

NAME OF PROJECT:

PROVISION OF COMMUNITY
MULTI -PURPOSE ONE
WORLD LINK

(OWL) CENTRE

SUBMITTED BY:

ONE WORLD LINK (OWL)
BO/BO TOWN COUNCIL

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ONE WORLD LINK BO COMMUNITY AND BO TOWN COUNCIL

PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

NAME OF PROJECT: Bo Community Rehabilitation, Reconstruction & Capacity Building Project

NAME OF IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: One World Link (OWL) - Bo Committee and Bo Town Council

ADDRESS: C/o Planned parenthood Association of Sierra Leone (PPASL).
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TYPE OF PROJECT: Community Development & Income Generating Opportunities

LOCATION: Bo Town

NUMBER & TYPE OF BENEFICIARIES: The people of Bo town community especially Youths & Children

DURATION: Three (3) years

TOTAL BUDGET: Le 159,539,398

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a community development project. It is designed specifically to contribute to the efforts of reconstruction of Bo community and more significantly, to provide services especially for youths and children that will enhance their capacity for self sufficiency. Services to be provided will include among others - skills training in arts and crafts and tailoring, income generating activities (a shop, cafe, conference hall, four guest rooms), library and adult education, literacy and drama, recreational and sport activities and communication facility e.g. .E-mail. The conference hall will be used not only for literacy and creative activities by schools and other institutions but can also be let to the public and NGOs for seminars and workshops etc.

In order to establish and equip the library, One World Link and Bo Town Council will jointly endeavour to establish collaboration with the British Council in Freetown and other interested agencies for technical and material support. OWL will also collaborate with the Ministry of Social welfare Gender and Children in the area of skills training.

More over, due to the fact that One World Link and Bo Town Council lack the technical capacity to undertake the construction of the centre, a reputable building construction firm will be contracted thus providing employment for the youths.

Furthermore, the construction of the centre will be done in 4 phases within a period of 2 - 3 years depending on the availability of funds. A project committee will be instituted to take responsibility of the project.

In addition, a project personnel will be recruited headed by a centre co-ordinator for the day to day running of the centre thereby providing opportunities for gainful employment of youths.

The total amount of funds required to implement this project will be in the tune of One Hundred & fifty-nine Million Five Hundred and Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and ninety-eight Leones

BACKGROUND AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

The just concluded ten (10) year ,war with the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) has a devastating effect on the social and economic development of the country in general and Bo in particular. During the war, the country suffered the worst atrocities and disruption ever recorded in history.

From the beginning of 1995, Bo has been the safest area in the entire country in terms of security and because of this, there has been an influx of Internally Displaced People (IOP) from all areas under rebel control. As a result of this trend of affairs, the population of the township has increased by more than 45%. A recent demographic report indicates an increase in the population of Bo from 400,000 in 1991 to 800,000 in 1999. The immediate effect of this development has been overcrowding extreme poverty and environmental degradation. It must also be noted that out of the total population figure indicated above 60% of them are youths, mostly unemployed and unskilled. This category of youths can be potentially dangerous to society if their needs are not properly addressed.

Notwithstanding the intervention of the Sierra Leone Government, under the National Commission, Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (NCbDR) programme, and other NGOs, in addressing the problem of poverty and skills training, the facilities are still inadequate. Training are needed in the areas of arts and crafts, tailoring, literacy and health education among others.

Bo as the second city of Sierra Leone has expanded physically and demographically over the years but not with corresponding expansion in infrastructure and amenities. For example, there is only one community hall for the whole township which is managed by the Bo Town Council and by all indication can no longer sufficiently meet the needs and demands of the community in terms of venue for meetings, seminars, creative art activities (e.g.) drama etc.

The same goes for the town library which now lacks sufficient sitting accommodation due to the rapid growth of the population of library users. It is not also easily accessible because of its location, which is far away from the centre of the town.

