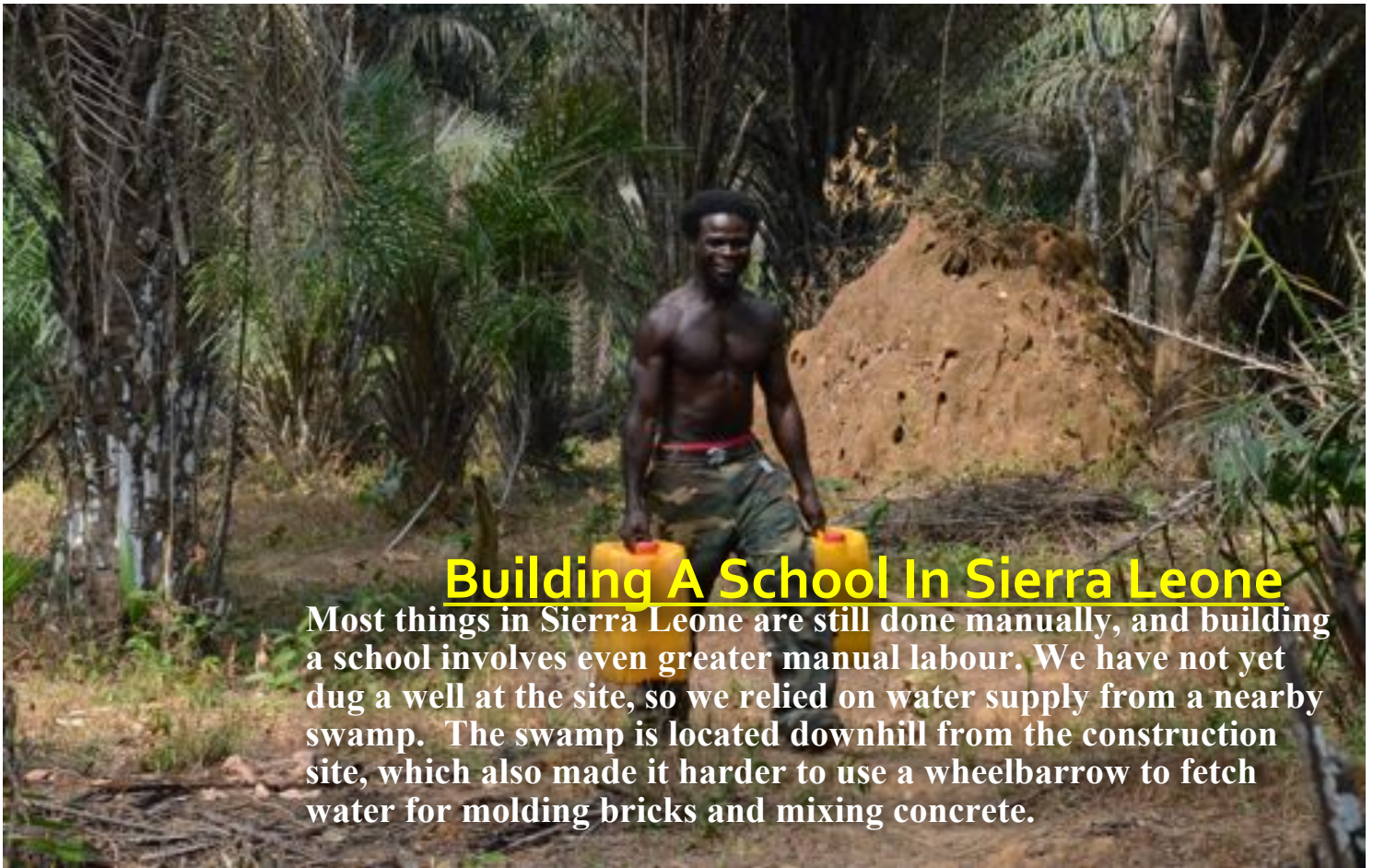


Building Tomorrow's World



1. Construction begins on the Jeneba Project Secondary School in Robis, Sierra Leone

2. The Memory Project Facilitates the First Symposium on Memory and Remembrance in Sierra Leone



Building A School In Sierra Leone

Most things in Sierra Leone are still done manually, and building a school involves even greater manual labour. We have not yet dug a well at the site, so we relied on water supply from a nearby swamp. The swamp is located downhill from the construction site, which also made it harder to use a wheelbarrow to fetch water for molding bricks and mixing concrete.

