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FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

- I. AGRICULTURE
- II. EDUCATION
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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the activities of the United States Embassy's Self-Help Program for fiscal year 1980. During the year the Embassy contributed \$90,000 to 44 Self-Help projects involving agriculture, education, health and community development. In every case the local community made a significant contribution of land, labor, money or materials to complement the Embassy's assistance.

The Government of Sierra Leone approves every Self-Help project undertaken by the Embassy. This cooperation has resulted in many worthwhile and successful projects. Accordingly, the Embassy would like to thank the involved Ministries and Departments for their support and encouragement. Other cooperating agencies, including the Peace Corps, CRS and various religious organizations, are to be thanked for their assistance in making these projects possible.

I. AGRICULTURE

During FY 1980 the Embassy provided a total of \$7,960 to seven projects involving agriculture. The majority of these grants were to school gardens, where it was felt that the limited funds available through the Self-Help Program could have the greatest impact on the future agricultural development of Sierra Leone. These grants provided the funds necessary to purchase tools and develop lands needed for quality agriculture education programs. Other projects provided funds to local farmers for swamp development proposals designed to increase local food resources in an effort to achieve agricultural self-sufficiency at the village level. In all cases the enthusiasm, efforts and contributions of the participants supported the Embassy's financial contribution.

0636120 Bo District Primary School Gardens

The Embassy provided \$3,085 to purchase tools, reference books and seeds to be used by nine primary schools in Bo District. The headmasters and agricultural instructors at each school joined forces in the garden project, aimed at improving the agricultural background of their pupils and laying the ground work for the future agricultural development of Sierra Leone. Peace Corps Volunteer Janet Lawson supervised the project.

0636130 Joru School Agricultural Science Project

Joru School needed tools to make optimum use of an already-existing oil palm plantation and several partially-developed rice swamps, and to add a school garden, nursery and demonstration plot. The Embassy provided \$780 to this end. With these funds, the school hopes to develop a self-sustaining, quality agricultural education project under the supervision of Robert D. Walker, PCV.

0636150 York Rural Primary School Gardens

The Embassy granted \$520 to York Primary school for the purpose of providing tools for a garden project designed to teach better agricultural techniques as well as provide nourishing lunches for students.

0636160 Dublin/Ricketts Rural School Gardens

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Dublin/Ricketts School was granted \$830 for the purchase of garden tools for their school agriculture project. Labor was to be provided by staff and students.

0636180 Baoma Chiefdom Rice Swamp Project

Several swamp sites were granted by their owners to 80 local farmers for use as a community rice swamp for the next 10 years. One-third of the harvest was to be used for a revolving fund for the purchase of fertilizer and seed, with the remainder to be distributed among the participants. The Embassy provided \$1,400 for the purchase of hoes, mattocks and shovels for this project, which was supervised by Father F. Lynch, Gerihun parish priest, under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services.

0636270 Schlenker Secondary School Agriculture Tools

The Embassy granted \$375 to Schlenker Secondary School for the purchase of hand tools needed by PCVs John and Betsy Anderson to teach practical agriculture and by their students of prepare and maintain a school garden and rice swamp.

0636390 Kurankoh Inland Swamp

The people of Kurankoh Village received \$970 for the development of 150 acres of inland swamp as an additional food source for the community. Construction of a dam and food store was part of this project.

II. EDUCATION

The unquestioned importance of an educated populace to a developing country is reflected in the Embassy's emphasis on educational projects in FY 1980. \$47,560 was granted to 16 education projects during the year. The majority of these projects involved the construction, extension or repair of primary and secondary school buildings. Other grants provided funds for the purchase of textbooks, furnishings and equipment.

0636050 St. Francis Secondary School Textbook Project

The Embassy provided \$420 for the printing of 300 copies of an economics textbook written jointly by a teacher at St. Francis School and Peace Corps Volunteer Daniel Klett. The text book explains economic theory using examples drawn from Sierra Leone.

0636080 Sakiema Primary School Completion

PCV David Levy assisted the people of Sakiema Section, Dia Chiefdom in applying for funds for the erection of a new four-classroom cement block school, needed to replace a badly deteriorated mud-block building. The Embassy contributed \$1,890 for construction materials for the new building, which will house 140 pupils from seven surrounding villages.

0636100 Baiima R.C. Primary School Completion

This primary school, opened in 1978, lacked classroom partitions and a storeroom. The Paramount Chief, the school headmaster and PCV Patricia Floch collaborated in a request for Self-Help funds. The Embassy granted \$2,040 to provide construction materials for these necessary improvements, which were expected to enhance learning conditions and increase attendance.

0636140 Taiama Primary School Completion

The Embassy provided \$3,800 to be used to purchase construction materials, tables and chairs for the completion and furnishing of this four-classroom primary school, which was begun in 1975 under the auspices of the U.M.C. Mission.

