



**PARTNERS IN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT
(PaRD-SL)**

MOTTO: RESTORING HUMAN DIGNITY

PROFILE

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PaRD-SL PROFILE

PaRD-Sierra Leone is a Non-Governmental Organization that has operated in Sierra Leone since 2002. Throughout its existence, it has been working in the areas of governance; through advocacy, agriculture, health, WATSAN, social protection, gender, security, emergency/rehabilitation and sustainable livelihood development in marginalized communities.

During all these interventions, it created synergies, partnerships and alliances with both Non-State and State Actors at all levels both locally and internationally. The organization is currently implementing a World Bank YES project in eight districts across the country and a Cordaid funded food security project in Sanda Loko and Sella Limba chiefdoms, Bombali district. PaRD-SL has been actively engaged in partnership activities at District and local levels in the fight against the spread of the Ebola virus. Since the Ebola insurgence, PaRD has been operating in the following chiefdoms in Bombali District (Sanda Loko, Sella Limba, Bombali Sebor; Makari Gbanti; and Paki Masagbom).

The organization has established partnership with the Italian Society of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, the Italian Geographic Society and the African Relations Centre (CRA/SGI). Strategic collaborative discussions between the partners have resulted in the Italian organizations interest in joining and supporting Sierra Leone in the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease. In addition, a memorandum of understanding has been reached between the two parties on the one hand and the University of Sierra Leone on the other for the provision of rapid mobile Ebola research facility at the university. PaRD-SL with its Italian partners in collaboration with Holy Spirit Hospital has constructed an Ebola, Hepatitis B&C and HIV/AIDS medical laboratory in Makeni for which a team from Italy is in Sierra Leone from 8th January, 2015 so supervise and train Sierra Leoneans on the use of the lab.

Christian Aid also provided funding support to PaRD-SL in respect of the Ebola response by providing food and non-food items to survivors and quarantined homes in three chiefdoms in Bombali district. The project is also providing incentives to Contact Tracers and working closely with the Psychosocial Pillar in providing support to survivors especially children and engaged in community mobilization activities in the Bombali District.

We consider these humble strides worth sharing for the identification of synergies and harnessing of efforts in reaching zero on Ebola, early recovery and post Ebola.

The organization has a good track record of financial management with the most recent accounting software (quick books) and Financial Management Manual with a robust governance system by its Board. PaRD-Sierra Leone has the requisite capacity, systems, staff and experience in project implementation.

Vision Statement

A sustained improvement in the quality of lives of Sierra Leoneans especially marginalized communities.

Mission Statement

Empower residents of marginalized communities with sustainable improvement in their living standards.

Aim

The aim of Partners in Relief and Development (PaRD) shall be the eradication of poverty thereby improving the socio-economic situation and well-being of the rural population.

Objectives

- a) To encourage fund-generating activities like rice cultivation, vegetable production cash crop marketing schemes in communities so as to increase the earning capacities of the individuals and communities.
- b) To build synergies between and among NGOs in service delivery to communities in Sierra Leone
- c) To stimulate the establishment of participatory management structures by local authorities through advocacy in PaRD operational communities.
- d) To empower communities for action and participatory initiatives in decision making processes
- e) To collaborate with the government of Sierra Leone, Donor partners NGOs and local authorities in the implementation of projects
- f) To carry out Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration activities.
- g) To provide training skills and livelihood support to vulnerable groups for self-reliance
- h) To promote justice and environmental awareness in Sierra Leone
- i) To promote and sustain clean and hygienic environment to eradicate disease breakouts
- j) To empower women to advocate for their right

- k) To support the development and increase in nutritional level of malnourished children in poor communities

Legal Status

PaRD is a local NGO recognized by the Government of Sierra Leone and registered with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development-MOFED, (registration No. 249). PaRD is also a registered member of the Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (SLANGO). PaRD is also an active participant in many inter-agency coordinating committees and other non-Governmental network structures.

Track Record/Achievements

No	Projects	Period	Beneficiaries		Partners	Budget	Remarks
			Male	Female			
1	Emergency Response Support to Ebola Affected Persons in Bombali Shebora, Makari Gbanti and Mapaki Masagbom Chiefdoms in Bombali District	2014/2015	300		Christian Aid	£ 73,285.91	On-going
2	Provision of Ebola related materials to Sanda Loko and Sella Limba Chiefdoms.	2014	2,000		PaRD-SL	Le40,000,000	completed
3	Capacity building support to Bombali District Health Management Team for Ebola response project	2014			PaRD-SL	Le20,000,000	completed
4	Increasing Food Production and Processing in Sanda Loko and Sella Limba	2014/2015	1006	1004	Cordaid	€84,662	On-going