Finally, there is a problem of lack of recreational facilities in the Bo community for all category of people but more particularly for youths and children.

It is in the light of the above problems that One World Link (OWL) - Bo and the Bo Town Council have proposed to undertake the construction of a multi-purpose centre in order to contribute to the efforts in re-building the Bo community involving youths in self employment activities to alleviate poverty.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

To contribute to the re-building of Bo community and involving youths in self employment activities and to alleviate poverty. .

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

1. To train at least 50 youths in art/crafts and tailoring annually in the Bo community at the end of 2003
2. To reduce the current level of unemployment among youths in the Bo community by 5% at the end of 2003
3. To promote literacy and creative activities among youths in the Bo community at the end of 2003
4. To provide a communication centre for the Bo community at the end of the project (e.g.. E-mail)
5. To provide an enabling environment for recreation, sporting and trauma healing in the Bo community.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND ACTIVITY PLAN

The construction of the multi-purpose centre will be done through the engagement of a building contractor from a recognised firm. The construction will be done by phases in a period of 3 (three) years or 36 months

A total number of seven (7) members will be selected from One World Link (OWL) - Bo Town Council and Bo Koloseum to form the project management committee that will take responsibility of the project.

The members shall include the chairman or nominee of One World Link (OWL), treasurer and secretary. Collaboration will be established with the British Council library in Freetown for both technical and material assistance OWL will also collaborate with the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and children in the areas of skills training and recreation for children.

2001 - 2002		ACTIVITY PLAN		
NO	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	PERSON'S RESPONSIBLE	CRITICAL ASSUMPTION
1	Processing of land and building documents	One (1) month	Chairman (OWUBTC)	Favourable responses from Ministry of land housing environment
2	Hiring of building contractor	One (1) month	Project committee	Availability of funds
3	Clearing and preparing of building site	Two (2) weeks	Contractor	- do-
4	Procurement of building materials (local imported)	Two (2) weeks	- do-	- do-
5	Making of building blocks	One (1) month	- do-	- do-
6	Substructure (foundation and filling)	One (1) month	- do-	- do-
7	Superstructure (internal/external wall, lintels)	Six (6) months	- do-	- do-
8	Roofing	One (1) month	- do-	- do-
9	Plastering and converting floor	Three (30 months)	- do-	- do-
10	Electrical installation and plumbing	Three (3) months	- do-	- do-
11	Finishing (doors & window)	Three (3) months	- do-	- do-
12	Painting external/internal tillinQ and decoration	Four (4) months	- do-	- do-
13	FurnishinQ and decoratinQ	Two (2) months	- do-	- do-
14	Making of VIP toilet	Two (2) months	- do-	- do-
15	Purchasing of communication equipment, material set & games	Four (4) months	- do-	- do-
16	Recruitment of personnel	Two (20 months)	- do-	- do-
17	Official opening		- do-	- do-

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

i. Financial Performance of the project

The One World Link (OWL) and Bb Town Council will set up a sub-committee that will monitor on monthly basis the performance of the project. This sub committee will include:

The Treasurer of One World Link (OWL)

The Treasurer of Bo Town Council
 The Chairman of One World Link (OWL)
 The Deputy Town Clerk, Bo Town Council Two (2) representatives from the Bo community

The terms of reference of the above committee will be to review the progress being made in the construction and to ensure that the funds are being utilized as provided for.

At least one year after the completion of the construction the management of the centre will conduct simple survey to determined the perception of the beneficiaries about the facilities being offered. After two years of operation the project will be evaluated to ascertain its viability, impact and for modification.

