Why sponsor a child in Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leone in West Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world, consistently ranked at the bottom of the UN Human Development Index. The brutal civil war that ended in 2002 destroyed the country’s economy and infrastructure, and left thousands of children orphaned.

The nation of Sierra Leone was further devastated in 2014 by the worst Ebola outbreak ever, which resulted in thousands of deaths, a worsening economy and hundreds of orphaned children. The indomitable people of Sierra Leone have been working hard to rebuild their country, but the challenges are enormous and the ones who suffer the most are the children.

60% of Sierra Leoneans live on less than $1.25/day

*UNDP: Human Development Report

Poverty is the main reason children are not in school

*UNICEF: The Out of School Children of Sierra Leone

50% of Sierra Leonean children are involved in child labor.

*Sierra Leone Status of Youth Report

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

Sponsorship changes lives:

A survey of development economists determined that child sponsorship is one of the most effective anti-poverty measures available.* Children who are sponsored are more likely to complete secondary school, get a good paying job, marry and have children later, and become leaders in their church and their community.

*Cost-Effective Compassion, Christianity Today

If you want to save the world, start with one child

You can change the outcome for a child in Sierra Leone for less than 85 cents per day. Your sponsorship provides a child with educational opportunities, medical care, health and hygiene training, life skills and mentoring. Families of children enrolled in a Child Reintegration Centre program can attend parenting workshops and participate in a microfinance program.

To learn how you can sponsor a child, visit us online at www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org/give/sponsor-a-child or call 703-793-9521
How to sponsor a child
through Helping Children Worldwide’s Sponsor-A-Child Program

Change the future for a vulnerable child in Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in the world.

Your tax deductible contribution of just $25 a month provides your sponsored child with the tools he or she needs to reach his or her God-given potential, including education opportunities, health care, hygiene training, life skills, spiritual mentoring, and family strengthening.

- Select the child you would like to sponsor.
- Fill out the commitment card and return to an HCW representative or mail in using return envelope.
- Sponsorship donations of $25/month can be paid via check, credit card or debit card.
- Use the included letter template to begin corresponding with your CRC student.

The Child Reintegration Centre is transforming lives

Since 2000, the Child Reintegration Centre has offered life-changing programs to hundreds of children who struggle to survive in desperate situations of poverty and neglect in Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries in the world. The Child Reintegration Centre works to identify children who are extremely vulnerable, and gives these children the opportunity to go to school and reach their God-given potential.

You can learn more about the Child Reintegration Centre’s programs on our website: www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org/child-reintegration-centre.

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