

# Vital project in Sierra Leone



**Project:** Primary school equipment

**Objective:**

To provide 1,500 primary school equipment sets to children in Port Loko

**Target:** £4,580



## Why Plan works in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world, over 75% of the population lives on less than £1 a day and only 41% of children go to primary school.

Plan recognises that education is a crucial way to beat poverty – enabling boys and especially girls to gain the skills and knowledge they need to pull their communities out of poverty and reach their full potential in life.

## How you can help

We aim to raise £4,580 for 1,500 primary school equipment sets for children in Port Loko providing them with their own pens, pencils and other basic school materials, making it a little easier for them to continue their schooling and realise their full potential regardless of their family's financial position.

Plan enables poor communities to take action together to achieve children's rights to an education, decent healthcare, clean drinking water and more. We give long-term practical support so poor communities can improve the lives of their children and themselves. We also campaign to change the way a whole range of adults - from parents to politicians - think and act, because we know their decisions can perpetuate poverty.

Children themselves can be powerful advocates for change, so we encourage them to take part in decision making, from village councils to national assemblies. And because children will be the leaders of tomorrow, we believe that strengthening their voices now will create a fairer, better world - now and in the future.

This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider education programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Sierra Leone.

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**Project:** **Mother and child healthcare**

**Objective:**  
Increase the access to quality healthcare services for women and children in Kailahun district

**Target:** **£823,395**



## Why Plan works in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world, over 75% of the population lives on less than £1 a day. There is a severe lack of healthcare services and existing clinics are often ill equipped and poorly staffed. Healthcare workers also lack early child care skills and there is a low level of awareness of childhood health and development issues among communities. Infant mortality is one of the highest in the world and one in five children will not reach their fifth birthday.

All children should have access to good healthcare facilities and it is crucial that mothers have access to healthcare, information and services to help them bring up healthy children.

## How you can help

We need to raise £823,395 to increase the access to quality healthcare services for 72,800 children and 21,400 women in the Kailahun district. This will involve building two brand new clinics, and equipping and renovating two existing clinics. Plus we will train another 210 healthcare workers, and develop the skills and knowledge of existing staff and communities in childcare.

The project aims to reduce mortality in women and children by training midwives in modern methods of delivery and childcare and training healthcare workers to recognise and effectively treat children with malaria, respiratory infections, diarrhoea and tuberculosis.

Plan staff will also help teachers to create lessons in which children understand the importance of good hygiene, encouraging children to devise campaigns and create drawings to highlight the value of these practices to their families. In this way, children can play an active part in changing attitudes towards health and hygiene for the better in their homes and the wider community.

Plan works closely with communities, governments and non-governmental organisations at a local and national level to make sure projects such as this work as effectively as possible. This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider health programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Sierra Leone.

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I would like to give £ \_\_\_\_\_ (*please indicate amount*) to support a project in Sierra Leone:

Primary school equipment in Port Loko (SLE0057)

Mother and child healthcare (SLE0094)

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