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The Jeneba Project has finally started work on the construction of the senior secondary school we have been working towards for quite some time. The school is located in the town of Robis, Lungi, where the Jeneba Project has purchased an acre of land.

Joseph Kaifala, our Director, was in Sierra Leone to oversee the first phase of the construction. The difference between the Jeneba Project and many organizations is that we participate in all stages of our project design and implementation to ensure that a donkey is not offered where a truck is needed.

We hired some professional builders and gave

them our ideas for the school building and worked with them to create a building profile. Schools are usually constructed in a simple rectangular shape, but we modified that idea to produce a plan that facilitates both efficiency and adequate use of space.





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We are using a different architectural design for our school because we want the physical structure itself to address some of the obstacles to learning in Sierra Leone. For instance, the school has an interior bathroom instead of the usual outdoor cesspit latrine. Having an indoor toilet is more likely to improve hygiene in school and provide needed privacy for girls.



Construction of the Jeneba Project School in Progress

Instead of a separate library, we have included a hall that can easily be used as an additional classroom or a conference hall for school events. The enclosed building also provides security for students and allows for easy monitoring of attendance and truancy.

The entire school is a four-classroom building containing a library, a bathroom, and a storage room. The school will be fully electrified to facilitate our aim of incorporating audio/visual learning materials for our students.

We are happy with the progress and achievements thus far, but more remains to be accomplished and we need your support in completing this enormous and important task.

The construction project provided an opportunity for local youths to make some quick cash by helping with some of the manual labour such as molding bricks, hauling water, and transporting rocks and bricks.



Most of the building, which is pictured below, is done. We have now launched our fundraising campaign for the second phase of the construction process. We are aiming to complete construction by the end of 2014.



The Jeneba Project Girl's Scholarship



The Jeneba Project Team also visited some of the schools that have benefited from our girl's scholarship in the past.

A few of the schools had been cut because of limited funding, but we intend to extend our scholarship program for girls at some of these schools in the next academic year starting September.

Our scholarships are usually intended for girls in the

rural areas of Sierra Leone, but we are planning to enlist a few schools in Freetown. The Team had a meeting with Mrs. Lasite, who is principal of Vine Memorial Secondary School. We have enjoyed great relationship with Mrs. Lasite in the past and we are looking forward to working with her to identify committed girls with financial need at her school.

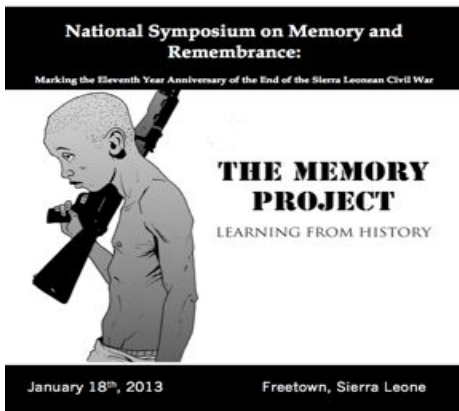
The Jeneba Project Scholarship is intended to encourage secondary school girls to stay in school and pursue their education with diligence and determination. While we hope recipients will excel at the highest level of their educational achievement, our expectation is simply that they commit to staying in school.

Our primary aim is to help prevent girls dropping out of school for lack of school fees, books, or uniforms. We hope you will continue to help us improve girls' education in Sierra Leone.

