

Sierra Leone School Construction Project

Chaloner (Canada) Children's Charity – Street Child of Sierra Leone

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Since December 2018, a total of 59 schools across some of the most remote communities in Sierra Leone have benefitted from construction or renovation support through the partnership between Street Child of Sierra Leone and Chaloner (Canada) Children's Charity.

During the first phase, 23 communities completed their school structures with remarkable progress in terms of time and quality. Land surveys were simultaneously carried out to support the documentation process for government approval from the Ministry of Basic & Senior Secondary Education, which once endorsed will support the long term sustainability of education in these communities by opening up access to government funds.

During April, 36 further schools received materials and commenced construction and have progressed with speed in order to complete the work before the rainy season. Community Officers in each Chiefdom have been closely monitoring the development and encouraging strong community engagement in terms of participation of workers, provision of local building materials, and the vital importance of education of their children.

It is important to highlight here the overwhelming support of the communities in order to ensure the work began immediately. A great sense of empowerment and appreciation is deeply resonating.

Summary of Progress

- The 23 phase 1 schools have all been completed, resulting in a total of 1,932 children already benefitting from a safe and effective learning environment. The next stage of the project will to provide a basic package of start-up teaching materials.
- The construction and renovation of phase 2 schools is well underway, with the majority of communities in the final stages of completion. All of these structures will be in use ahead of the new academic year in September, with a further 2,890 children expected to benefit.



Intervention	Work Status			Total Schools
	Completed	Work in progress	Work to soon commence	
Renovation	26	16	2	44
Construction	6	9	-	15
Total Schools	32	25	2	59