



Love Sierra Leone Annual Report 2022

Charity Number 1157847

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Thank you

The first and most important message within this short report is to thank you, our Supporters, and our Trustees.

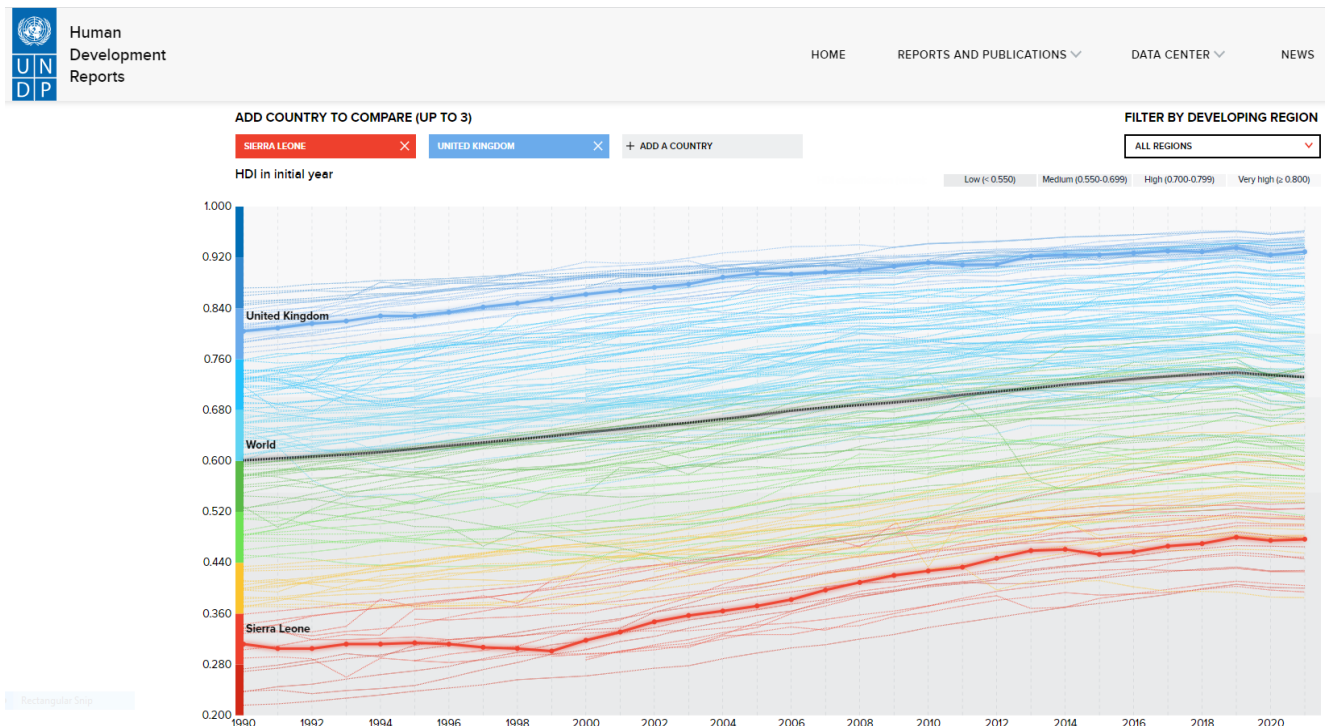
We are thankful to Pastor Yatta Samura for his multiple ministries to those in need, irrespective of whether they have a Christian faith or not, and to David Sandi for his ongoing dedication to Ahkom School and to RightToRead.

UN Human Development Index (HDI) – Sierra Leone 182 out of 189

The United Nations Index is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable and have a decent standard of living. The HDI is the geometric mean of normalized indices for each of the three dimensions. In the UN's report dated 2020, Sierra Leone finds itself at 182 out of 189! (Norway is at 1 and the UK is at 13).

(<https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/human-development-index#/indicies/HDI>)

This is the context in which this ministry operates.





