

Kpo'ma Women 2020 Annual Report

Breaking Barriers in Rural Liberia

Empowering women with the tools they need for success



Kpo'ma=Empower (Kpelle Language)

Kpo'ma Women is dedicated to eradicating poverty by empowering the women of rural Liberia. We want to ensure that these resilient women have the tools they need to improve outcomes for their families and their communities. We are committed to working at the grassroots level to build capacity and support long-term growth opportunities. **Pengai Village** is a community of smallholder farmers. Families in this community face many hardships including food insecurity, health issues and a high illiteracy rate. Equipping women with the right tools, technology and access to finance can empower women to build a stronger more equitable economic foundation for their communities.



“Empowering women fuels thriving economies, spurring productivity and growth” (UN Women)

2020 Project Highlights

Women Farmers Project

RICE MILL - We were able to purchase a rice mill for the women farmers. This equipment decreases the labor for the women. Women typically spend more than 2 hours a day threshing rice by hand. The rice mill is also being used by farmers from nearby villages for a small fee.



PORTABLE SOLAR LANTERNS: There is no electricity in the village. We provided each home in the community a portable solar lantern. These solar lights provide an easy and safe way to light homes.

PICS GRAIN STORAGE BAGS: These post-harvest storage bags are a simple and cost-effective way to store crops and seeds without chemicals. Using these bags improves food security and decreases post-harvest losses.

Upcoming projects:

FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

The Pengai Village Financial Literacy Initiative will combine a VSLA (Village Savings and Loan Association) training with business development support. The program will improve livelihoods by increasing self-efficacy and building a strong foundation for creating new business opportunities.

CASSAVA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Cassava is a major crop for Pengai Women Farmers. It can be challenging to process the cassava by hand. This processing equipment will provide increased value to their cassava harvest.

SOLAR POWERED STORAGE FACILITY

The storage facility will reduce post-harvest losses and help to eliminate food insecurity in the village.

Thank you for your generous support. Your donations make a difference in the lives of rural women of Liberia.

Financials 2020

INCOME

GoFund Me	3,700
Private Donations	2,687
Starting Funds	1,568
Total Income	7,955

EXPENSES

Website	273
Registration Fees	725
Newspaper Ad (Required)	230
Liberian Registration	600
Rice Mill	2,500
PICS Bags	300
Solar Lights	643
Thresher Production	130
Ground Transportation	270
Training	300
Marketing Materials	50
Notebooks/ Crayons/ Pencils	150
Fuel for Rice Mill	100
Cement/ Zinc	150
Total Expenses	6,422

DONOR LIST

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Dear Friends,

This has been an exciting first year for our small grassroots organization. Kpo'ma Women was created to increase access to resources, technology, and sustainable business development initiatives for rural women in Liberia.

We have been so fortunate to have passionate partners working hard to help our projects' succeed.

Although we have faced some challenges, we have been so inspired by the resilience and strength of the women farmers in Pengai Village.

As we look forward to 2021, we will continue to work at removing barriers to economic success and creating a foundation for entrepreneurship and economic equity.

Thank you all so much for your support in this effort!

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