

Strategies for Combating Gender-Based Violence, Discrimination, and Gender Inequality in Sierra Leone

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Summary

To foster economic independence and social cohesion; the Oasis Foundation launched the **She Grows!** campaign partnering with local communities and organizations to provide access to farm land to women and youths in marginalized and underserved rural communities. In Waterloo; a 54-acre community farm is now successfully managed by trained women leaders. The Oasis Foundation working hand in hand with the show love foundation and local community heads; established an association of female farmers in Waterloo who are actively engaged in commercial farming. This initiative has benefitted over one hundred women and youth, providing income opportunities and promoting dignity for women in their families and community. The foundation also supports marketing strategies and transportation logistics to help women sell their farm produce, encouraging full participation in community growth and reducing extreme poverty.

Complementing these efforts; widespread awareness campaigns utilize diverse methods to educate communities on women and child rights, prevention, and redress of gender-based violence, working toward a society that upholds equality, safety, and peace for all. The Oasis Foundation is committed to empowering women as a vital step toward addressing gender inequality and promoting peace and development in Sierra Leone. Recognizing that many women possess untapped skills and potential, the foundation emphasizes education through vocational training, leadership development, and awareness sessions. These initiatives aim to boost confidence, inform women and girls about their rights, and provide essential knowledge on gender-based violence, consent, and reporting pathways. By equipping women with the tools to protect themselves and challenge societal constraints, the foundation seeks to break the cycle of discrimination, inequality and violence against women in Sierra Leone.

