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The Victoria-Taiama School Project

Annual Report 2018

Vision: The people of Taiama and Korie Chiefdom are educated and healthy, and empowered to live self-sufficient lives.

Mission: To improve the health, education and social well-being of the people of Korie Chiefdom, particularly women and children.

Maternal Health Program

0% Maternal and infant mortality!



Soap –making Program



Study Centre



Eye Health Program



Accomplishments:

- + Construction of ten classrooms and block of 10 latrines (2005-10)
- + Container of medical and school supplies (2010)
- + Construction and operation of Judy Smith Health Education Centre (2010-17)
- + Secondary School Program at Ahmadiyya School: Sept. 2012-17
- + Food and medical supplies for Ebola victims (2015-16)
- + 40 girls enrolled in Secondary School; 10 Post-Secondary students (2014-present)
- + study centre for 40 scholarship girls (2017-present)
- + Zoie Gardner Education Centre: 22 graduates of soap making and marketing program
- + Maternal Health Program: 120 healthy moms and babies since June 2016: zero deaths!
- + Eye Health Program: over 1000 children treated for eye diseases and given prescriptions eye glasses.

Continuing and future projects:

- + Judy Smith Health Education Centre (Primary Care, Under Fives, Eye Health, Maternal Health Program (pre-and post-natal care, mid-wife attended deliveries)
- + Community Maternal Health Program (2019) (Pre -and -post natal care in nearby villages.)
- + Post-secondary scholarships (ending 2020)
- + Student housing for 6 Secondary School girls (2019)
- + Vocational programs for young women (soap making, agricultural training and marketing, textiles and traditional crafts)
- + Small business loans for young women
- + Social enterprise strategies for financial support of the health and education centres
- + School computer and library centre

This year the Victoria-Taiama Partnership has continued to support the health, education and well-being of the people of Taiama through three programs in the key area of Health (Primary Care, Maternal Health, Eye Health) , and three programs in Education (Zoie Gardner Scholarship Program for Secondary School and Post-Secondary girls, Vocational Education in Soap-making, and an agriculture program at Ahmadiyya Secondary School).

In 2018 we have continued to show progress with our goals of:

1. Improving the survival rate of under-fives and reducing infant and maternal mortality.
 - The Judy Smith Health Centre registered a monthly average of 50 older children for primary care and 90 children in the under- fives program, many of whom were treated for gastrointestinal problems, malaria and typhoid.
 - Our amazing mid-wives have now brought over 120 babies safely into the world since June 2016, and are proud of their record of “zero deaths” for moms and babes. Our reputation as the best place in the Taiama area to go for pregnant women is growing! “Baby baskets” of newborn clothing, diapers, lotions and supplements for new moms are popular with the moms.
 - The Eye Health Project, under the direction of Mr. Steven Jambaway, sees about 50 patients per month for corrective lenses (courtesy of the Victoria Lions Club) and medications for post-Ebola eye syndrome, river blindness and other tropical eye diseases. Stephen visits area schools and holds clinics at the project office in Taiama.
2. Increasing young women’s independence and ability to support themselves and their families.
 - The academic scholarship program, supported by the Zoie Gardner Foundation, continued to support 40 girls in Secondary School and 10 Post-Secondary students who are studying nursing, education, computer science, accounting and solar installation. Three of the girls graduated in June 2018 and have begun new careers in nursing and teaching! A new supervised after school study centre, which opened last November at the Zoie Gardner Education Centre, has helped our girls be successful in their exams by providing a quiet, well-lit area for the girls to complete their homework and study away from home duties.
 - The highly successful soap-making project at the Zoie Gardner Education Centre has recently graduated an additional seven young women in soap production, bringing our total to 22 young women who receive micro-loans to start up their own businesses . The three varieties of soap, handwashing, antiseptic and laundry are well received in the local markets. The loans have been faithfully repaid in monthly installments by all the graduates.
 - The Ahmadiyya School Agricultural Project planted 4 acres of ground nuts (peanuts), corn and rice last Spring. Harvest results were mixed, and many lessons learned about insect control, location of plots according to needs of sunshine and watering!

Generous donations from regular donors have continued to support this project. We thank

- Zoie Gardner Trust Fund
- The Victoria-Taiama Giving Circle
- Faint/Smith Family and Friends
- Mark/Gates Family
- Whittaker/Gibson Family
- St. John's Anglican Church
- Victoria Lions Club

Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of the people in Taiama and surrounding villages!

Maureen Mark,
Chair, Victoria-Taiama Partnership
October 2018

Global education component:

Over the past 20 years students of several schools in Victoria have exchanged letters with students from Sierra Leone, with the goal of exploring relationships to create intercultural understanding and peaceful communication. This past year, students at Lansdowne Middle School explored the theme, "If the world were a village" with a focus on comparing their lives to those of students in Sierra Leone. They followed up with a fund-raiser which donated \$400 for school supplies for the students of Ahmadiyya Junior Secondary School.

Board of Directors 2017-18

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Victoria-Taiama Partnership Financial Statement 2017-18

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Revenue:

Donations:	49,236.03
Fundraising:	0
Total income:	49,236.03

Expenses

Administration	1448.71
(communications and bank fees)	
Program:	\$42,492.06
total expenses	\$43,940.77

Assets and liabilities

Net assets-beginning of year	\$21,004.84
Assets June 30, 2017:	\$26,300.10
Accounts receivable:	0
Net assets:	\$26,300.10
Total liabilities and net assets :	\$26,300.10