0636190 Bombohun R.C. Primary School Reconstruction

An additional school block and two teachers' houses were needed to adequately serve the pupils and staff of Bombohun School, which had been destroyed by a storm in 1976 and only partially rebuilt. The Embassy provided \$2,900 for building materials to this end.

0636230 Kassasie Elementary School

A new, two classroom block school was needed to serve the children of Kassasie, Kwarreh, Kagbekedena and Kamonke, who have been traveling some distance to a school in Kamabai. The Embassy provided \$3,900 to this project, which was submitted through the offices of Catholic Relief Services.

0636250 Noniama Primary School Completion

A substantial increase in enrollment was expected upon completion of this school, which was begun through enthusiastic local efforts. Materials needed included wood, cement, paint and whitewash. Application for Self-Help funds was made with the assistance of PCV Suzanne Willsey. The Embassy's grant amounted to \$485.

0636310 Primary School Furnishings, Bunumbu and Bandajuma Schools

The Paramount Chiefs of Bunumbu, Peje-West Chiefdom, and Bandajuma, Yawei Chiefdom, applied for Self-Help funds for materials to build furniture for their two primary schools, which had been constructed under the CRS building program. The Embassy granted \$2,900 for purchase of materials with which local craftsmen would build the needed desks and chairs.

0636320 R.C. Primary School Extensions and Repairs

The Catholic Mission of Makeni developed this project to consolidate the purchase of materials and the supervision of work on extensions and repairs to six primary schools in the Northern Region of the country. The Embassy contributed \$16,000 to the project.

0636340 Equipment for Competitive Sports Program

The Embassy provided \$170 for the purchase of basketballs, volleyballs and javelins to equip a competitive sports program at Minnie Mull School. PCV Wayne London assisted the pupils and staff in submitting their request.

0636350 Kissy Primary School

The Embassy granted \$4,000 for the construction of a two-classroom school with storeroom, office and toilets for the Kissy low-cost housing development area. Land had been allocated, the lease and building permit obtained, and a head teacher appointed, all indicating a determination to see the project to a successful completion. The Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone was involved in overseeing the project.

0636370 Madina Primary School

This American Wesleyan Mission project involved the construction of three classrooms, an office and a storeroom. The Embassy contributed \$4,000 to the project, which will benefit 200 students in the town of Madina currently lacking adequate facilities.

0636380 Mokandoh Primary School Completion

The Embassy provided \$550 to plaster this school building and to construct a concrete ring at its base to prevent rainy-season erosion.

0636400 Makoni Primary School

The Embassy granted \$1,040 for construction supplies for this new primary school building, which will serve 100 students. PCV Terrance Purdy assisted the people of Makoni in submitting their proposal and overseeing the project.

0636410 Ahmadiyya Secondary School Completion

The \$580 provided under this grant was to be used for internal plastering and finishing of floors, ceiling, windows and doors of two classroom blocks of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School. The proposal was submitted by the people of Kenema, Nongowa Chiefdom with the assistance of PCV Donna Shields.

0636460 St. Matthews Secondary School Classrooms

PCV Colin Pohl and the people of Bumbuna, Kalansogoia Chiefdom, asked the Embassy for assistance in the construction of two new classrooms, needed to accommodate the increasing enrollment at St. Matthews Secondary School. The Embassy provided \$2,885 for the purchase of construction materials.

III. HEALTH

During fiscal year 1980 the Embassy contributed \$18,750 to fourteen health projects, most of them involving the construction of latrines and wells in rural areas. Other projects concentrated on improving maternal and child health care and expanding the facilities of the Lunsar Eye Clinic. These projects, in promoting health care throughout Sierra Leone, will favorably affect development efforts in all areas.

0636010 Jimmi Bagbo Primary School Latrines

The five latrines constructed under this project will benefit 300 students and thirteen staff members at the Jimmi Bagbo Primary School. The Embassy's contribution for building materials and transportation was \$495. The work will be supervised by Peace Corps Volunteer, Michael G. Weidner.

0636020 Komende Water System

The \$450 contributed to this project will allow the people of Komende, with the assistance of PCV Mike Gabrielle, to rehabilitate their gravity-fed water system by repairing the concrete water basin, adding a cover and replacing 34 lengths of pipe.

0636030 Yawahun (Sowa) Waterwells

The Embassy contributed \$545.00 for the construction of two open, reinforced concrete waterwells for the 350 people of the village of Yawahun. Three local chiefs and PCV Brad Smith will supervise the project.

0636040 Komende Public Latrines

Four double-trench public latrines were to be built under this project, to which the Embassy contributed \$400 for cement, zinc and iron rods. PCV Brad Smith collaborated with local Health Committee members in their application for Embassy funds.

