

One World Link - Community Links

John Myers Visit to Bo 22/11/02/ to 9/12/02 (including time in Freetown at either end)

This was a multi- purpose visit.

This report refers to Community Links only.

Introduction

Currently we have no links established between community organisations. One purpose of my visit was to try and advance one or two potential links and to look for opportunities to create new ones. In my view there is some merit in even fairly nominal links which might be limited to exchange of information or re-affirmation of the link on no more than an annual basis. The reason why I think this is that the public commitment to some kind of international relationship does have some symbolic meaning for both Bo and Warwick organisations; and the existence of a nominal link does lead to the possibility of a more active link when the occasion arises. Nevertheless my main concern was to try to effect some real interaction between groups either end. So the work continues this end on my return, and this in turn may create the need for similar "nourishing" activity by Bo OWL. I did not really discuss how Bo OWL might do this. Clearly they have contacts and some can happen naturally through the OWL membership, or through other groups such as churches where there is existing contact. Here, we are able to supplement or substitute that with telephone, email, and personal appointments with ease of transport. There is probably more motivation among community organisations in Bo for links. The motivation here will tend to be more altruistic e.g. promoting international understanding whereas there may be more selfish motivation in Bo e.g. to acquire material resources which are so lacking. Most community organisations here feel that they could do with more resources so may not feel able to respond to material expectations. However this is not a prohibitive contrast but a matter of degree. Community organisations here may have things of material value such as old journals that they no longer require or other ways they can be of use or assistance. It helps organisations in Bo to feel that they are internationally recognised and they are part of a fraternity/sorority. Penfriendships between colleagues may be particularly appreciated. Although speed and reliability of communication is a problem, we will be able to hold out the expectation that it will improve. Perhaps we are always likely to be juggling to some degree with imbalances of numbers wanting links and with varying expectations. Although I feel there may be more desire in Bo; I also question how much they are able to deliver when it comes to the crunch.

Bo OWL have a policy that they will only put forward organisations who have registered with Bo OWL and paid a registration fee. I think that is probably sound for them, but are some organisations going to become dissatisfied with the low return for their money? Should we start a register? Should we charge a fee? What status do we give it?

My BO Experience

As I drove around Bo in Moussa's car or on Joe's bike, there seemed to be a proliferation of organisations. Often my escort knew nothing about them. I think some have developed a reputation for doing what they say; others may have jumped on the NGO bandwagon but not deliver on what they profess. Moussa certainly saw a need for more co-ordination and evaluation. Sometimes I was tempted to walk in and just find out; but clearly it was best to be guided by our friends and my hosts especially in the very short time I was there. I did make contact with several organisations and it may be useful to deal with those under different headings

- a) **General** I attended 2 meetings of the Bo Rotary Club. Johannes Mallah is the President Elect and other OWL members belong to Rotary. There are others who are not members of OWL. They have just become re-registered following the war and are trying to build up their numbers prior to developing particular community projects. One project they are considering is clean water for villages. They have a few women members.

The Royal Leamington Spa Rotary Club received 2 Bo visitors (AT Jalloh and Peter Konteh) in the summer and had expressed an official interest in a link. I was able to express that verbally, and correspondence and a gift of lapel badges has been sent out to Bo Rotary in the January mailing. Since my return, I have had a meeting with Mike Bunney 19 Cloisters Crofts Leamington Spa CV32 6QG 426846 michael.bunney@ntlworld.com chair of international committee Leamington Rotary. He feels that the relationship with Bo Rotary could be a helpful focus for RLS Rotary and that co-operation with other local Clubs could be productive; but this is something to be worked on and the outcome not certain.

Moussa Conteh still has high hopes for the Bunumbu Press as a whole community resource providing community information, literacy, and Mende language services. I did not visit the Press; but again there could be a potential link - say with the CVS information unit.

b) Religious

AT Jalloh was interested enquired whether any progress has been made in a relationship with the Leamington Ahmadiyya Group. He gave me a letter which Bill Evans will deliver to them.

