

SUCCESS STORIES FROM ADAKAVI BANK

On behalf of our team at the Adakavi Bank Project we are glad to present to you all our honorable donators, investors and potential partners, five of our key success stories achieved in the past two years.

'FROM ZERO TO HERO IN 6 MONTHS' THE STORY OF FATMATA SALLIU

Selling cooked cassava is the dream business of many petty traders in rural areas in Sierra Leone but not all have the resources or finance to start one. Fatmata Sallieu is one such person.



Fatmata Sallieu is the fifth wife to her husband and because of her aged and barrenness she is no longer considered by her husband and fellow wife's useful and important. As a result of this she faced constant humiliation and intimidation in the home by both the husband and her fellow wife's. Unable to stand the shame, she moved to her younger brother's house to live there. Wishing to start a cooked cassava selling business to sustain herself, she applied to Adakavi

Bank for **50 Euros (SLL 275,000)** credit in November 2012. In June 2013 Fatmata paid back her previous credit and made a profit of **100 Euros (SLL 550,000)**. Today Fatmata is completely self-reliant and planning to open a bigger business. Because of her current status now her husband and other fellow wife's have started talking to her nicely and begging her to return home.

'USING ADVOCACY TO EMPOWER MINING COMMUNITIES FOR BETTER LAND NEGOTIATION

Rutile, and Diamond Mining activities conducted by multilateral companies in Sierra Leone had contributed to major disruptions in livelihoods of poor communities through 50,000 Acres land degradation and deforestation of 1000 Acres of land..

Mining communities mainly depend on subsistence agriculture as a means of livelihood. However, years of intensive mining activities have rendered most of the arable land unfit for agricultural purposes. Farm lands have become neglected mined-out areas with virtually little or no effort to address short and long term environmental challenges marginalized communities grapple with. This has serious ramifications on livelihoods of affected households within the mining areas in Adakavi Bank operational communities.



COMMUNITY LAND DESTROYED BY MINING MACHINE

Through constant advocacy on popularizing the mining policy Act to communities this has help to increased communities awareness about the mining Act and as a result communities are now holding mining company responsible and demanding their right.



COMMUNITY MEMBER DRAWING NJEGBAMA COMMUNITY

HIV/AIDS SENSITIZATION IN COMMUNITIES

One of the greatest challenges in post war Sierra Leone is the fight against HIV and AIDS. Available sero-prevalence data for the 2012 survey indicate a 1.53% national prevalence of HIV with nearly equal rates (1.5%) in both male and females. Poverty, illiteracy, harmful traditional and cultural practices, high population movements, limited access to social services including education, health and recreation contribute to the vulnerability of the population.

About 10 client of Adakavi Bank who are HIV positives faces a lot of stigmatization at community level, as a result some are not able to do their businesses in conducive environment. The face many challenges from fellow community people example neglect of talking and eating together

CLIENT EXPLAINING THE EFFECT OF EXPERIENCING STIGMA AS HIV/AIDS POSITIVE



Adakavi Bank volunteers are conducting weekly HIV/AIDS sensitization outreach programs in target communities to educate community people on the prevention mode like use of condom, effect of the virus and the need to accept and integrate back into those who have been affected by the virus.

As a result of our continues community engagement on the subject, 4 among our affected clients have been fully integrated and awarded position of trust(local women's leaders) in their communities and are now living cheerfully in their communities

WEEKLY HIV/AIDS SENSITIZATION MEETINGS



SUPPORT TO NPSE OUTSTATION PUPILS IN

BONTHE DISTRICT

National Primary School Examination (NPSE) is a national public examination that qualifies every primary school pupil in Sierra Leone to the Junior Secondary school level.

Accessibility in many areas in Bonthe District mainly the river communities are very challenging especially during the raining season due to poor road network and long travel by sea using the boat. Over the years NPSE candidates from “hard to reach” communities in Bonthe district have been finding it difficult going through their examination with food and lodging facilities in Matru Jong which is the examination center.

- Due to insufficient accommodation facility in Matru Jong, many candidates sleep in empty classrooms in Matru Jong on the eve to their examination
- Due to extreme poverty many candidates don't have food to eat in the morning before going to their examination hall for the long 7 hours exam; as a result they go to their exam hall hungry.

After 5 hours of travel Adakavi Bank provided 50 candidate with food (cooked rice, water, soft drinks). They were formed into groups for eating so that they can “break the ice” and get know each



Candidates eating food

The examination normally last for 8 hours, after every 4 hours the children go out for lunch and stretching of muscles. During lunch period Adakavi Bank also provided for the candidates lunch in the form of cookies, cold drinks and water



Candidates taking Lunch

THANK YOU NOTE

All our success wouldn't have been possible without your generous support and donations.

Thank you for supporting the Social Business Foundation and the foundation to support us in achieving this remarkable impact in the lives of vulnerable Sierra Leoneans.

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