



Sinkunia Community Development Organization (SCDO) is an Edmonton-based non profit organization incorporated under the Alberta Societies Act in 2007. The organization was founded by Issa Kamara, a social worker, community developer, and advocate to aid in the smooth transition of emerging African families in Edmonton. The society also supports community development initiatives in Sierra Leone, Ghana, Guinea, and Liberia.



SINKUNIA, SIERRA LEONE VILLAGE MEMBERS

LOCAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

SCDO solidified its position in the community and built on the successes achieved in the past year. The society expanded its programs and retained its dedicated Board Members and volunteers. The Board offered support and guidance in strategic policy and program development to keep the organization viable in fulfilling its mission/vision.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



SCDO AFTER SCHOOL PRGRAM IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA (SCDO ALSO OFFERS LOCAL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELLING, FAMILY MEDIATION, YOUTH MENTORING AND TUTORIAL PROGRAMS)

Cash Crop Production

Last year, the Sinkunia local Chieftdom Administration allocated a huge parcel of land to the Society for cash crop production. Cultivation and planting of cash crops on the parcel of land will commence early next year.



CHILDREN IN SINKUNIA ENJOYING A MEAL



Scholarship program: The society paid tuition for 5 students (2 from the Junior Secondary School and 3 from the Senior Secondary School) in the Sinkunia community. These students were identified by the Scholarship Committee as worthy and above average performers beset with extreme financial difficulties, which otherwise would have prevented them from affording the tuition on their own; thus deterring them from realizing their full potentials. But with support from the SCDO scholarship fund, the five students are currently enrolled in full time school. We intend to support them to any level of education of their choice.



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM SINKUNIA

Relief Items: With support from the Alberta Distribution Relief Agency (ADRA), the society provided used clothes to 100 students from the Junior and Senior Secondary Schools and 50 elders in the Sinkunia community last year. In addition, the society donated 10 bicycles to students who had to trek 3 miles every day to come to school in the Sinkunia community. We also donated 10 beds and bedding to the community health centre. Shipment of the relief items was made possible by donations from our generous donors.



SOME OF THE BIKES DONATED BY SCDO

Clean water supply: Early last year, the society completed the construction of one well in the Sinkunia community. The well is presently providing clean source of water to over 50 families in the community. The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation awarded \$5,000 to the society for the initial phase of the construction of the well. Our generous donors contributed an additional \$5,000 for the completion of the project



NEW WATER WELL CONSTRUCTED BY SDGO IN SINKUNIA



Community Farm: This year, the society invested in mechanized farming in Sinkunia. The focus of this investment is food security and self-sufficiency at the community level. With an anticipated bumper harvest, we intend to support the Primary School Lunch Program, feed the elderly, and provide seed and food for work to struggling farmers. Our focus in the coming year is to work with the Department of Agriculture in Sierra Leone to acquire a tractor to expand and sustain the community farm into the future.



STUDENTS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Micro credit for women: The purpose of the micro-credit is to empower local women to be self-sufficient and financially independent. Most recently, funds from a Fundraising Dinner, and sale from donated books and art work, were used to set up and provide micro credit to 5 women in the Sinkunia community. Profits generated from the micro-business will go towards the education of their children and feed their families. Also, the profits will be ploughed back into the local economy for sustainable community development. The revolving credit will be awarded bi-annually to trustworthy and deserving women. This will ensure sustainability of the micro-credit scheme.



YAA SERWAA SOMUAH SELLING HER BOOKS TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR SCDO



SINKUNIA COMMUNITY MEMBERS OFFERING PRAYERS FOR THE SINKUNIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

The past year bodes well with our growth and expansion. We thank all our funders, donors, Board of Directors, and volunteers for their generous support.

Issa Kamara Executive Director SCDO



SINKUNIA CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM THE SCDO