Canon Stewart at Warwick Catholic Parish has expressed interest in a link with St Pius Parish in Bo. I did not take anything with me, and Peter Konteh and I did not discuss this. St Pius is a relatively new parish which has established itself in the last twenty years. Father Owens an Irish Catholic Priest who has been in Bo a very long time has written a history of the Parish

I had no particular approaches from any other Church while I was there. Some people enquired after Roger Bates (Methodist), and there could be potential for a renewed contact there. Perhaps the established churches in each community already have established international links; and we would have to think clearly about the purpose of any new link proposal that came forward or we tried to promote. I was aware that the Anglican Bishop of Bo had been in UK in the later summer mainly in the Chichester Diocese seeking support for the creation of a new Secondary School in Bo, I tried calling on the Bishop but he was out of town, and did not have meaningful contact with anyone else.

Teresa took me to a pharmacy run by the Catholics in Dambala Road. This seemed to have a whole community function and not just run as an economical resource for the Catholic Community. This could give a specific focus for a Catholic group or individuals here.

I did not have any contact with the 7th Day Adventist Church in Bo; but the 7th Day Church here may be interested.

c) Women's Groups Teresa Bangali was able to demonstrate to me that she has made progress with her projected women's group. While I was there I attended a well attended meeting (30+) women. I was sung to with gusto. I received gift of a tunic. I was presented with the Group's Project Proposal (appendix A). The meeting was conducted in Krio, so that everyone could understand. I also visited a weaving teacher, and a bread making initiative run by the Group. The Kayoma Women's Association is a federation of other women's group. The idea for this came out of Teresa's visit to Bath Place and contact with Maria Franchi.

Since my return I have been in touch with Cathryn Ravenhill at Bath Place (Maria is no longer there) Teresa and Cathryn are in correspondence and they have swapped family photos. Cathryn will try and involve both the Women's Art Group and the Group at Bath Place involved with food/allotment etc. She has 3 trays of books mostly women authors or women themes that she would like to send to Teresa, and she asked about the practicality. She has a copy of the Project Proposal. I do not want to get too optimistic; but Cathryn seems to have a genuine interest in international links (though she lives in Coventry) and might get further involved if we take it steady and supportively. She does not want to have an exclusive relationship and is happy for us to also approach other women's groups such as WI.

Before I went I tried to do some research on financial assistance (grants) to further north/south women's interaction and did not have much success. Rajiv Bendre said that funds for this have dried up, and it would have to be linked to other priorities such as civil society etc. He suggested contact with WI International; and mentioned that the former Director of the Fawcett Society Marie-Ann Stephenson had paid a recent visit to Sierra Leone. There is a 50/50 Group in Freetown. In principle, the British Council could help, and they could possibly look at "pump priming".

d) Youth

To begin this section, I replicate part of my report on Bo Koloseum.

I learned that the Minister for Youth and Sport, Dennis Bright, had recently done a tour of the provinces to stimulate local youth organisation development. A meeting was called in Bo for him to address, and at the meeting Moussa was asked to take the Chair. The Minister had come with a package of gifts desirable to young people e.g. a satellite receiver and TV which he handed over at the meeting for local youth to take charge of. It seems the purpose is to stimulate young people into taking responsibility for things themselves without attaching too many strings. It would seem that some kind of committee was formed to take charge of these goods, but Moussa was unclear about

what has happened subsequently. At the end of my stay in Freetown, Moussa introduced me to Dennis Bright at his office which is in the grounds of the national stadium. I was able to tell Mr Bright about our link, and Moussa was able to remind him of BK.

