# **KOLU SOKODOLO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**







# OPERATION SAVE THE CHILD'S HOPE

# **Project summary**

Project Title: OPERATION SAVE THE CHILD'S HOPE

Location: Unification City, Margibi County - Liberia, West Africa

Target Area: National Level

Beneficiaries: Children that lost their parents during the Ebola outbreak in Liberia

**Duration**: On Going

Contact Person: Kolu Sokodolo Walter

Position: Founder and CEO

**Contact Number:** +1 (510) 472-4513

Local Contact Person: Mr. Shine Gbelemah

Position: Country Director for Liberia

**Contact Number:** +011 231 77 585 8032

Contact Email: ksokodolo@yahoo.com / kscfincorporated@gmail.com

Web site: www.koluscf.org

#### Introduction

Emerging from the forest region of Guinea in December 2013, from May 2014 the Ebola epidemic quickly accelerated and spread through the countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, eventually reaching urban areas and killing more than 3600 people in Liberia alone (Abramowitz et al., 2015).

The devastating effects of deadly Ebola outbreak which brought the country to its knees and forcing school to be shut down for many months, led to a dramatic increase in teenage pregnancies and sexual assaults. When classrooms did reopen, the virus had left long-lasting consequences.

Many children and teachers lost their lives. More than 6,000 children were orphaned. Some parents were not able to send their children back to school due to the consequences of the outbreak on their activities. Situation became so difficult to other till the point that they couldn't even afford a day's meal, let alone cater for their children fees.

While Liberia is still struggling to recover from this trauma, coronavirus came in to revert the clock to zero.

The significant risks that watch out for these children whose education got disrupted by these two deadly viruses has simply added up to the existing records of out-of-school populations. At the time of the Ebola outbreak, less than 70% of children completed primary school in Liberia. These children unfortunately end up in involving themselves or participating in anti-social, criminal activities.

We, at Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation, strongly believe that only schools can provide safe spaces where children can receive education and psychosocial support for their trauma. Thus, we envisage reorienting these children by providing quality formal education, skill training and protection in our Kolu Sokodolo International Academy.

## **Background of Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation (KSCF)**

Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation (KSCF) is a non-for-profit organization with a proud track record of successful delivery on its thriving projects. We are established in 2016 and registered under the non - profit public benefit law for Public and Charitable purposes in the USA and Liberia. We are a 501(C) 3 registered in California.

**Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation** is a California Non-Profit Corporation - Ca - Public Benefit filed On November 16, 2017. The company's filing status is listed as Active and its File Number is 4084234. The Registered Agent on file for this company is **Kolu Garmai Sokodolo** and is located at 2439 Brandwine Ct, Stockton, CA 95210. The company's mailing address is 2439 Brandwine Ct, Stockton, CA 95210.

Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation was established over the years to cater to the less fortunate, underprivileged children, the elderly, disabled, women, and girls, among others, in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The foundation opened its first school in Unification City, Margibi County. The school, named Kolu Sokodolo International Academy, was opened to operate in the country as a tuition-free school. Our core value is to build

leaders that overcome challenges with knowledge. We are present in four different counties in Liberia.

#### Our vision

Our vision is to prevent every year, a minimum of 50 vulnerable children in Liberia to fall into child slavery. We strive to reach and uplift the poorest of the poor.

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to rescue the orphans, vulnerable and neglected children, Youth and Young Women before they are sold into a life of misery through the provision of safe housing; education; medical care; training, loving support and a future free from slavery.

We aim also to assist disadvantaged west Africans in their quest to obtain a quality, relevant education in order to ensure that they are in a position to become global citizens and a competitive, productive element in the local job market.

#### Our core values

Here at Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation (KSCF), we are driven by a single goal; to do our part in making the world a better place for all.

Our decision-making process is informed by comprehensive empirical studies and high-quality data evaluation.

We strive to build productive relationships and make a positive impact with all of our pursuits.

## Our presence:

We are present in six counties in Liberia:

- 1. Margibi County, Unification City
- 2. Soul Clinic Community, Paynesville, Montserrado County
- 3. Kinjor Township-Grand Cape Mount County,
- 4. Buchannan City, Grand Bassa County,

We are also present in Sierra Leone.

#### Our facilities:

- 1. Kolu Sokodolo International Academy at Margibi County, Unification City Primary
- 2. A twelve room block clinic located at Soul Clinic Community, Paynesville Montserrado County

Current children enrolled in our school program: 360 under privileged children

**Budget:** At Kolu Sokodolo Children's Foundation, we measure child expenses per year in terms of tuition, feeding, and welfare.

Child expenditure breakdown

Daily: US\$ 0.60

Monthly: US\$18.00

Year: US\$ 216

# Total funding needed for the academic year 2022-2023: US\$ 77 760

## For any support, you can send your sponsorship directly to our Bank Account

Account Name : KOLU SOKODOLO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

SWIFT Code / BIC : PNBPUS6L

Bank / Institution : WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Branch Name : WILSHIRE AND SAN VICENTE

Address : SUITE 4330, 707 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

City : LOS ANGELES, CA

Or visit our online donation page on www.koluscf.org

## **Contact in the USA**

2439 Brandywine Ct Stockton, San Joaquin County 95210 USA

+1 (510) 472-4513

koluscf.org

## **Contact in Liberia**

Unification City, Margibi County, Liberia, West Africa P. O. Box: 1334

+011 231 77 585 8032