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Christmas Meals for Children December 2022 – report from Pastor Yatta

We look forward to the Christmas meal every year. We are really grateful to God for the provision you are making. This time I divided the money into 4 parts, and you can see photographs at: <https://lovesierraleone.org/2023/01/19/christmas-feeding-program-dec-2022/>

1. Kono Church. They did a big cook, brought 63 children to church and fed them. Many Children from the neighbourhood came around but they had to restrict to the children in the church.
2. Central Church in Freetown. They did a whole day of treats, entertainment, games and food for their Sunday school children at the beach.
3. Sports Life Ministry. We cooked for 68 teenagers after their sports training on Christmas Eve. They ate so much that they don't want to go home! I also gave them a small amount of money to take to their parents to help with the family meal on Christmas day.
4. Grace Community Church Mambo. The newest church in the Mission. They bought toys and used clothing to share with the children and members. The church lives in a very poor community 58 people benefited.





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RightToRead

RightToRead (RTR) uses technology to improve English language outcomes for pupils. Since piloting RTR in 2015 at Ahkom school with 100 children we now have 7 schools in the program, reaching over 1200 children. Start and end-of-year assessments showed a 10% improvement in children's English skills over the course of a year. Sadly one school dropped out of program due to a change of leadership at the school. Some other schools are interested in adopting RTR however, we need to provide a laptop and in-class TV screen to each school and we don't have the funds to purchase these. Adults and parents in the community continue to ask for RTR lessons to improve their English. Again, lack of funds prevented us from making any progress on this front.

Ahkom School – Update November 2022

David Sandi writes to us: *"Greetings once more to everyone. I begin the Ahkom update with some really good news about 2 Girls who have been supported by 2 faithful supporters for many years:*

A big hand to Nick and Vicky for the determined assistance they've given Ami and Esther over many years. Ami's been bullying, academically, all her elders in the engineering department at Milton Margai University. To the point they made her their year rep. Esther's Public Health results just came out – straight A's and although she's currently on the Higher National Diploma programme, she also topped all those on the degree programme doing the same modules. She's now been invited to transfer, asap, to complete her course on the degree programme". [Read More](#).

In late 2020 we merged Ahkom charity into LSL. We recognise there is a funding gap between the aspirations of the School and the actual giving.

Financial Summary

Income in 2022 was lower than the previous year. We used money from LSL general funds to make up shortfalls in Ahkom school and C3M-specific donations. Total income was £36,825 including £6320 in Gift Aid. Expenditure for the year was £39,280. We ended the year with £4,237 in reserve.

Christian Community Church £10,228

- Church & Sports Ministry £9,050
- Office fees (SL) £1,000



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- Bank fees, etc £178

RightToRead £9,400

- Salaries, teacher training, IT support £9,300
- Bank fees etc £100

Ahkom School £9,371

- Teachers' salaries & sponsored kids £5,920
- Replacement laptop, farm project, etc £1,226
- Travel for David Sandi UK visit £2,000
- Bank fees etc £225

LSL general fund £10,281

- Donations to Ahkom school £3,090
- Donations to C3M £4,125
- Office, church vehicle repairs £769
- XMAS and Easter meals for children £2000
- Bank fees, etc £297

Outlook for 2023

We continue to support the 3 strands of Education, Sport and Ministry. The act of helping our neighbour fits with our Christian perspective, although many of us ask whether we can do more. Whilst Covid has not (so far) been as devastating as in other parts of the world, the indirect effect has been to increase poverty.

We recognize we need to stabilize our support for our current commitments to C3M Church, Ahkom school and Sports Life. We consider that "stabilize" means knowing that we are able to support them for some months/years ahead. This would mean finding longer term donor commitments and a contingency fund.

Giving

If you would like to support our activities you can donate online (one off or standing order) at www.lovesierraleone.org or by cheque, payable to "Love Sierra Leone". For further information please contact Richard Bayfield, 25 Davenant Road, Oxford, OX2 8BU, (01865 311800), email info@lovesierraleone.org.



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Income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st December, 2022

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 2022

	2022	2021
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	30,504.97	33,820.15
Gift aid refunds	6,319.72	7,561.75
<u>Total Income</u>	36,824.69	41,381.90
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Donations to overseas projects	38,323.80	36,473.90
Other finance charges	800.00	832.74
Other costs	156.00	144.00
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	39,279.80	37,450.64
Net income	-2,455.11	3,931.26
Balance as at 1st January 2022	6,691.70	2,760.44
Total funds at 31st December, 2022	4,236.59	6,691.70
Represented by:		
CAF accounts	4,236.59	6,691.70
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Independent examiners report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Love Sierra Leone

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145) of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement


In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed


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