On the Saturday when I attended the Ground-Breaking ceremony for the Bo OWL Community Centre, there was a "rival event" organised by Conciliation Resources to celebrate the opening of a youth drop in centre. (I believe that Paul Clifford was at that event) I think they may have had more local dignitaries than us; but we had the Regent Paramount Chief and the Town Clerk and shared the Resident Minister South. They had a marching band and procession; we had a Cultural Performance by the local troupe. Paul Clifford writes, " I was at the Conciliation Resources event on that Saturday. CR is a London-based INGO with longstanding projects in Sierra Leone and does a lot of work with young people. I am sure that there are overlaps with what Moussa is doing. CR's West Africa Programme Manager is Jeannette Eno, who is based in London. Her email address is 'jeno@c-r.org' "

On one day I received a visit from some young men who called themselves the Bo Youth and Sports development Committee on one occasion and Authorities Community development Programme on another. The contact is George Mbayo S-13 Clerks Quarters Damballa Road Bo. The ACD's main goal is solidarity, community service for peace and development, reintegration of ex-combatants, games and sport and conflict prevention. In so far as the Youth Sports Dev. Committee is separate their age range is 15 - 35 and they have a co-ordinating role and encourage voluntary effort in sport, road construction, and market gardening. They claim to be part of a national set up with a national committee and 12 district committees. They knew of BK. Moussa did not appear to know of them; but felt there was room for many youth initiatives. I also observed other buildings/organisations as I went around claiming to be doing things with or for youth, but did not have the opportunity to call in or investigate.

Apart from this I did not have either contact or much discussion with Bo OWL regarding youth. Clearly Bo OWL plans to cater for youth needs within the community project, and that was definitely confirmed. I saw signs up outside buildings to do with youth arts, training, or clubs, but was not able to pursue. S B Williams a senior teacher at Bo Commercial School is the Regional Chairman of the Boy Scouts.

Bajan Aulak (WDC Sustainability Officer) spoke to me some time ago about possibility of Princes Trust doing an IT project in Bo. At the last CAF meeting I spoke to the volunteer trainer for Princes Trust at the College who thought that there might be other possibilities. He suggested contact with Bob Pinner 07909545041. After my return on 12 December I had a chat with Mike Bunn of Warwickshire Youth Service, he was interested and said he would pass on info to someone who might be in a position to follow up; but no contact yet. One of Janet's Student Volunteers, Lee, is keen to go to Bo on the IT front..

- e) **Health and Welfare** I lump health and welfare together with some hesitation. In former times, OWL had a health sub-group. Marion is the only remaining member. We really need to recruit at least one more person in this area. John Fisher has participated in training of health workers.

Whilst in Bo, I visited the Hospital, visited Planned Parenthood Association of SL (where Joe Kobbah is manager), had contact with Wusu Sannoh who is Chair of Bo Red Cross, and briefly met Teresa Bangali's sister who is a public health nurse going out to the villages. I visited the St Mary's Children's Centre, and had brief contact with the Cheshire Home. The Regional Minister South was a medical doctor who was involved with the link in its early days when he worked at Bo Hospital. At Bo Hospital (occupancy 450), I was greeted by the matron and taken round by Dr Andrew T Muana a general physician with responsibilities for cardio-pulmonary and TB who is also Chair of the drugs committee. He is also a Rotarian. I think he would be the likely contact for a link at the hospital. I think inter-professional contact would be appreciated for its own sake, and copies of professional journals and any other literature would be most welcome. There is a lack of simple equipment like bandages, thermometers, stethoscopes through to things like an electrocardiogram and a suction machine. In theory there is not a shortage of basic drugs but irregular issue from a national central medical store and the increased demand from an increasing population and the proximity of two refugee camps means that there is at times. More specialised drugs are too expensive, for example they cannot get hold of cyclophosphamide to treat bucket tumours in children. Some services barely exist, there is one dentist and one dental nurse for the whole of the southern region.

I visited the grave of Mike Downham in the hospital grounds. The Research Centre has not shut down but is marking time pending the appointment of a new director.

I did not visit the Red Cross; but Wusu Sannoh has written a letter to the Chairman of the Leamington Branch; and I have made an appointment to deliver it on the 31st January.

