

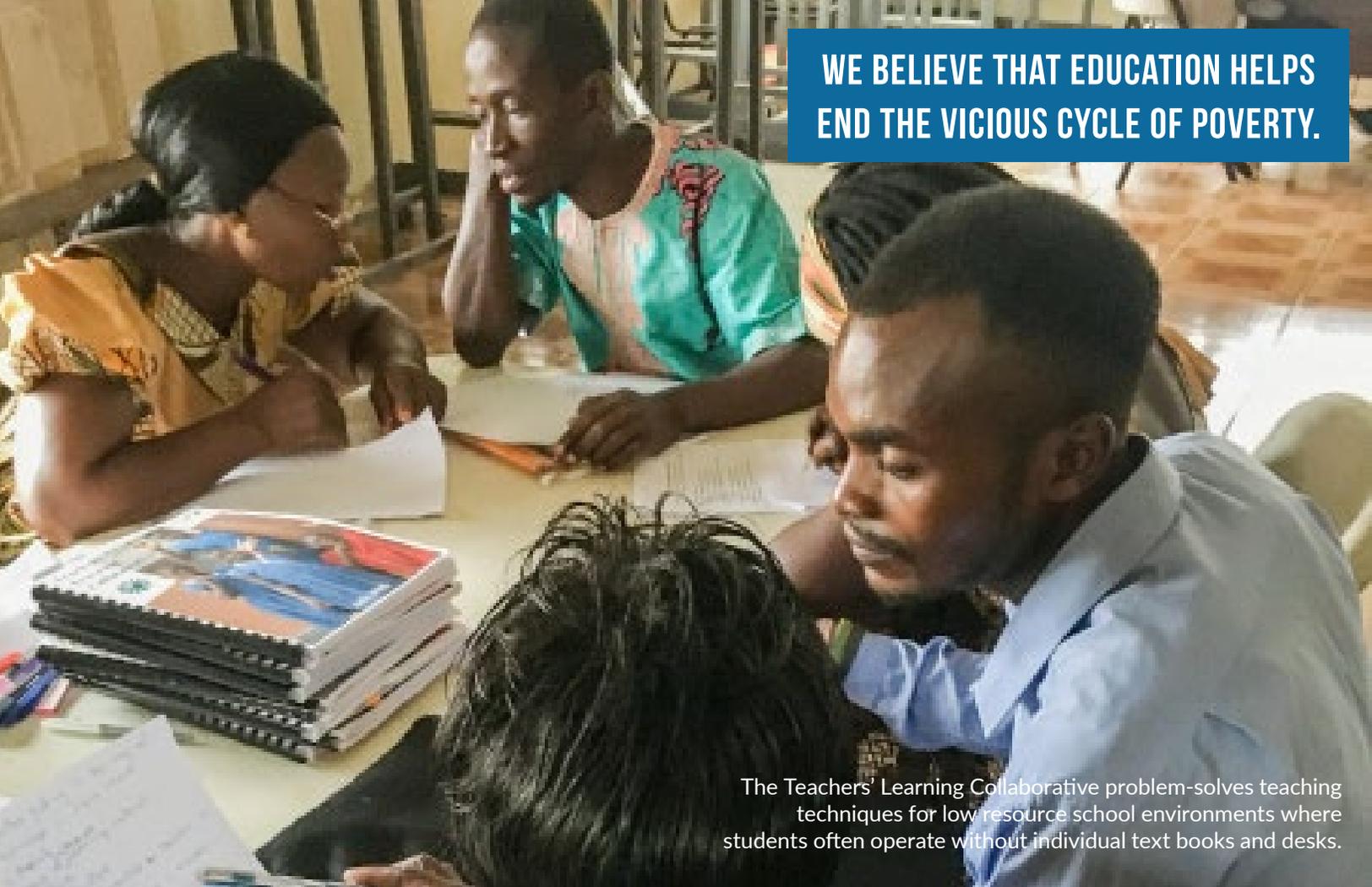
2019 IMPACT STATEMENT



**HELPING
CHILDREN
WORLDWIDE**

Transforming communities
Saving lives

Building sustainable futures



**WE BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION HELPS
END THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF POVERTY.**

The Teachers' Learning Collaborative problem-solves teaching techniques for low resource school environments where students often operate without individual text books and desks.

Helping Children Worldwide

is committed to a vision of communities where mutual respect and caring is common practice and the generous sharing of resources, knowledge, and spiritual well-being lifts every child from hopelessness and poverty, shining God's light into every corner of the world.

