

Bo City Council



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1. BO PROFILE

Bo city is the second city of the Republic of Sierra Leone with its population of approximately over 200,000 inhabitants. Bo is located in the Southern Province and a seat of provincial Administrative Headquarters.

2. NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The new solid waste management project came about through a long outstanding friendship that had existed between Warwickshire Councils linked by an organized UK based organization call One World Link (UKOWL).

After the rebel war, this organization (UKOWL) made their first contact visit together with a team from Warwick county and District to Bo and met with the Mayor Dr.Wusu Sannoh and his Councillors with the intention of having an incite of the constraints facing the City. On completion of series of discussions in their various expert areas, it was agreed to assist in the area of waste management and water supply among others.

The Team prior their departure discussed further with UNDP of which was affirmative. They then went into agreement in terms of responsibilities. However, Makeni City Council was later added to the pilot project. UNDP was to provide the hard wire while OWL provide funds for the soft wire and city councils charged with the project implementation responsibilities.

3. UNDP

UNDP was charged with the responsibility of procurement of waste management equipments such as :-

- Skips - (20 per council)
- Skip lorries - (1 per council)
- Excavators - (1 per council)
- Tricycles - (6 for Bo & 5 for Makeni)
- Motorcycles for supervisors
- Containers (Bags 10,000 per council)
- Working tools (Shovels, pickaxes, Rakes etc)

Though there was undue delay in the commencement of the project owing to late coming of the equipments,UNDP had fought it hard to have the councils 1 JCB each.

The JCB for Bo arrived in June 2009 and immediately commenced it operation on the last Saturday cleaning exercise. This is an exercise which is performing every last Saturday. The cleaning normally start by 6 am and ends by 10 am. During this period only Staff of Bo City council, the Police and Volunteers who may wish to clean specific areas of interest such as

Hospital, roundabouts etc. Volunteerism is often undertaken by youths and religious organizations.



JCB with Peter(Trainer) & Joe Pyne Deputy Mayor of Bo on arrival.



JCB at the Land fill site

The land fill site in Bo is an 8 acre land procured by council. The practical training at the land fill site preceded with a class room theoretical training. In this training, the trainers were able to know about the machine itself, company, parts on the machine, greasing points, the gear and general maintenance systems. The JCB training ended with certification of the Participants and gift to the Trainer



Health Chairlady presenting Certificate 8/09



Gift presenting to Peter (Trainer) 8/09

The other machinery items procured by UNDP were Tricycles (6) Skip lorry (1) and skips (8) as at this moment of writing this article.



Skip and Skip Lorry



Tricycles

The Skip lorry and the tricycles are presently in use. The skip lorry operates every after 3 (three) days while the tricycles work on daily basis.

One World Link

One World Link on the other hand is charged with the responsibility of providing soft wire activities for the project especially for Bo City.

Among other responsibilities include:-

- ❖ Support visits to assist council in the areas of planning, budgeting, exchange visits, professional development study and capacity building of the target communities such as:-
- ❖ Stake holders consultative workshop (Nov. 2008)
- ❖ Leadership training (Aug. 2009)
- ❖ Land fill management training and waste collection Aug. 2009
- ❖ Workshop on composting/possibility income generating activities for women (Jan. 2010)
- ❖ Regular ward committee meetings (Monthly)
- ❖ Refresher training on land fill development
- ❖ Production of information, Education & communication materials on waste management and continuous sensitization
- ❖ Finally the official launching of the Bo pilot project



Women workshop on composting



Leadership workshop for Chiefs, Councillors

Pictures on the official Launching of the Bo Pilot New Solid Waste Management



Glenn, Anders and Derek



Glenn as Warwickshire Representative



Maada, Derek and Eric



Paramount Chief, Deputy Minister Local Gov't. Mayor etc.



Derek and Glenn at Land fill site



Land fill site development



Derek, Glenn, Eric (back of Glenn) and Trainees



Fun – Derek with palm kaneh heads

ROTARY WATER PROJECT

Apart from the New Solid Waste Management, Bo City Council had also benefited from the Rotary Club UK from the construction of Hydrant. This project is of great significant for the community of Bo especially in the area of emergencies. In the past the Fire force and City Council water baoser vehicles use to travel fourteen miles to and from water treatment plant even under emergencies. But the Rotary project has redeemed the constraints/borden by constructing hydrant in the middle of the city (close to Clock Tower) which is of a reasonable distance for any emergency.

View some of the pictures if interested.



Start of hydrant construction work 1



Hydrant construction stage 2



Hydrant construction stage 3



Hydrant construction stage 4



Hydrant Materials



Hydrant connection stage 1



Hydrant connection stage 2



Bo Rotary President on site with camera



Hydrant finishing stage 1



Hydrant finishing stage 2



Completed Hydrant

In as much as the now available hydrant is much appreciated, there is still more to be done as water is not always available during the dry season owing to intermittent supply of electricity in the city. There is therefore need for a construction of an overhead water tank which can be effectively utilized during the dry season. Bo City Council is kindly reminding Rotary Club-Uk to facilitate the construction of the said project (construction of overhead water tank).

Flooding

In March 2010, there was an unusual flooding incident that took place at Mahei-Boima road, Bo almost at the center of the city. What surprises most people is the fact that this particular month is a month of farm burning time. So instead of sun shine there were heavy showers of rain, quit ridiculous in reality.

However, the Bo City council in collaboration with Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) jointly intervened and solved the problem by draining the flooded water from the houses. Bo City council on that day used all the required available resources to augment the constraints of the victims as you can see pictures below.



Flooded dwelling house



Flooded shop



Council vehicles at the flooded site



Flooded Dwelling house



The Chief Administrator at flooded site



New Bridge constructed after flooding

With the intervention of the Council and SLRA, an immediate action was taken by embarking on the construction of a better bridge as seen above.

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