Donate

₦30.00: Annual School Fees for 1 girl

\$25.00: Pays for a school uniform

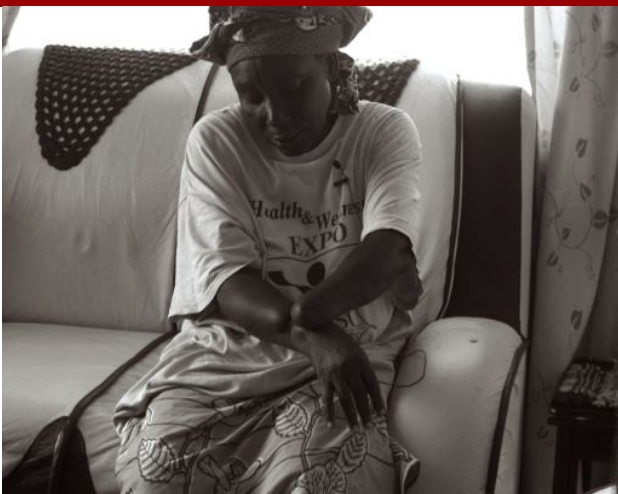


National Symposium on Memory and Remembrance: *Marking the Eleventh Anniversary of the End of the Sierra Leonean Civil War*

"In the life of any individual, family, community or society, memory is of fundamental importance. It is the fabric of identity."

Nelson Mandela

Chopping off limbs with machetes was widely employed by the rebels against innocent civilians.



The Sierra Leone Memory Project, an oral history project created by the Jeneba Project to collect testimonies from those who survived the Sierra Leonean civil war to ensure that the history of the civil war is preserved for future generations in order to help prevent a recurrence of similar atrocities, facilitated its first National Symposium on Memory and Remembrance. The symposium was held on January 18, 2013, which is the eleventh anniversary of the end of the Sierra Leonean civil war.

The symposium was divided into two forms. The first major program was a symposium at the St. Joseph's Secondary School in Lungi. The choice of Lungi as a place to host the first National Symposium on Memory and Remembrance was very significant and symbolic because the civil war was officially declared over at a public ceremony in Lungi. President Ahmad Tijan Kabbah and a host of international dignitaries proclaimed the end of the war over a bonfire composed of thousands of weapons collected during disarmament. The bonfire, dubbed the 'Flame of Peace,' symbolized the collective determination of Sierra Leoneans never again to wage war on one another.

The symposium brought together secondary school students to learn about the civil war, understand the parameters of Memory and Remembrance in post-conflict settings, share experiences and discuss ways of confronting the challenges presented by the post-conflict situation in Sierra Leone.

The evening program was a Radio Symposium at Culture Radio, FM 104.5, where we played some of the testimonies we have already collected and encouraged the audience to call and reflect on the war and current post-conflict socio-political conditions in

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the country. While the cell phone reception made it difficult for many calls to come in, it was clear that many people listened to the program. The Radio Symposium started at the peak listening period of 7pm when most Sierra Leoneans return home from their daily affairs and relax by their radios.

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understanding the history of the civil war.

The Sierra Leone Memory Project will also continue to collect testimonies in order to provide survivors with room for individual healing through reflection and help build a collective native. While it is important for children to learn about their past in more formal history books, it is absolutely vital for them to hear the stories of members of their own communities who experienced the war.

Finally, we are thankful to all the donors who made this first symposium a possibility. We are also grateful to Fatima Bassir who cut into her already short time with family at home to volunteer for the symposium. Fatima's presence was an inspiration for the young students.



More than 400 students attended the symposium. Many of the students knew nothing about the civil war, which we hope to change over the years.

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This page provides information on the various ways you can help us with our projects.



Donate

Please visit the Jeneba Project website to find out about various options for donating. We know that different individuals are more comfortable with different methods of donating, so we have endeavored to provide various options to facilitate your contribution. www.jenebproject.org/donate

Bra Rabbit & Bra Spider Children's Book Series



The Jeneba Project has just produced the first two books in the Bra Rabbit and Bra Spider Children's Book Series to help fundraise. These storybooks make great presents for the little ones in your household or for the child in you that wants to smile about the mischief of Bra Rabbit and Bra Spider.

Please visit our online store to obtain your copy:

<http://www.jenebaproject.org/online-store.php>

Other Ways to Get Involved

The Jeneba Project website also lists various ways you can get involved and help us provide educational opportunities to the children of the Mano River Union countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia. Please visit our Get Involved page to find out more: <http://www.jenebaproject.org/get-involved.php>

You may also contact us directly through email at: jenebaproject@gmail.com or call 518-615-7576

Thank You

The Jeneba Project thanks all those who continue to support us in our efforts to provide educational opportunities for children in West Africa. All of what we do remain dependent on your generosity and unwavering support. On behalf of all our beneficiaries, we say thank you!



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