

Street Child

Proposal to the Sandhu Charitable Foundation

About Street Child & UK Aid Match

Street Child creates opportunities through education for some of the world's most vulnerable children. Starting in Sierra Leone in 2008, then the least developed country in the world, we help **children who are not in school**, many of whom are living on the streets or in remote rural villages, to access quality education. All of our work is delivered through local partners, and together we have supported over 3,000 children off the streets and over **20,000 children into school** over the past five years.

Street Child currently works in two of the least developed countries in the world: **Sierra Leone** and **Liberia**, where an estimated **500,000 children of primary age do not go to school**. Between 18 March and 17 June this year, Street Child has a unique opportunity to significantly impact on this crisis. All donations¹ made during the **'Every Child in School'** appeal will be matched pound for pound through **'UK Aid Match' (UKAM)**, a UK government initiative. For the children of Sierra Leone and Liberia, this is an unprecedented opportunity to reach a 'lost generation' by providing access to quality education on a huge scale.

"Through Street Child's help I would like to go back to school and then I would like to be like the President of this country." Abas Sankoh

Street Child is aiming to raise the funds to support at least 5,000 children to access education through the matching appeal. We are asking The Sandhu Charitable Foundation to become a partner in this huge effort and double its money to kick start education in some of the most remote rural villages in the world. With UKAM, a pledge of £30,000 would be worth £60,000 to Street Child and the children we help.

Rural Programme

The need: an education crisis

Sierra Leone: There are an estimated 230,000 children of primary age out of school in Sierra Leone, and rural children are more likely to be out of school than urban children. The principal barriers to education for rural children are 1) lack of schools within reasonable distance; 2) lack of quality education by trained teachers in decent facilities; 3) family poverty.

Liberia: Recovering from an even more recent civil war which devastated the country's infrastructure, it is estimated that there **500,000 children of primary age in Liberia** who are out of school or at risk of becoming out of school. Street Child has established an urban project in Liberia, and is well placed to expand to a rural setting in 2014.



Street Child's Approach

Street Child is addressing the issue of out of school children using an affordable, scalable and sustainable rural education model that is tested and successful. This model is tailored to the challenge of making a

¹ Including donations from Trust Funds, providing that each individual who owns the funds agrees to the donation being made, and proof of this is provided in the form of a letter (DfID, 2013)

*"Far too many children who are out of school and living on the streets of Sierra Leone and Liberia miss out on their education and the chance for a better future. For these children, **Street Child offers a valuable lifeline.**"*

Justine Greening,
International Development
Secretary

rapid impact in the face of **educational crises presented in remote rural areas where no one else is working**, by reversing the ‘concrete first’ approach and focussing on quality and sustainability. To date, Street Child has supported over **15,000 of the most marginalised rural children** in 150 communities in Sierra Leone: an unprecedented level of national coverage. The progress of our flagship project in the remote Tambakha chiefdom is remarkable: with just two completed primary schools and three trained teachers in 2010, Street Child has brought the prospect of **universal access to education** in the chiefdom within reach in just six years by training 200 community teachers and building 35 schools.

Project Proposal

The project for which we are seeking support aims to embed sustainable, quality primary education in 6 remote, rural communities in West Africa to potentially provide education for over 720 children in the first year and 1,200 children over 3 years. The key activities are as follows:

- **Training 18 untrained and unqualified teachers** to achieve the government-recognised Teaching Certificate. Once completed, locally recruited teachers are eligible for a government salary. The project provides tuition fees, a stipend for retention in schools, and costs of travel and accommodation during distance study in school holidays.
- **Building 6 first-ever simple, furnished school structures** which provide a safe, all-weather learning environment for children, together with basic teaching and learning materials. The community provides the labour for these structures, demonstrating their commitment to education, and the project provides the materials.
- **Providing agricultural grants** to the school management committees, helping them to establish **independent income-generation initiatives** such as seed banks and rice farms. Parents are incentivised to send their children to school to participate in the scheme, and have extra income to spend on their children’s education. The profits pay the teacher’s salaries until they are approved for government payroll.
- **Advocacy and support** within the local communities, helping to deliver key messages including the importance of enrolling girls, consistent attendance (especially in farming periods) and the benefits of the income generation scheme.



How a donation from The Sandhu Charitable Foundation could be used

ITEM	Trust grant	Government contribution through UK Aid Match	ACTUAL VALUE
Train 18 teachers	£13,500	£13,500	£27,000
6 x construct basic rural school	£7,500	£7,500	£15,000
6 x income generation initiative grant to sustain the school	£9,000	£9,000	£18,000
TOTAL	£30,000	£30,000	£60,000

A grant of £30,000 from The Sandhu Charitable Foundation with UKAM funding will kick-start primary education in 6 remote rural villages to potentially help over 1,200 children. During Street Child’s unique ‘Every Child in School’ appeal, with UK Aid Match, this will mean £60,000 direct to Street Child’s work. We urgently request any grant before June 17th 2014 in order that we can double the value of the trust’s generosity and impact. All donations are vital and will be used to take our work forward.