We practice our vision through the programs we support, the partnerships we develop, and the mission teams we deploy.

OUR MISSION

Helping Children Worldwide (HCW) is transforming communities by serving vulnerable children and families through support for education, health care, and spiritual mentoring.

OUR VISION

All the people of the world will live in strong, nurturing communities where children and their families can fulfill their God-given potential.

OUR APPROACH

We partner with local leadership to support children and families where they live and connect them to the resources needed to build sustainable futures.

We partner with local leadership to build sustainability in the community by identifying local needs, and by encouraging our partners to employ local solutions

We coordinate with in-country leadership to ensure that solutions are feasible and sustainable in the larger context of the community.

We measure program impact through robust monitoring, data collection, and evaluation, and provide technical assistance, training, and feedback to ensure that the programs we support continue to improve and thrive.

We cultivate trusted relationships and provide accountability and transparency to investors in our work.

OUR CHALLENGE

In Sierra Leone, one in seventeen women will die in childbirth², one in seven children will not survive until their sixth birthday,¹ and the average life expectancy is only 51 years.³ The adult male literacy rate is 59% and the adult female literacy rate is 43%.⁴

Extreme poverty affects 760 million people worldwide, and in developing nations extreme poverty impacts 50% of the population. 60% of Sierra Leoneans live below the poverty line and most people survive through subsistence farming.⁵ For the sake of family survival, many Sierra Leonean children go to work at the same age children in wealthy countries begin preschool.⁶ Poor families in Sierra Leone cannot afford medical care and lack access to clean water, sanitation, electricity, and adequate nutrition.

Bo, Sierra Leone is a dense urban area where the average person survives on income below the “severe poverty” threshold of less than \$1.90 a day. Those living in villages a long way from the nearest hospital may live their entire lives without once receiving medical care for illnesses and injuries, because (1) they can’t afford it, and (2) they can’t get to it.

THE CHILD RESCUE CENTRE

The Child Rescue Centre (CRC) Headquarters at the UMC Bo Urban Centre is a hub of activities and a recognized model of exemplary child welfare services in Sierra Leone. HCW and the United Methodist Church Sierra Leone Annual Conference (UMC-SLAC) opened this home for children in Bo in 2000, during the last years of the Civil War.

However, the CRC is NOT an orphanage.

Instead, the CRC provides access to education and health care for children and youth in Bo and surrounding villages and communities with robust case management services

and professional staff. Throughout the 2017-18 school year, the HCW child sponsorship program provided scholarships for 567 primary and secondary students, and 24 students enrolled in post-secondary education.

The CRC supports family-based care, providing family counseling, parenting education, career training, and access to microfinance training and loans for parents to lift families out of extreme poverty.

HCW provides underwriting for 100% of the CRC programs, technical expertise and administrative support for CRC leadership, program administrators, case managers and accounting staff. During 2018, HCW contracted with service providers to train CRC personnel in community mapping for effective service delivery, provided strategic planning and budget training, and secured training materials and resources for the implementation of a robust case management system.

To strengthen the educational system, HCW established a teacher learning collaborative to problem-solve classroom issues faced by primary school teachers in extreme low-resource environments. Building on the success of that exchange, a case management collaborative launched linking case managers at the CRC and other child welfare agencies with other licensed social workers via video conference. In 2019, an electronic case management records system is being developed to improve child welfare case monitoring. The system will enhance security of confidential data and reliability of information, including expense tracking and case activities, interventions and outcomes reports.



^{1,3,6} UNICEF Data, www.data.unicef.org

² Trends in Maternal Mortality, WHO 2015

^{4,5} United Nations Development Programme

2018 IMPACT AT A GLANCE CHILD WELFARE



567 extremely vulnerable children and youth received scholarships for free education, case management, counseling, education, healthcare, and spiritual mentoring through the Child Rescue Centre.



1,800 primary school students impacted by the 30 Sierra Leone teachers who participated in the 2018 Teachers' Learning Collaborative.



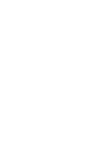
19 secondary students passed entry requirements testing for university admission.



24 post secondary students received Promise Scholarships for university, vocational and technical programs.



78 primary and secondary school students successfully passed required tests in order to matriculate and be eligible to continue education.



50 women caregivers of Child Rescue Centre students who have enrolled in the CRC Microfinance Program are in loan repayment status from their successful small businesses.

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