



Annual Impact Report for the period August 2023 to July 2024

Acknowledgement:



We extend our deepest gratitude to KEEP Liberia for their unwavering support and partnership in advancing our mission at Destined Kids Assistance Program (DEKAP). Your dedication to empowering children, particularly those from economically disadvantaged and disabled backgrounds, has made a significant impact on our work.

Through your continuous support, we have been able to provide educational sponsorships, entrepreneurship opportunities that have uplift and empower those most in need. Your commitment to fostering a brighter future for marginalized communities aligns perfectly with our vision, and together, we are making meaningful strides toward a more inclusive and empowered society.

Thank you, KEEP Liberia, for standing with us and for your invaluable contribution to our shared goals. We look forward to continuing this impactful partnership, creating lasting change in the lives of those we serve.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to UN Women Liberia for their steadfast support in promoting economic empowerment among marginalized women through our Inclusive Disabled Women Savings and Loan Program. Your partnership has been instrumental in advancing our mission at Destined Kids Assistance Program (DEKAP) to uplift disabled women by providing them with the tools, resources, and opportunities to achieve self-reliance.

Through your support, we have empowered 35 disabled women, enabling them to start and grow their businesses, which not only enhance their livelihoods but also contributes to their economic vitality. The training, resources, and guidance provided through your Women Economic Empowerment Pillar have been pivotal in fostering a sense of dignity, confidence, and purpose among the women we serve.

We are profoundly grateful for your commitment to gender equality and economic inclusion. Your collaboration has made a tangible difference in the lives of these women, and we look forward to continuing our work together to create even greater opportunities for those who have long been marginalized.

Thank you, UN Women Liberia, for your support and for being a champion of inclusive economic empowerment.

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Introduction

This report outlines the Activities and Impacts of DEKAP Liberia over the period from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024. During this time, DEKAP Liberia has made significant strides in empowering the futures of children of economically disadvantaged Disabled families through our child education sponsorship program and empower thirty five (35) women and girls (Their mothers) through our inclusive savings and loan program that provide entrepreneurship as a livelihood support through our women economic empowerment program.

DEKAP Liberia has been steadfast in its Mission to lift Out of School Children whose parents are unable to provide for their schooling as a result of the marginalization and discrimination of disabled adults in Liberia.

Activities & Impact during the period under review

ACTIVITIES 1: The Child Education Sponsorship Program:

Education Highlight 2023/2024

Overview:

This program which was first initiated in 2014 has continued to support the education of children from economically disadvantaged disabled families. Over the past year, DEKAP Liberia has provided comprehensive educational support, covering tuition, fees, notebooks, and book bags for the children in its program.

Key Activities:

PROFILE OF CHILDREN SPONSORED 2023/2024

Sex		Category			Educational Level			Number of 2023/2024
Girls	Boys	Children of Disable Parents	Children with Disabilities	Orphans	Elementary	Junior High	Senior High	Total Number of children sponsored

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Name	Sex	Average	Previous Class	Class Promoted To
Garcedar Barcon	Male		12 th Grade	Waiting for graduation
Helena King	Female	76.2	9 th Grade	10 th Grade
Blessing Paye	Female	88	6 th Grade	7 th Grade
Preferred Kofi	Female	82	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
Jamesetta Tamia	Female	83	6 th Grade	7 th Grade
Gertrude Kollie	Female	89.1	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Princess Togbah	Female	76	6 th Grade	7 th Grade
Justin Togbah	Male	84	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Elijah Mentor	Male	88	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
Meimah Roberts	Female	82.8	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
Chinda Gibson	Female	80	9 th Grade	10 th Grade

Provision of Educational Materials:

1. During the period under review DEKAP Liberia successfully provided educational materials, including tuition fees, notebooks, and book bags, to 11 children from economically disadvantaged families through its decade partnership with Kids Educational Engagement Project (KEEP). This support has ensured that these children have the necessary resources to attend school and perform well academically.

2. Home and On-Campus Visitation:

Regular home and on-campus visits were conducted to monitor the progress of the sponsored children. These visits allowed DEKAP Liberia to assess the children's well-being, address any challenges they faced, and provide additional support when necessary.

Impact:

1. Increased School Enrollment:

The sponsorship program has led to an increase in school enrollment among children from economically disadvantaged disabled families, demonstrating the positive impact of DEKAP Liberia's efforts.

