

Schools for **SALONE**

Lungi Primary School

Location: Lungi Village lies approximately 20 miles south from Bo, Sierra Leone's second largest city, in West Africa.

Description: The village is typical of many rural Sierra Leone villages, sustained by local agriculture and consisting of mud and stick houses with either thatch or zinc pan roofs.

Language: Although English is the official language of Sierra Leone, there are 13 different tribal languages plus a lingua franca called Krio, which is a combination of English and several other languages. The village of Lungi speaks Mende.



Current School: 2 small mud and stick structures with thatch roof and open walls, housing 6 small classrooms with 6 classes and 6 teachers. Grades 1-4 are conducted in the larger structure and grades 5 -6 in the smaller. The approximately 200 students from Lungi and nearby villages have no latrines and no water well at the school. There are a few more girl students than boys.

Project Goals: Schools for Salone and its local partner Masanga Children's Fund will construct a 4 classroom and 1 storeroom/office cement block structure with a zinc roof, plus latrines and a water well. In addition, Schools for Salone will provide benches, desks and chairs; books, school supplies and bookshelves; and

support for teacher training. The village of Lungi will supply the land, the local materials like rock and sand and the unskilled labor needed for construction. The village will also register the school with the Sierra Leone government Ministry of Education to provide salaries for the teachers.

Project Funding: Students from Foothill Technology High School in Ventura, CA, have undertaken the \$50,000 funding of this new school project in the village of Lungi, Sierra Leone, as part of their senior year community service Hero Project.

Lungi Visit: In preparation for this project, Foothill teachers Melissa Wantz and Cherie Eulau together with Melissa's daughter Megan visited Lungi village in June 2010 to meet the teachers, students and people and leaders of the village and assess their needs. They were amazed at the warm and enthusiastic welcome they received.

Teacher Training Workshop: Melissa, Cherie and Megan were in Sierra Leone to participate in a Schools for Salone/Friends of Sierra Leone jointly sponsored Teacher Training Workshop. Since teaching materials are extremely difficult for rural villages to acquire, the goal of the week long workshop was to introduce ideas and methods whereby rural teachers could use everyday materials and resources around them. An additional goal of the workshop was for those teachers who attended to share their new knowledge and skills by training other rural teachers who were unable to attend, thus multiplying the benefit with Teachers Training teachers.

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