NO	NARRATIVE SUMMARY	MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	MEANS OF VERIFICATION	CRITICAL ASSUMPTION
1	To train at least 50 youths in art/craft and tailoring in Bo community annually at the end of 2003	50 youths received training annually in art/craft and tailoring	Annual report	Favourable political/climate and availability of funds
2	To reduce the cement level of unemployment among youth in the Bo community by 5% at the end of 2004	At least 50 youths gain self employment	Monthly and annual reports	Favourable security situation and A vailability of funds
3	To promote literacy and creative activities among youths at the end of 2004	Literacy activities like school debate, quiz competition are mounted at the centre	Monthly and annual report	- do-
4	To provide a communication centre for the Bo community at the end of the project	Communication equipment, computer with e-mail facility and a video set and satellite dish installed at the centre	Monthly and annual report	- do-
5	To provide an enabling environment for recreation, Sporting and trauma healing Activities in the Bo Town Community at the end of 2004.	Games material and equipment, toys and musical set for entertainment are provided at the centre. Youths and adults have full access to the facilities	Annual report	- do-

The following activities will be undertaken:

- . Preparing and processing of land and building documents . Secure funding for implementation
- . Engaging of a building contractor/engineer
- . Preparation of building
- . Procurement of building materials (local/import)
- . Substructure - foundation
- . Superstructure- External wall, lintels, beams, doors etc. . Finishing (floor, plastering)
- . Electrical installation and plumbing

- . Painting, tiling and decoration
- . Furnishing and finishing
- . Staffing
- . Procurement of in door games materials . Installation of computer with 6 mail
- . Purchase of furniture for communication . Satellite dish, equipment
- . V.I.P Toilet
- . Official opening

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

a. Background of the Organization;

The One World Link (OWL), Bo committee is a voluntary, charitable and friendship link organisation between Bo district in Sierra Leone and Warwick district in the United Kingdom. It was established in 1980 through the effort of Mrs. Jane Knight of Leamington Spa, Warwick /District, United Kingdom and some members of the Bo community.

b. Aim of One World Link (OWL):

The aims of the Link include:

- i. To give a better mutual understanding of the hopes, fears and problems leading to an understanding between the two districts
- ii. To maintain friendly relations, unity, co-operation and international understanding among fellow members of the Link.

c. Objective:

The Link has the following objectives.

- i. To introduce groups and individuals in both countries to each other which will serve as a focal point for sharing knowledge and experiences among Link members.
- ii. To ensure that the Link helps to preserve and protect the rights of people to determine their own future based upon first hand knowledge of their individuals, groups and cultures, and shall not be used as a vehicle for political, religious, tribal or other ends.

d. Structure:

The Link is consisted of volunteers, social groups, organisations, clubs and schools. The total volunteer membership is over 100.

The executive and governing organs of the Link includes: The Annual General Assembly (AGA)

The executive committee headed by a chairman. The health sub-committee

The project sub-committee

The financial sub-committee

The social sub - committee

e. Work Experience:

The One World Link (OWL) as a charitable organisation has provided invaluable assistance to the Bo community since its inception.

One World Link (OWL) had provided through the help of her partners in Leamington Spa, Warwick, exercise and text books to more than ten (10) secondary and primary schools in Bo. The link had also provided typewriters, computers to school and other institutions, drugs and medical equipment to the Bo Government Hospital. There has also been a number of exchange visits between the Link members over the years which has led to long standing friendship and better understanding.

PROJECT FEASIBILITY AND SUSTA INABILITY

If the needed funds are provided, One World Link (OWL) has the ability to effectively and efficiently implement the project in collaboration with the Bo Town Council.

A management committee will be set up to take responsibility of running the centre.

Some of the services and facilities e.g. the hall, will be hired out for affordable fees to private groups and individuals.

Social activities like video shows, drama and cultural performances etc. will be organised at the centre as a source of income. The guest rooms will also be another source of income to the project. The expected income including One World Link (OWL) membership contributions is estimated at fifteen million leones (Le.15,000,000) per annum. Part of the income will be used to pay the centre personnel Le. Cleaner, receptionist, watchman, electricity /water bills and maintenance. The remaining balance will be used for further community development efforts to be determined by the management committee.