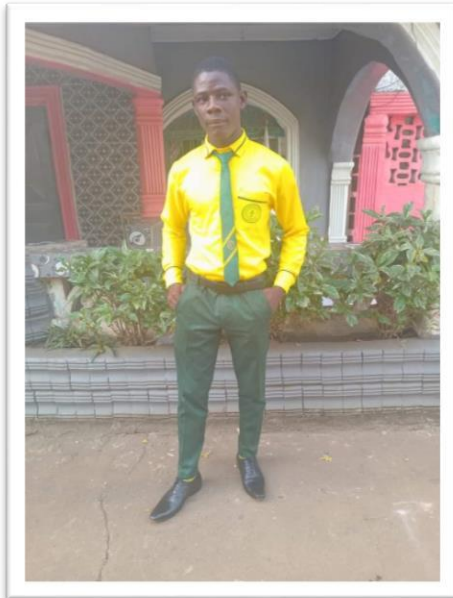
2. Improved Academic Performance:

The provision of educational materials and regular monitoring has resulted in improved academic performance among the sponsored children. Several students have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in their respective schools.

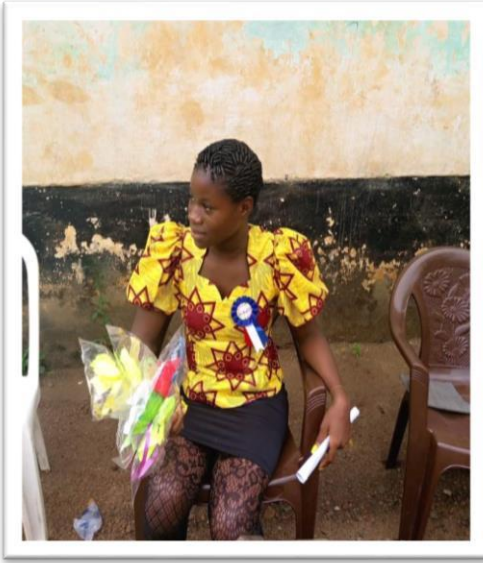
3. Less privileged children of economically disadvantaged disabled families have the opportunity to sit in class with their fortunate peers.

Meet Our Graduates 2023/2024 Academic Year

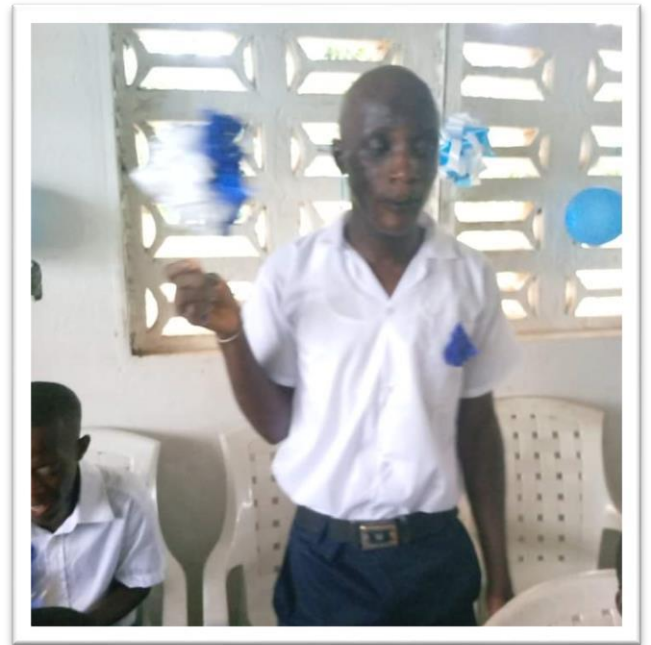
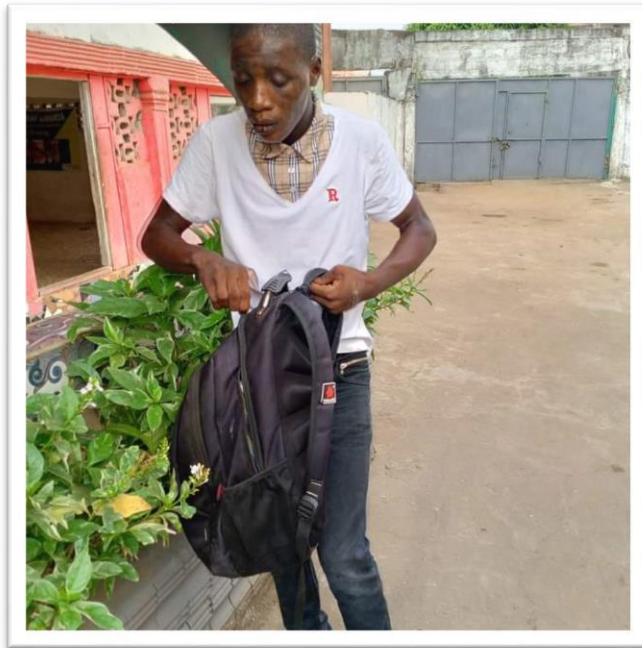
Garcedar Barcon