When Joe Kobbah visited Leamington he brought a list of his staff who would like pen friendships. He also visited the Family Planning Service in Brunswick Street. A Leamington Social Worker started to correspond but dropped out due to ill health. The Family Planning connection has not progressed. The only positive thing so far is that James Rogers 5 Gloucester Crescent Delapre Northampton NN4 8PP Email: kpakamoi2002@yahoo.co.uk the sister of Emma Rogers who works at PPSL has now expressed an interest in supporting us - he is a past chair of Northampton REC.

Regarding St Mary's Children Centre. The OWL link has been beneficial to this good cause. Equally Fr. Peter Konteh has been very helpful to us. This is a valued relationship; but there is no specific link between the centre and a similar organisation here. There is another focus of support for St Mary's via Sue Kirby, so perhaps there is not a pressing need. However if we come across anyone in the child care field who is interested there would be scope for some kind of link.

I had an abortive "cold call" visit to the Cheshire Home; but Teddy Mbayo and Aprilos Damba (Secretary to the Management Committee and tireless worker) caught up with me. They would really like to have a link. Teddy expects to be in UK again in June. I was staying across the road from them at the end of Ramadan. As I understand it the residents organised a youth then an adult disco which lasted till the early hours. Should we approach the Council of the Disabled re possible linking; maybe Teddy could then visit Leamington to talk to any interested group.

- f) **Social Inclusion** Another rather umbrella term. There are many agencies/initiatives trying or claiming to provide training and rehabilitation to victimised and marginalised people swollen in numbers by the civil war either as part of their operation or as all of it. Some of these are registered or linked in to Bo OWL . Others would appear to have the support of large agencies like World Vision. Others seem very modest, perhaps some are not honest and are just people trying to cash in. Given the poverty of the people and of the state, many of these projects would appear to be dependent on overseas aid channelled through indigenous filtering organisations or directly by overseas "partners", and consequently vulnerable to short term funding or changes wholly outside their control. For example; Safie, Joe's wife, is manager of **Development Initiatives**, this is an agency supported by a small European charity called Education for Development. They have built a centre on the Kenema Highway, and they have a team of workers providing support for literacy and vocational training programmes on an outreach basis. They have been operating on money from a UK Lottery grant which has expired, and the project may have to fold up by March.

On the other hand **MAPCO** supported by Appropriate Technology in Moreton-in-Marsh appear to be thriving, and they have moved to a new out of town site. I had a very brief visit there to deliver a CD ROM from APT to them, and just had a cordial exchange with Francis Lasally. They are not part of Bo OWL. I do not know where their money comes from.

St Mary's Vocational Centre for Young Women is based on the Holy Rosary School site and is supported by the Catholic Church; but they have also been receiving outreach literacy support from Development Initiatives which they will now lose. Again I got the impression that they are on a very low budget and are very much in need of materials and teaching aids such as typewriters; but they do have a local popular and institutional support base.

I visited **GCD A Growth Centre**, one short visit when I was not expected, and a second just before the Ramadan holiday when I was late but a few staff had waited for me. It seems to be a business like concern with an emphasis on rehabilitation of ex-combatants. They provide skills training in carpentry, welding, building, sewing etc. Some people are able to move on into employment or self employment; but start up kits are not available. They have a retail shop attached; I had hoped to make purchases there but by the time I had the time it was closed for the holiday.

I visited the **Creative Crafts Education Centre (CCEC)**, also just off the Kenema Highway. They had written a letter asking for a link and for assistance last spring. John McFarlane had taken this to the College, and Sheila Grainger from the Community Education Service had sent a pack of Adult Literacy material in response. This had got held up in the mix up when we could no longer use the "diplomatic bag". A visit had not been scheduled on my programme; but I wanted to find out if they had received anything in the end; and, if not, to take it further. They had not. They gave me and Sheila Grainger gifts of their weaving products and letters. I have seen Sheila recently. She will respond again, be prepared to keep up a correspondence, and see if she can tap any other response to their technical needs. Mr Joseph Bangali, the Director gave me a mobile number; but I have tried to use it and it is wrong. I wanted to suggest that their adult literacy students should write (draw) messages to counterparts here; which Sheila would then field. A fuller report will be attached as Appendix B.

