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## Support Drilling for Clean Water in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is the poorest country in the world. It has extreme wet and dry seasons because of deforestation and global climate change. Additionally, the country has not been able to rebuild an infrastructure since the civil war 12 years ago, so there are few roads and no electricity to name just a few of the obstacles to working there. The ten communities where we plan to dig wells used to have clean water, but now are reduced to using swamp water and disease infested small streams. This results in frequent and unnecessary deaths, not to mention food supply issues and slowed development on all fronts.

In two drought stricken areas of Northern Sierra Leone: Romano in the Yoni Chiefdom and Sinkunia in the Sinkunia Chiefdom we are drilling 10 water wells and building the capacity of local community members to manage the water resource for local use. Currently these communities use water from small streams and several swamps near each targeted village. Local people dig holes near the swamps into which flow water without debris and algae. Bathing and washing of clothes and dishes all take place in these inadequate swamp water dug outs.



When we dug our first well for the school in Romano village there were arguments about who the water belonged to and residents of the surrounding villages waited in line for hours just to have one small container of clean water. The well had to be supervised and put onto a schedule so that it was not broken or used beyond its capacity. More wells in the area are necessary to satisfy the needs of the population and to avoid conflict.

Here in Canada Change for Children is working in partnership with the **Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support** to raise the necessary funds to support the project and to co-manage and administrate the project. Our partner organization in Sierra Leone is a local NGO called Jersey African Support Services (JASS) based in Freetown. JASS has extensive experience in water well drilling and project management in the area and has worked with local people on resource project for over 10 years.

Please help us to bring clean water to over 10,000 people in northern Sierra Leone as well as provide them with the skills to manage this precious resource sustainably for future generations.



### Human Dignity, Healthy Communities, Global Justice

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