

CURRENT TRENDS

“Almost half the world — over 3 billion people — live on less than \$2.50 a day, nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names, 1 billion children live in poverty (1 in 2 children in the world). 640 million live without adequate shelter, 400 million have no access to safe water, and 270 million have no access to health services. 10.6 million Died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5 (or roughly 29,000 children per day).” (<http://www.globalissues.org/issue/2/causes-of-poverty>).

My country, Sierra Leone is a victim of this global challenges by which people live on less than \$1 per day with abject poverty. The people of Sierra Leone have suffered so much before, during and after the long year's civil war. The Kaicombey Family is deeply concern with the current socio-economic challenges the country is facing. However, The Kaicombey Foundation is doing its own effort in other to revert the current crisis among the disadvantaged portion in the country. Engaging the most disadvantaged communities in Sierra Leone, community / grass root empowerment especially women and children, youths and young people. Even though the Foundation is doing excellent job in this country, there is still challenges that people are facing as a cause of poverty.

“Child mortality in this country is the worst in the world at 270 deaths per 100,000 children born, if you're a child born in Sierra Leone you have a more than one in four chance of not living to see your fifth birthday, Sierra Leone has the highest child and maternal mortality rates in the world because of underinvestment in health programs, malnutrition, and harmful cultural practices” A statement by the UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman upon her three-day visit to the West African nation. (<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=77087>).

How can you help us revert the crisis that was diagnosed by Ann Veneman? Please join us wage war on Youth and Child poverty, maternal child mortality, malnutrition and other traditional harmful practices in developing countries, Sierra Leone among others. Sierra Leone also has the worst record for prenatal care, with one in eight women dying during pregnancy or childbirth, compared to a one in 76 average in the rest of the developing world and one in 8,000 in the developed world, Ann noted. Thanks so much for been part of our team to fight this global challenges in healthcare and poverty