

TAMARANEH fact sheet

SPRING 2011



**Tamaraneh Society
for Community
Development and
Support**

www.tamaraneh.org

Who we are:

The Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support is a grass-roots initiative. It exists to support the basic human needs development of Ro-Mano Village in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Our development work focuses on the education of children and youth, basic health, and clean water.

What we do:

Our current achievements:

- Built two primary schools and one junior high school. Furnished school with desks and school materials. Hired staff, admin staff and support and security staff. Our schools serve 1,450 students. The government of Sierra Leone has assumed

responsibility for one primary school and will do the same for the junior high school in September 2011.

- Provided latrines for the students and teachers.
- Created a dance group and a music group for war orphans.
- Provided funds to start four youth sports teams and run an annual regional sports day for children and youth.
- Raised funds for teachers to participate in their first ever professional development conference in 2010.
- Send students to the capital city, Freetown to write their grade 6 and 9 diploma exams.
- Dug one water well and have raised enough funds to dig another one in November 2011.
- Built a health centre which will open in 2013.
- Began nine community agricultural projects which are now autonomous.

Other outcomes:

- The community has formed over 10 local groups and committees that see to various community needs.
- Small businesses have set up shop in Ro-Mano, driving the local economy.
- WHO (World Health Organization) provides lunch three times a week for the students with local women serving as cooks.
- A daycare helps farming families while older children are in school.
- Our schools consistently hold the highest diploma marks for all of Sierra Leone in grades 6 and 9.
- Our construction projects employ local men and youth, allowing them to develop building trade skills.

Where we work:

Ro-Mano Village and surrounding eight villages of North-Central Sierra Leone.

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Memunatu with her Restorative Justice Award presented at Edmonton City Hall, November, 2010 for her work in Sierra Leone.



One of three schools Tamaraneh has built in the last five years, in which 1,450 students receive an education.

The current situation and what will happen if we don't deal with it:

Funds are required immediately to continue our work in two critical areas:

Need #1: \$16,000 for teacher salaries:

- \$6,000 to repay a teacher salary loan.
- \$10,000 to complete our commitment for teacher salaries to the end of the school year 2011.

Need #2: \$10,000 for school roof repair after torrential rains destroyed the primary school roof.

How you can help:

ANYONE

Donate or find ways to raise funds through groups you know.

Donations can be made in three ways:

1. Directly to the "Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support". 100% of the funds will go directly to the people in need. The mailing address is:

Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support
P.O. Box 78170
RPO Callingwood
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T5T 6A1

2. Online to the schools through "Canada Gives".

3. Online to Change for Children: <https://www.canadahelps.org/DonationDetails.aspx?cookieCheck=true>

If you donate to *Change for Children* directly or to *Canada Gives* you will receive a tax receipt in the mail. 12% of your donation will go to *Change for Children* for their administrative expenses.

If you donate to the *Tamaraneh Society* you will not receive a tax receipt. 100% of your donation will go directly to the people in Sierra Leone who are rebuilding the roof and teaching the children.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

Donate directly to the roof fund OR donate materials for our roof construction. Contact Marie Gervais if you can help with this: mgervais@shaw.ca phone: 780-993-1062.

FAQs:

1. How do I know this organization is legitimate?

We are a registered society with the Alberta Government and are subject to the laws that govern societies in the province. Our financial reports have been filed annually each year. We have photos and video clips of our on site work. Our work is also endorsed by our charitable donation partner, Change for Children which has been in operation for over 30 years and is a respected

partner for international development all over the world.

2. Can I get a tax receipt?

Yes if you donate directly to Change for Children or Canada Gives (see previous section for details).

3. Why Africa, and why Sierra Leone?

This cause helps people in the poorest country in the world to build a vibrant community and take charge of their lives and their destinies.

4. Is Sierra Leone stable?

Yes it has had two democratic elections without violence and is slowly regaining a foothold in the international economy.

5. What is the role of women in this project?

On site in Sierra Leone, one of our two head masters is a woman and female teachers, school board and committee members comprise around 50% of the project employees and volunteers. All agricultural projects are run by women.

6. If we donate to the roof what is to stop it from being destroyed in inclement weather again?

We are building a stronger roof that has reinforcements throughout the walls.

7. If we donate to the teachers salaries won't this be a problem again next year?

At the end of the school year our obligations towards teacher salaries will be assumed by the Ministry of Education in Sierra Leone.



The well Tamaraneh has built and is used by the village of Romano and surrounding area.