	chiefdoms in Bombali district.						
5	Provision of Skills Development and Employment Support to Rural Youth in Moyamba, Bonthe, Tonkolili, Port Loko, Pujehun, Kambia, Koinadugu and Kailahun	2012/14	1500	1500	MoFED/World Bank	\$2,436,000	On-going
6	Vocational Training for sexual violence	2012		163	NaCSA	\$65,241	Completed
7	Vocational Skills training for the survivors of sexual violence	2010-2011	-	65	NaCSA	\$25,000	Completed
8	Programme Development	2010	150		Coraid/Netherlands	15,000 EUR	Completed
9	Community (Youth) Pepper production Sanda Loko (Kamalo)	2008-2009	200	200	Cordaid	80,582 EUR	On-going
10	Safe Motherhood Initiatives Project.	2006-2007		400	Manos Unidas	76,421 EUR	Completed
11	Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development(WATSAN and Drying floors) in Koinadugu District	2007	1,600	800	CORDAID, EU	75,798 USD	Completed
12	Food Security, Agricultural Mechanization Services	2006	180	20	Ministry of Agriculture	25,000 USD	Completed

13	Food Security: Resettlement and Rehabilitation Programme Masimera, Port Loko District	2003-2004	800	200	EU/Sierra Leone	62,780 USD	Completed
14	HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Campaign, Koinadugu District	2002-2003	3,000	1,500	DFID	£45,208	Completed
15	Food Security in Samaya Bendugu Chiefdom, Tonkolili District	2003	300	200	CORDAID	80,040 EUR	Completed

PaRD - Sectors, Partners, Operational Districts and Activities

Over the years 2003 - 2014, PaRD has in collaboration with partner's successfully implemented projects in Livelihood support, Agriculture, HIV awareness raising, education, skills development and health care services.

See table below:

Sector	Partner	District	Activity
Emergency Response Support to Ebola Affected Persons in Bombali Sheborah, Makari Gbanti and Mapaki Masagbom chiefdoms in Bombali district	Christian Aid/PaRD-SL	Bombali Shebora, Makari Gbanti and Mapaki Masagbom Chiefdoms in Bombali District	In an effort to support the Government of Sierra Leone in the fight against Ebola, PaRD-SL entered into a partnership agreement with Christian aid to provide emergency support to Ebola affected persons in three chiefdoms in Bombali district. The project is to provide food and non-food items to 150 quarantined households, 120 Ebola survivors in the three chiefdoms in Bombali district. Logistical support is provided to Contact Tracers. PaRD-SL is collaborating with the Psychosocial Pillar at the District Ebola Response Center in Makeni to train volunteers in drama to continue the social mobilisation activity in communities to enable them stop transmission of Ebola. Incentives will also be provided to religious and community stakeholders to continue sensitisation of their population on the DOs and DON'Ts set out by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation

			and chieftom bye-laws. The items included bag of rice, sardines, tomato paste, onions, sugar, salt, tea leaf, black eyed beans, cooking oil, milk, veronica buckets, laundry soap, sanitary pads, bathing soap, dettol, foam mattress and bedspread, magi, tooth paste etc. PaRD-SL also provided funds to provide electricity to quarantined homes.
Capacity building support to Bombali District Health Management Team for Ebola response project.	PaRD-SL	Bombali District Health Management Team	In an effort to support the DHMT to fight against the Ebola disease outbreak, PaRD-SL in its own little way supported the DHMT with cash, 40 veronica buckets, detergents, gloves and other materials to help fight the Ebola outbreak in the district. This was a response to the call by the Government to fill up the gaps in the health system to fight Ebola.
Provision of Ebola related materials to Sanda Loko and Sella Limba Chiefdoms.	PaRD-SL		PaRD-SL undertook a sensitisation and awareness sessions in both chiefdoms. This was aimed at raising awareness among the people that Ebola virus disease is real and kills. PaRD-SL provided stakeholders in the chiefdoms with 90 veronica buckets, detergents, gloves, chlorine, and recorded jingles on Ebola in four local languages prominent in the chiefdoms. PaRD-SL facilitated the formation of Youth groups to continue with the awareness raising sessions and supported them with cash to purchase fuel. These districts were selected because there was lack of Ebola response intervention in these chiefdoms.
Setting up of Ebola laboratory in Bombali district.	UNESCO Chair of Biotechnology, University of Rome Tor Vergata/PaRD-SL	Bombali district	In response to call by the President for support both nationally and internationally, PaRD-SL called on its partner in Rome to support Sierra Leone to respond to Ebola Virus outbreak. After carefully study of the gaps highlighted by Government, PaRD-SL and its partner responded by the setting up of an Ebola laboratory in Bombali district and provision of clinical materials. Discussions with the President/NERC/MoHS are far under way to make this a dream come true. Materials for the setting up of the laboratory will be in country at the end of the month.