0636060 Kawula Household Latrines Project

Thirty two households in Kawula township have agreed to assist each other in digging latrines and constructing floors and shelters, under the supervision of the district health inspector and PCV Norman Frampton. The Embassy funded the project in the amount of \$770.

0636170 Ghahama Public Health Project

This project proposes to develop ten latrines slabs and two wells in an area where the only source of water has been a frequently contaminated stream some distance from the village. The Embassy contributed \$1,840 for the purchase of the necessary building materials. Sites will be approved by the village chief and elders. It is expected that the project, when completed, will be an incentive for additional latrine development and will lead to an overall improvement in health. The proposal was submitted under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services.

0636210 Lunsar Eye Clinic Workshop

The Embassy contributed \$2,910 for the extension of an existing studio and electrotechnical workshop at the Lunsar Eye Clinic. The improved facility is to be used as a maintenance and repair shop for the clinic's equipment. A technical training program was also planned.

0636240 Gbandi Primary School Latrines

The construction of these latrines will be coordinated with a health education program for the benefit of teachers and pupils at Gbandi Primary School. The Embassy contributed \$240. The work was to be supervised by an official of the Government Hospital at Bo and PCV Patricia Floch.

0636260 Tikonko Secondary School Wells

Two wells will be constructed under this grant - a shallow well of the covered bucket type for agricultural use and a deep well with full skirt and well house for a safe water supply. The U.S. Embassy contributed \$940 for the project, which will be supervised by PCV Richard A. Burgoyne.

0636280 Koinadugu Pit Latrines and Health Education Project

This proposal, submitted by the people of Koinadugu with the assistance of PCV Dale C. Williams, combines a basic health education program with the construction of 15 pit latrines, including one for the primary school. The Embassy provided \$585 for building materials and tools.

0636290 Bandajuma Maternity Center and Clinic

The people of this rural area, comprising six townships, are eager to establish a center combining an under-five clinic, accomodation for expectant mothers, a small dispensary and a base for the Village Health Committee. The Embassy granted \$3,750 to the project, which was sponsored by CRS.

0636330 Rosengbeh Maternity Center

Catholic Relief Services, the people of Rosengbeh and the district medical officer are collaborating with the applicant, a midwife, to build a six-room maternity center to serve the entire area. \$3,500 was contributed by the Embassy to assist their efforts.

0636420 Teibor Village Latrines

The Embassy contributed \$485 to assist in the construction of private latrines for village homes. Ten leones will be collected from each family receiving a latrine, to be used to build additional latrines. PCV Suzanne Willsey is supervising the project.

0636450 Bagbo Chiefdom School Latrines

Five new latrines are to be built and an existing latrine repaired at five schools in Bagbo Chiefdom. The Embassy contributed \$1,840 to the project, which is under the supervision of PCV Michael Weidner.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The \$14,980 contributed by the Embassy to six community development projects will assist communities in the construction or repair of roads, bridges, and food storage facilities. These projects will affect the social and economic as well as physical environments, improving communication and transportation and facilitating the exchange of ideas and the growth of a sense of nationhood.

0636070 Nahol River Bridge

The U.S. Embassy contributed \$3,345 to this effort on the part of the people of Fongohun and Peace Corps Volunteer Frank Gingham to construct a bridge over the Nahol River, linking their town to Loama. Planning assistance was given by the Ministry of Works. The people had already raised almost \$8,000 and initiated work on their own.

0636110 Kendimawa Bridge Project

The bridge being constructed under this project will connect a locally-built feeder road with the nearest major road, thus facilitating trade and transport for the people of Kendimawa. The Embassy granted \$1,745 for culverts, cement and tools. PCV Peggy Burran will oversee the project.

0636220 Nogbabeke Bridges

The \$2,550 contributed by the Embassy to this Catholic Relief Services sponsored project will assist the people of 20 villages in Dassi and Kori Chiefdoms. They propose to deck with concrete two former railway bridges, thus completing a new road constructed along the former railway track.

0636300 Niagorahun Thrift and Credit Cooperative Food Store

A meeting place and food storage facility will be constructed for the Niagorahun Thrift and Credit Cooperative with the assistance of the \$2,600 supplied by the Embassy for construction materials.

0636360 Gbendembu Culverts and Bridge

The culverts and bridge deck funded by this agreement will complete a six-mile road directly connecting the Boliland rice area to Gbendembu and the main road, cutting seven miles off the former route. The Embassy contributed \$4,000 to the project.

0636430 Foya Road Extension and Repairs

The Embassy granted \$740 to assist in the extension of the Foya Road to the villages of Gorahun, Beshebu and Majebu. The project involves the improvement of 5 palm-log bridges and will improve transportation between the villages, to markets and to Panguma Hospital. PCV Freda Christie helped the villagers in applying for the grant and will oversee the project.

0636440 - Exchange Rate Adjustment Fund