Manjama Institute of Agriculture (MIA) This is run (and owned?) by John-Bosco Musa tel:076648734. He chaired the Kayoma Women's group Meeting. MIA is situated off the Kenema

highway in what feels like a rural setting but is quite still close to Bo. It provides training in agriculture, animal husbandry, catering and hospitality. It runs a small guest house, which is comfortable and well run in pleasant surroundings, relatively expensive at 30K le (£10) per night . It seems to have high standards and receives government money to pay training staff. I had a delicious meal there from their own produce. They were not able to give me a brochure; I would have thought they could well engage in a link with a similar institute here; but we need more written information to follow this up.

g) Cultural Links

Music Bruce Knight has just completed a song gathering/singing exchange trip. Hopefully I was able to pave the way for him a little. Bruce has brought back a lot of material, and he will need time to sort through it and adapt it so that it is suitable for his community singing classes. This material is in Mende and consists of local songs. Bruce met many people during his stay; and will have assisted in the general promotion of the link in Bo. In Warwick District, Bruce intends to have a programme suitable for delivery in school, it may be that there will be some funds left to enable him to offer that "free" when there is a special reason; but normally he will expect to charge a fee. I will have further discussion about the possibility of him having a programme suitable for community groups; but that was not a clear part of the expectation. What Bruce will be doing is holding a concert with a Sierra Leone theme in due course; and the possibility of also doing something similar as a fund raising activity may be on the cards. When I told people in Sierra Leone, e.g. the Minister for Youth and Sport of the purpose of Bruce's visit they seemed impressed and pleased. So Bruce may have demonstrated the value of cultural exchange especially as a counterweight to foreigners coming in as funders, advisors, peacekeepers, manufacturers of goods etc

Performing Arts I was entertained by two performances of NACBO's cultural show involving music, dance, humour, and magic. This is run by Margaret Foday; and she told me that it is part of a wider programme of training in agriculture, other skills, and literacy. They also perform drama. They aim to develop their performing abilities to the point where they may be able to tour abroad. They were anticipating having contact with Bruce, but this did not happen in a significant way. The Catholic Church runs a troupe that gives similar performances and also hopes to tour. We have the Coventry College of Performing Arts nearby, and it may be worth an approach to them.

Literature English literature figures on the West African Curriculum. Many Sierra Leonians have an appreciation of English Literature, not least Shakespeare. In Bo I discovered that Josaya Bangali is a keen poet, and we have exchanged poems. He will be sending me a book of poems. We can make careful use of that; making sure that no copyright is infringed. Rajiv Bendre said that he does not have an Arts budget, but next year is British Council Jubilee and this may present a one off opportunity to get a drama group or something similar over to Sierra Leone.

Bo History. Josaya Bangali is going to send me a history of Bo he has compiled. Father Owens (long time Irish Catholic resident of Bo) has at least compiled a history of St Pius Parish if not more. I think Moussa may know another source. Is there some opportunity here for an historian to assist/be involved?

ACTION POINTS

- Contact Chichester diocese re nature of their relationship with Bishop of Bo
- Make contact with WI TWG and Soroptomists
- Follow up with Ahmadiyya Muslims
- Dialogue with 7th Day Adventists?
- Prepare a "road show" and then advertise ourselves as available to give talks/do presentation
- Follow up the various youth contact points locally
- Try to recruit to a health and welfare sub-group
- Council of Disabled re Cheshire Home
- Contact Coventry College of Performing Arts
- Arts Group visit?
- Local History Society?