<p>Provision of Skills Development and Employment Support to Rural Youths</p>	<p>MoFED/World Bank</p>	<p>Pujehun, Kailahun, Moyamba, Bonthe, Port Loko, Tonkolili, Koinadugu and Kambia</p>	<p>Youth unemployment/underemployment is one of the biggest challenges to economic growth and social instability/insecurity in Sierra Leone after the 11 years civil war. According to a survey data collected 2004-2003, youth population in the age bracket of 15-35 years accounted for 34% of the country’s population and that there are about 800,000 unemployed youths across the country. A large youth proportion is engaged in anti-social behavior, due to issues linked to unemployment and negative peer pressure, and psychosocial trauma resulting from the war. The burden of the current unemployment crisis affects rural youth populations most severely. Government of Sierra Leone and its development partners funded this project “Provision of Skills Development and Employment Support to Rural Youth.” This project is train 3000 rural youths in food processing, packaging, labeling and marketing. Training is focused on cassava, rice and oil palm processing. Other life skills and cross-cutting topics like HIV/AIDS, GBV, Child Abuse & trafficking, Drug Abuse, Prevention and Trafficking, basic bookkeeping and banking processes, entrepreneurship etc. These topics prepare these youth to fit into any society.</p> <p>The main aim is to provide self-employment or employment opportunities for these rural youth who never had the opportunity to go through the formal educational system. This project is coordinated and supervised by the Integrated Projects Administration Unit in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and National Youth Commission and the World Bank. This project is still on-going and hope to be completed this but hoping for an extension.</p>
<p>Increasing Food Production and Processing in Sanda Loko and Sella Limba chiefdoms in Bombali district.</p>	<p>Cordaid</p>	<p>Sanda Loko & Sella Limba chiefdoms</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to increase food production and improve the living standards of farmers in Sanda Loko and Sella Limba chiefdoms through the provision of improved seed varieties and introduction of new farming practices. Specifically, the intervention will achieve the following; 2,010 farmers have improved their knowledge and skills on agronomic and post-harvest practices; 2,010 farmers increased food production through the use of high yielding seed varieties of rice, cassava and vegetable and the introduction of Seed revolving loan schemes in the communities. The project is on-going and will be completed in December 2015.</p>

Health	Cordaid/EU	Koinadugu	Three chiefdoms in Koinadugu district benefited from sanitation facilities and practicing improved health/hygiene behaviors through the construction of 200 latrines in Sengbeh, Wara Wara Yagala, Wara Wara Bafodia and Mongo chiefdoms.
Health	MANOS UNIDAS	Bombali	This project was aimed to reduce the maternal and mortality rate in (3) three chiefdoms in Bombali district by at least 60% by conducting refresher training from 100 identified untrained TBAs; and basic training for identified untrained TBAs on clean and safe deliveries. The chiefdoms targeted were Biriwa, Safroko and Makari Gbanti.
Agriculture	Cordaid/EU	Koinadugu	<p>The construction of 40 drying floors was implemented, within 40 communities in 3 chiefdoms in Koinadugu district since the method of drying determines losses; the population favors the construction of cement drying floors. The present method of drying on ground has a lot of disadvantages, because the grains are mixed up with stones and other impurities which reduce the quality of the produce. Drying floors constructed with cement are favoured because they can withstand heavy rains. The drying floors were constructed in Sengbeh, Wara Wara Yagala, Bafodia and Mongo chiefdoms. 200 latrines were also constructed during the same period. Health clubs and health committees were formed to supervise and monitor the use of latrines. In collaboration with Caritas Makeni, 40 water wells were constructed in 40 selected communities from Wara Wara Bafodia, Sengbeh and Mongo Chiefdom in Koinadugu district.</p> <p>On the Human Right approach beneficiaries in the 3 chiefdom using the right based approach openly admitted they now appreciated the concept of Human Right through awareness raising and campaigns</p>
Agriculture (Youth)	Cordaid	Bombali Sanda Loko Chiefdom	Supported 21 communities in the cultivation of Hot Pepper. The project package included tools (shovels, rakes, watering cans, wheel barrows, cutlasses and hoes etc.) and jute bags. Beneficiaries also benefited from training on agronomic, post-harvest practices and cost benefit analysis.
Agriculture (Youth)	Cordaid	Bombali Sanda Loko Chiefdom	Drying floors were constructed to wave off their crude method using tarpaulin and to reduce post-harvest loss.

Skills Training (Victims of Sexual Violence)	NaCSA	Northern Province	These VSV were trained through skill acquisition unto completion and graduation ceremony. They are further taught basic business transaction, so as to ensure continuity of their businesses at the end, especially with regards setting up of their own businesses
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