Chinda Gibson



Blessing Paye



Spotlight on two of our sponsored children

These accomplishments underscore the importance of our educational support initiatives, and we are delighted to witness the continued academic progress of these children.



Elijah's story began when he joined Dekap Liberia Child Education Sponsorship Program as a fifth grader.

Early Life and Challenges

Born to Florence Ben who is also a visually disabled woman, Elijah lost his father when he was just at tender age, leaving Florence to single-handedly raise him and his brother.

Florence, a beneficiary of the DEKAP Inclusive Women Savings and Loan Program, makes plantain chips and peanuts for sale in her community to provide for her family. Her determination to succeed and support her children is a testament to her strength and entrepreneurial spirit.

Despite the odds, Elijah's educational journey has been remarkable.

With support from DEKAP through its partner, KEEP Liberia Elijah and other underprivileged children are helped with tuition and fees, notebooks and bags including regular visitations which has paved the way for their academic achievements. This support has been extended to 11 children, including Elijah, ensuring they have the opportunity to pursue their education.

Recently promoted to the eleventh grade at the prestigious Lot Carey Mission School, Elijah continues to excel academically. His quiet demeanor and astute nature have earned him the trust and respect of his peers and teachers alike. He speaks well and possesses innate leadership abilities, qualities that have shone brightly throughout his educational journey. **Passion for Music**

Elijah's talents extend beyond academics. He has a deep passion for music and is an active member of the choir at the School of the Blind.

Not only does he sing beautifully, but he also leads the choir.

A Glimmer of Hope

Through the compassionate intervention of Samaritan's Purse, Elijah underwent a medical procedure that brought a glimmer of hope into his life. One of his eyes was treated, enabling him to perceive a little light. This medical advancement, though small, has had a significant impact on Elijah's outlook on life, further motivating him to strive for excellence.



The Ebola epidemic was a devastating period for many families, and Helena was no exception. She tragically lost both of her parents, becoming an orphan and survivor at a young age. As a result of her situation, her future seemed uncertain, but hope came through the partnership between DEKAP her partner, KEEP.

This partnership enabled Helena to become a beneficiary of the Out-of-School Child Education Sponsorship Program, providing her with the educational support and mentorship she desperately needed. Living with her only surviving sister, Helena managed to continue her education despite the emotional and financial hardships. However, tragedy struck again a few months

ago when her sister died during childbirth, leaving Helena more vulnerable than ever. With no stable home and the burden of grief weighing heavily on her, Helena's schooling has been severely impacted.

As we approach another academic year, Helena's situation as a girl child, highlights the urgent need for support and intervention. Despite the adversity she faces as a child, Helena's determination to pursue her education remains unwavering.

Helena's story is a testament to the vital role that programs like DEKAP's Out-of-School Child Education Sponsorship play in transforming lives.

Through the continued support and partnership with KEEP Liberia, we hope to provide Helena with the stability and resources she needs to continue her education and achieve her dreams.

Her journey underscores the importance of DEKAP Liberia program to the underprivileged and the urgent need for partnership support considering the impact it can have on the lives of vulnerable children.

ACTIVITIES 2: Disabled Women Inclusive Savings and Loan Program

Highlight On Disabled women Entrepreneurship

Overview:

The Disabled Women Inclusive Savings and Loan Program has empowered 35 disabled women (their mothers) through entrepreneurship training and financial support. This program aims to enhance the

economic independence and self-reliance of disabled women in Liberia through a dignified manner instead of engaging in begging arms on the streets.



Key Activities:

1. Entrepreneurship Training:

DEKAP Liberia conducted multiple training sessions focused on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business management. These sessions equipped the participants with the skills needed to start and grow their businesses.

