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Licking Lassa Fever
In Sierra Leone



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Health Education & Hygiene

**“The premature mass deaths of the poorest of the poor are absolutely unnecessary, absolutely avoidable.”
Jeffrey D. Sachs, Special Adviser to Secretary-General UN**

The Project

To establish community education and environmental programmes in rural villages in Sierra Leone to help stop so many people suffering and dying from Lassa Fever.

How will we help?

- ✓ Provide clean water and effective sanitation through new wells and latrines,
- ✓ Provide rat-resistant food storage containers and water bottles,
- ✓ Provide tools and seeds for villagers to grow their own food,
- ✓ Provide outreach workers to teach villagers how to combat this disease and help themselves.



Quick facts

Lassa Fever kills!

- About 3,000 people die every year in Sierra Leone.
 - 2 out of every 10 people admitted to hospital with the disease die.
 - 31% of those under 18 with the disease die
 - 90% of unborn babies with the disease die
 - 30% of pregnant women with the disease die
- Lassa Fever is a viral disease, carried and transmitted by rats through contamination of food and water supplies by their droppings and urine, and through being eaten.

Who will benefit?

The entire population in 75 villages in rural Sierra Leone.



Project Goal

To raise £180,000 over 2 years.

How your money will help....

- £10 buys food containers and water bottles for one family
- £100 buys tools and seeds for one village, for 100 families to grow their own food
- £1000 buys 5 latrines
- £2000 buys a well and taps

Our Partners

World Health Organisation - currently working at a strategic level in the area.
International Federation of the Red Cross & Red Crescent - assisting through on-the-ground support and local coordination.
We have support from SI Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**WE CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON THOUSANDS OF LIVES - TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
WE NEED YOU! PLEASE STEP FORWARD.**

Do YOU want to get involved? Contact Kay Richmond today
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