END PIECE

There is overlap with awareness raising and community linking. It may be possible to utilise a DFID mini grant (up to 10k pa for 3 years) to develop awareness and links.

On the other hand we can just plug away/chip away building connections where and when we can.

Within each of the special areas above there would be scope for a person or two to visit Bo to explore the potential in Bo and then to return to firm up some links here within that area only.

PUTTING OWL ABOUT as I am relatively single hatted I am willing to be the main purveyor of OWL in the market place; but I am uncertain how much to sell - being positive but not unrealistic, fine line between prompting and nagging, being sure of myself and of OWL - how much do we plug the altruistic line how much the global village we sink or swim together? I don't like the phrase mission statement; but do we need to go beyond what we say at the moment and make our case more strongly in some more detail? This overlaps with fund and awareness raising. Below I quote from our leaflet. Does it need a re-write?

AIMS

- to raise awareness of our global inter-dependence
- to encourage friendship and understanding between the two communities
- to exchange ideas on global issues which affect the lives of ordinary people both here and in developing countries

All human beings are equal wherever they live. That some are richer does not make them superior. That some are poorer does not mean they do not have things to give. Equality, give and take, and friendship between peoples are essential to the survival of this World.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- ✿ Parties and other social gatherings to meet each other and sometimes to meet visitors from the other side of the link.
- ✿ Cultural events, music slide shows etc. to learn about each other.
- ✿ Links made between schools and other groups in the two communities
- ✿ Regular shipments of school supplies computers and other goods sent to Bo
- ✿ A regular newsletter keeps all members and supporters well informed
- ✿ Committee has urged politicians to pursue peacemaking and world economic reform.
- ✿ Exchange visits resumed after the civil war with a visit to Bo by the Mayor of Leamington
- ✿ We are active members of the UK One World Linking Association. (UKOWLA)
- ✿ **And much much more.....**

APPENDIX A

A PROJECT PROPOSAL OF THE KAYOMA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Through the initiative of Mrs. Teresa Bangalie, a group of thirty-five women In August 2001 agreed to embark on productive activities designed to improve their economic status through expansion of knowledge, skills and creativity. The intention of the organization is to give explicit recognition to grassroots women in economic activities and human resource development.

1.1 NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be known and called KAYOMA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. In short, it shall be called KAWDA and will be referred to as such in the rest of this document.

1.2 OPERATIONAL AREA

KAWDA shall operate within the township of Bo and its environ in the Kakua Chiefdom, Southern Region

1.3 BENEFICIARIES

The following categories of people shall benefit from the activities of KAWDA:

- War widows
- Peasant women
- Young girls (disadvantaged girls)
- Ex- Combatant women

1.4 CONTACT ADDRESS

The Coordinator
Kayoma Women's Development Association
Holy Rosary Primary School
P.O.Box ,48
Bo, Sierra Leone

1.8 AIMS

- To produce, manufacture and market goods need for everyday consumption and for the economic empowerment of the group.
- To improve, modernize or expand the skills, techniques and creativity of grassroots women in backyard gardening, gara tying and dying and needlework

1.6 OBJECTIVES

- Motivate and involve grassroots women in economic activities
- Purchase and procure tools, materials and equipment
- Obtain seeds, seedlings, fertilizers and agro-chemicals
- Transport and market goods/produce
- Conduct training sessions
- Process and preserve seeds and seedling.

1.7 ACTIVITIES

KAWDA shall operate on two levels

- Short term activities which shall entail vegetable production or backyard gardening, skills training in gara tying and dying and needle work.
- Long term activities which shall be projected towards large scale production of food such as cassava, garrie, sweet potatoes groundnuts ,coco yam and swamp cultivation.

