attendance and academic performance.

**BENEFICIARIES:** 1,200 school children who will receive both breakfast and lunch each school day.

**SUCCESS INDICATOR:** An increase in weight gain, school enrollment and retention in the COTN school ensuring a healthy number of children go on to higher education.

**COST/WHAT WE NEED:** \$4.58 per child/month which extrapolates to providing **nutrition for one student for one year for \$55.00**. Our budget is \$5,500.00 per month x 12 months = \$66,000.00 a year for 1,200 students.

### PROGRAM TWO

#### Ben Hirsch Orphanage / Kenema

**OBJECTIVE:** To improve the care and protection of children whose families were stricken with the Ebola virus and are in the process of recovering from effects of the epidemic.

**BENEFICIARIES:** 350 orphans who will receive both breakfast and lunch each school day.

**SUCCESS INDICATOR:** An increase in children's health, ability to learn and improved acceptance of these children in the community. These orphans were ostracized during the Ebola outbreak.

**COST/WHAT WE NEED:** \$4.58 per child per month which extrapolates to providing **nutrition for one student for one year for \$55.00**. Our monthly budget \$1,603.00 x 12 months = \$19,236.00 per year for 350 students.

### PROGRAM THREE

#### Godly Seed Schools / Freetown

**OBJECTIVE:** To change the negative status of under-privileged children living in the worst neighborhoods of Freetown by providing the benefits of a school feeding program.

**BENEFICIARIES:** 390 children in four different areas of the capital city of Freetown (Hastings Bible School; Benguema Bible School; Grafton Bible School; and Lower Jui community.)

**SUCCESS INDICATOR:** An increase in weight gain, in their ability to learn and an increase in school retention aiming to see a healthy number of children go on to higher education.

**COST/WHAT WE NEED:** \$3.50 per child/month which extrapolates to providing **nutrition for one student for one year for \$42.00**. Our monthly budget is \$1,365.00 x 12 months = \$16,380.00 a year for 390 students.

### PROGRAM FOUR

#### Connecting Destiny / Kossuh Town

**OBJECTIVE:** Provide support for, and nourishment to, neglected children receiving little to no food or protection.

**BENEFICIARIES:** 30 children ages 2 – 4 years who spend most of their days in the street due to the impact of the Ebola outbreak on their families and neighborhood.

**SUCCESS INDICATOR:** An improvement in physical and psychological development to help children with the transition and adjustment to the first years of formal education.

**COST/WHAT WE NEED:** \$3.50 per child/month which extrapolates to providing **nutrition for one student for one year for \$42.00**. Our monthly budget is \$105.00 x 12 months = \$1,260.00 a year for 30 students.

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***BTA is an all-volunteer organization. All donations go directly to the school feeding programs.***