2. Savings and Loan Support:

The program provided financial support through a savings and loan scheme, enabling the women to access capital for their businesses. This support has been instrumental in helping them establish and expand their businesses. This initiative was supported through the support of UN Women Liberia from 2019 to present

Impact:

1. Business Growth:

During the period, 70% of the participants have reported significant growth in their businesses and increase in income.

2. Economic Empowerment:

The program has contributed to the economic empowerment of disabled women, allowing them to achieve dignified livelihood.

This program has also boost the capacity of disabled indicating that “Disability is not Inability”

Spotlight on a Disabled woman baking cookies as her livelihood

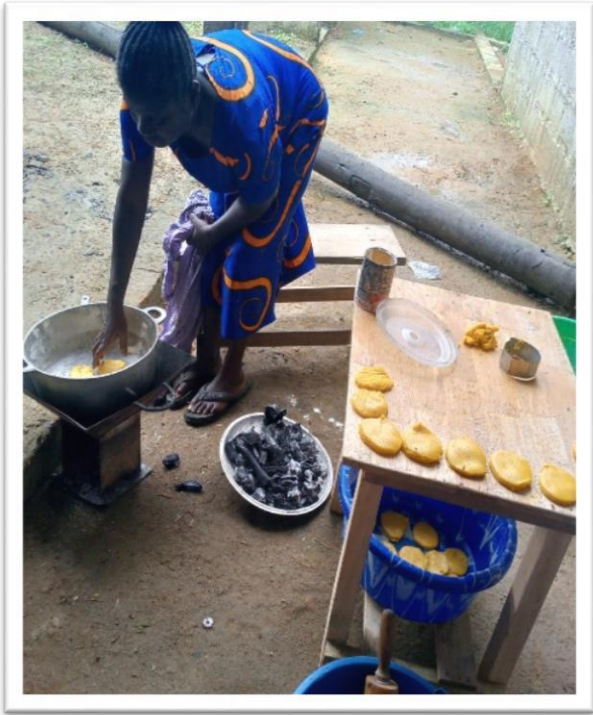


Thanks to KEEP Liberia for stepping in to provide the support she desperately needed.

With the help, Elizabeth was able to secure a new place to live, away from the shadows of her past. They also provided her with the necessary capital to restart her cookie business. .

The transformation in Elizabeth’s life has been remarkable. She has regained her confidence and renewed her focus on her business. Elizabeth’s life took a heartbreaking turn when her relationship with her partner became increasingly toxic. The emotional and financial abuse she endured not only affected her personal life but also took a toll on her thriving cookie business. With her spirit broken and her business on the verge of collapse, in the midst of her despair, Elizabeth found hope

Today, Elizabeth stands as a beacon of hope for other women in similar situations, proving that with the right support, it is possible to rise above life’s hardships and thrive.



ACTIVITIES 3:

Healthy Relationship Talk on Social Media

Overview:

DEKAP Liberia has taken a proactive approach to promoting healthy and non-abusive relationships through social media campaigns and conversation. This targets intimate partners, encouraging them to maintain respectful and supportive relationships.

Key Activities:

1. Social Media Campaigns and Conversations:

Regular posts and live discussions were conducted on social media platforms to raise awareness about the importance of healthy relationships and the dangers of abusive behavior.

2. Engagement with Audience:

The campaigns encouraged active participation from the audience, with many individuals sharing their experiences and seeking advice on maintaining healthy relationships.

Impact:

1. Increased Awareness:

The social media conversation have reached many people, significantly increasing awareness about the importance of non-abusive relationships among intimate partners.

2. Behavioral Change:

Testimonials from participants indicate that the campaigns have led to positive changes in their relationships, with many reporting improved communication and reduced conflict.

ACTIVITIES 4:

Video Documentary by UN Women Liberia

Overview:

UN Women Liberia, through its Women Economic Empowerment Pillar, produced a video documentary showcasing the work of DEKAP Liberia. This documentary highlighted the impact of DEKAP's programs on the lives of disabled women.

ACTIVITIES 5:

Highlight on psychosocial Humanitarian Support



We are grateful for the partnership with **Orange Foundation Liberia**, which generously donated thirtyfive bags of rice to support disabled women within our program. . These contributions have had a profound impact, ensuring food security and providing much-needed relief to our beneficiaries during this challenging period.



We say thanks to the Liberia **National Lottery** for the donation of ten bags of rice, a carton of oil and cubes, all of which were distributed among thirty-five women and girls with disabilities.