1.8 PLAN OF ACTION FOR SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	DURATION	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Vegetable gardening 2 acres of land.	Land preparation	2 weeks	Group leaders
	Nursery development	1 month	Group Leaders
	Transplanting/Planting	2 weeks	Group leaders
	Weeding	2 weeks	Group leaders
	Fertilizer application	1 week	Group leaders
Gara tie and dyeing	Designing, tying and sewing	1 week	Group leaders
	Mixing of dye, ink powder and caustic soda	2 days	Group leaders
	Dyeing and drying of materials	2 days	Group leaders
	Folding and ironing of finished gara materials	2 days	Group leaders
Gari production	Grating of cassava and patching of grated cassava	1 week	Group leaders
Country cloth weaving	Parting of thread in loom, knitting sewing and weaving	4 weeks	Group leaders

BUDGET SUMMARY

GARDENING TOOLS		1,662,000
		455,000
FERTILIZERS		3,000,000
AGRO-CHEMICALS		249,000
GARA MATERIALS		1,000,000
GARA INSTRUMENT		180,000
GARA CONTAINERS		1,136,500
GARA CHEMICALS		1,228,000
GARI PRODUCTION		4,050,000
COUNTRY CLOTH WEAVING		540,000
		13,500,500

COST OF SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES

GARDENING TOOLS		Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost

Watering cans	6	25000	150000
Cutlasses	12	4000	45000
Hoes medium	12	5000	60000
Rakes	12	12000	144000
Shovels	12	15000	180000
Wheelbarrows	4	150000	600000
Garden forks	2	12000	120000
Buckets(34cm)	10	12000	120000
Garden lines 50"	2	120000	240000
Total			1662000
SEEDS			
Maize (corn)	20	5000	100000
Okra	20	5000	100000
Egg Plant (giblocks)	10	3000	30000
Jakato (Bitter balls)	10	3000	30000
Slima (Krain-krain)	10	3000	30000
Pepper (hot)	5	2000	10000
Cucumber	10	5000	100000
Water melon	5	5000	25000
Lettuce	5	6000	30000
Total			455000
FERTILIZERS			
N.P.K. 15:15	3	360000	1080000
N.P.K20:20	3	360000	1080000
Urea	4	280000	840000
Total			3000000
AGRO-CHEMICALS			
Fungicide	3	350000	1050000
Insecticide	3	480000	1444000
Total			2490000
COSTS FOR SKILLS TRAINING IN GARA TYING AND DYING			
ITEM	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Brijllion	10	65000	650000
Shirting	10	35000	350000
Total			1000000
GARA DYING INSTRUMENTS			
ITEM	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
Kin-thread	10	3,000	30,000
Needles	20	1,500	30,000
Scissors	10	3,000	30,000
Measuring tape	10	3,000	30,000
Wooden Table (large)	2	30,000	60,000
Total			180,000
GARA DYING CONTAINERS			
Plastic bowls (large)	15	15,000	565,000
Plastic buckets (large)	15	12,000	180,000
Aluminium pots (large)	2	75,000	150,000
Kolas drums	2	45,000	90,000
Plastic sheets	1 roll	150,000	150,000
Plastic spoons	1 dozen	1,500	1,500
Total			1,136,500

GARA DYING CHEMICALS							
caustic Soda	2 bags	110,000			220,000		
Ink powder different colours							
Green	1 kilo	110,000			110,000		
Mauve	1 kilo	35,000			35,000		
Blue	1 kilo	45,000			45,000		
Brown	1 kilo	70,000			70,000		
Yellow	1 kilo	60,000			60,000		
Pink	1 kilo	100,000			100,000		
Black	1 kilo	100,000			100,000		
Shinner	1 kilo		90,000				9
Sulphate powder		33 50,000			150,000		
candles	20 pckts	1,500			30,000		
Iron charcoal	2	15,000			30,000		
Beating log	4	10,000			40,000		
Beating clubs	8	12			48,000		
Plastic hand gloves	10 pair	10,000			100,000		
TOTAL					1,228,000		
GARI PRODUCTION							
Grating machine	2	500,000			1,000,000		
Honda machine	2	900,000			1,800,000		
Frying pan	4	250,000			1,000,000		
Jute bags	100	2,500			250,000		
Total					4,050,000		
COUNTRY CLOTH WEAVING							
Loom stand	2	15,000			30,000		
Headle	2	25,000			50,000		
Loom pedal	2	20,000			40,000		
Comb	2	10,000			20,000		
Thread assorted colours	20	20,000			400,000		
Total Cost					540,000		
TOTAL PROJECT COST							13,500,000

