

CREATING LASTING IMPACT

Welcome to our August newsletter! This month, we share an inspiring story from our **five-year** engagement with **Makeli Junction**, a vibrant community in Sierra Leone. FASE has played a vital role in fostering growth through various support initiatives.

Development Efforts in Sierra Leone

FASE's comprehensive support focuses on:

School and Community Partnerships

Providing school supplies, clothing, free healthcare, agricultural support, and school sponsorships.

Educational Impact

Revitalizing the community by attracting children from nearby areas, significantly increasing the school population.

Umu's Journey: From Adversity to Achievement

Remember Umu, the sad little girl we featured several years ago? She is now a shining example of our community educational support. Coming from a very poor family and having lost her mother at a young age, Umu faced significant challenges. In 2018, she was recommended to FASE as a struggling child with immense potential due to her excellent performance in school. Through our FASE UK sponsorship program, she received the support she needed to complete elementary school and continue her education in another town, as there is no middle or secondary school in her community.

Without a supportive family, Umu now lives at the FASE restaurant apartment in Magburaka while she continues secondary school. She is cared for by the restaurant staff. She excels in her studies, and when she is not at school or studying, she helps with customer service at the restaurant, which she loves. Today, Umu carries a smile; she is hopeful, positive, and believes she can make a difference to her family and community. Umu's success and hope in life are a testament to the transformative power of education and community support. However, her former school remains as dilapidated as it was when she was sitting in one of those classrooms a few years ago.

FASE has played a vital role in fostering growth through various support initiatives, significantly increasing the school population by attracting children from nearby areas. We have provided school supplies, clothing, free healthcare, agricultural support, and school sponsorships, creating a substantial impact on the community.



Challenges at Makali Junction School

This was Umu's elementary school, where she once sat in an overcrowded classroom. During Dr. Alfred B. Sesay recent visit in May, severe challenges were highlighted. The school building is plagued by overcrowding, roof leakages, unfinished walls, and insufficient storage space.



Cramped Classrooms Highlight Urgency

With six grades crammed into only three rooms, the headmaster holds office hours under the trees, moving into a classroom when it rains. These conditions have persisted, creating an urgent need for improvement.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

With the generous support of Dr. Alfred B. Sesay's network in the US and FASE UK, he has initiated a new classroom building project, which includes:

Three Classrooms

Providing much-needed space for the growing student population.

Headmaster's Office

Facilitating better administration and management.

Storage Room

Ensuring a proper place to store books and other donated items.

Construction is at roof level and urgently needs to be completed before the August rains. The community, established by local efforts, occasionally raises funds to support the school and agricultural projects. FASE provides the necessary financial resources to purchase building materials and pay contractors, while the community contributes mud bricks, sand, and other locally available materials.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE



We urgently need your support to finish the new school building and equip it with necessary resources before the torrential rains. Your contributions can ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for these children.

Donate: your contributions will help us complete the new school building and provide essential resources.

Volunteer: share your skills and expertise to support our programs.

spread the word: ensuring a proper place to store books and other donated items.

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