

WP News Update

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Dressed for success

A Christmas story which brings hope to our darkest nights

The rainy season in Sierra Leone was particularly powerful this year and caused endless flooding and damage, especially to the market and many buildings in Waterloo.

Homes were swept away and family belongings were lost and destroyed. Three of the children in our education programme lost their school uniforms and all their books in the floods.

This disaster was made far worse by the fact it was a few days before the end of year exams.

In Sierra Leone the rule is you must wear a school uniform in order to gain entry into the exam hall.

All seemed lost for these young children, whose dreams seemed to be have been destroyed in the flood as well.

Our chairman, Alieu Mansaray found them very distressed as all seemed lost.

The Waterloo Partnership was delighted to step in and lend a helping hand and try to rescue the situation.

The charity paid for a tailor to make the uniforms overnight and get them to the girls for the next morning and they were able to sit their exams.

They were so happy that their dreams had been restored and not even a raging flood could stop them gaining an education and building a brighter future for themselves and their community.

This would not have been possible without the generosity and commitment of people like yourselves.

Your altruism has enabled us to help many people in so many ways.

Our newsletter tells of just a few...



• **SAFE & CLEAN** - One of the new adapted wells

Water: The Gift of Life

Clean water is vital for good healthcare.

The Waterloo Partnership has listened to the requests from the Waterloo community and financed the transformation of some of the local wells in the area.

Previously, children and animals have fallen down the thirty-foot wells as they have no protective coverings. Also the ropes and buckets got dirty and this then spread disease.

Now several wells, such as the Wilson Street Bridge, have a secure cover and a mechanical pump. So goodbye to the ropes and buckets and hopefully, to the disease and dangers.

Wonderful Young People

Waterloo youths gathered to show the power of team-work and cleared the drains following recent storm damage. If all the rubbish were left in the drains then it would heighten the risk of malaria and other diseases. The Waterloo Partnership was delighted to support this project, which not only helps the community but also provides work for the youngsters.

Fundraising at the Plaza

Thank you to all the supporters who gave to our bucket collections this year. A special mention must go to the Plaza Cinema who co-hosted an Elvis fundraiser for us by screening his film, Blue Hawaii.

It was a wonderful evening and great to see a packed cinema full of so many different generations. The Waterloo Partnership is extremely grateful to all its donors.

Further partnership links with Waterloo UK

We were honoured that Marine FC agreed to be our patron and we look forward to a bright and exciting time with this excellent club.

We were very warmly welcomed at a match this year and fans of both clubs gave very generously to the partnership.



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A message from Waterloo, Sierra Leone

Waterloo is one of the most impoverished communities in Sierra Leone. The current economic problems in the country has led to an increase in the urban-rural migration and the target community being Waterloo.

This has led to the increasing use of water. The support by WPUK in rehabilitating wells and providing them with hand pumps has increased the availability of clean and safe drinking water, hence reducing the incidence of water-borne diseases.

The provision of school uniforms and other school materials has helped send some girls back to school after their houses were destroyed by flood waters during the peak of the rainy season.

This provision was backed by the supply of rice to the flood victims to kick start their lives after losing their wares and household properties.

WP is very grateful to all the donors for their humanitarian support.

Alieu Badara Mansaray, Chair WPSL

All the money collected by the charity goes directly to the Waterloo community and changes so many lives for the better.

The support from the local churches, schools and community over the past eighteen years has been absolutely wonderful. Thank you all so much for making a difference.

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