N.B. This was scanned in from the original, hence the uneven tabulation

APPENDIX B

Creative Crafts Education Centre



CREATIVE CRAFTS EDUCATION CENTRE

No 3 Gola - Vai Drive Kowama, P.O. Box 154— Bo
Sierra Leone , West Africa

Our Ref:
Your Ref:

21st March, 2002.

THE CHAIRMAN
ONE WORLD LINK (OWL)
BO BRANCH.


Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR LINKING WITH A SIMILAR INSTITUTION IN LEAMINGTON Creative crafts Education Centre (CCEC) as you already know is Non- governmental locally constituted cooperative of local artists and craftsmen. The Centre produces local costumes and other traditional apparel and artifacts from locally sourced materials.

The products of Creative Crafts Education on Centre could be found in Hotel Show Rooms Boutiques and Arts and Crafts Selling Centres in the Country. The centre also provide skills training and income generating for disadvantaged youths and women traumatised by the eleven years rebel war which has now come to past. We want to explore the possibilities at collaboration with external partners to promote the objective of CCEC towards the post war Rehabilitation and Resettlement programme in Sierra Leone Therefore management would be pleased if you can link our organisation to a similar institution in Leamington

Thanks as we look forward to your cooperation.

sincerely yours,



Joseph P. Bangali
or.

DESCRIPTIONS OF MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE CENTRE (Dec 2002)

Weaving Components

1. cards for cleaning the cotton, 6 pairs.
2. Reeds for weaving looms with various sizes, e.g.
14 dents per inch
10 dents per inch
12 dents per inch
20 dents per inch
3. Spinning wheels of any quantity.
4. Floor looms if possible second maybe useful.

Tailoring section

1. Planting Machine
2. Press button machine

Carpentry Section Requirements.

Power Tools Mechanised Tools.

1. portable power rip saw with spare blades.
 2. portable power cross-cut saw with spare blades.
 3. portable power morticer with spare bits.
 4. portable power lathe turner.
 5. portable power planer with spare blades.
 6. 6 bench vices
 7. portable belt sander.
- ##### Hand Tool — Manual
8. 3 tools kits.

Basic Education - Educational Materials.

1. Books for library.
2. Computers. (4).

This centre has 50 trainees. The majority are illiterate. 44 are female and 6 male. 6 are amputees including one woman. Age range is 12 to 36. Many are school drop outs. Training is provided in weaving, sewing, tie dying, batik, embroidery and carpentry. Basic Education is provided in literacy, numeracy, and home management.

I brought back samples of their work, which appears to be of a good standard. They have a retail shop in Bo.

I made a short unannounced visit and was given a tour of the workshops and classroom. I saw a few trainees at work, spinning and weaving. The Director was not there, but he sought me out later, and I made another short visit on the Ramadan holiday; so no trainees there. I had contact with a few members of the 15 staff.

The Centre is situated on the outskirts of town; and anyone who attends has to make their own way there.

It appears to be a going concern; but it is quite difficult to judge on short unarranged visits. They have 13 acres of land, and are hoping to develop a 100 acre cotton farm of their own.

I was given a mobile number of 076 651206; but this does not appear to be correct. The most likely linking opportunity would appear to be in the basic education (literacy) side of things. Sheila Grainger of the Community Education Service is willing to correspond with them and to explore possible links in that area. If the CCEC thought it appropriate for their students to write letters to students here at a similar stage of learning This could be mutually beneficial in improving literacy and learning about other countries and ways of life.

I do not have any photos.

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