

Liberia Children's Education Program (LICEP)



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BACKGROUND ANALYSIS

LICEP is a children's education program that focusses on sponsoring students who attend Shepherd Solid Rock Christian Academy (SOROCA) a non-profit school located in lower Virginia, Monrovia, Liberia. SOROCA, in partnership with El-Bethel Baptist Church and Westside Christian Academy located in Detroit, Michigan, USA, has designed this program to provide the much needed tuition for children to attend school and secure for themselves a brighter future, thus enabling them to contribute positively to their nations future.

Liberia is a post civil war and post Ebola nation in West Africa whose citizens are severely economically disadvantaged. The unemployment rate in Liberia is extremely high. Many people in Liberia live in extreme poverty, most living on less than one dollar a day.

According to a Global Partnership for Education Report, "The education sector in Liberia faces a complex set of challenges related to rebuilding and recovery from civil war, constrained national finances, poor infrastructure and the Ebola epidemic. These challenges include poor learning outcomes, over crowded public enrollment, and huge number of out-of-school children, wasted government resources because of 'ghost' teachers and unskilled teachers, and many unqualified teachers."

In an effort to help improved the education system in Liberia, which was referred to ten years ago by former president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, as a mess, we decided to build a school to provide quality Christian, private education for children from low income homes, orphans and female-headed households.

SOROCA has been created and is in its second year of operation. The current total enrollment is 280 students. El-Bethel Church began sponsoring students in 2019.

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LICEP Goals:

- To promote education in Liberia by supplying educational materials to schools.
- Provide teachers training
- Conduct students exchange program between Westside Christian Academy and SOROCA.
- Provide sponsorship for selected students attending SOROCA, covering pre-school to grade 12.
- Build the institutional capacity of SOROCA at all levels to provide quality Christian education.
- To help build an educated future generation of Liberia.

Duration

This program is anticipated to last for years. A child that is selected for this sponsorship will be sponsored from their present level until 12th grade.

Monitoring and evaluation

The program will be monitored regularly to ensure its effectiveness. Quarterly reports will be sent to program partners in the USA through their designated contact person. A joint monitoring and evaluation shall be conducted in 2022 and 2024 by the USA team and the Liberian Team.

Implementing strategy

Our goal is to provide education sponsorships for two hundred and fifty (250) SOROCA Students. A joint policy and guideline shall be put in place to govern the conduct of the children and implementing agent (SOROCA). This program is subject to amendment when deemed necessary by both partners.

The first activity shall start with identification of sponsors for the students. The solicitation for sponsorship is divided into three phases.

- (1) The first phase will focus on securing sponsorships for one hundred (100) children.
- (2) The second phase will also focus on securing sponsorships for one hundred (100) children.

(3) The third phase will focus on getting sponsorship for fifty (50) students.

Sponsorship Plans

A. The total cost to support a child annually in our school is only \$150.00.

B. This is paid in the following ways:

Diamond Plan: - onetime payment for the year (\$150.00 payoff front).

Gold Plan:-two payments for the year (first payment \$75 and \$75.00 second).

Silver Plan: - Initial payment of \$30 and 9 monthly payments of \$15.

Diamond Plan	Payment is done before July 30 th 2020. \$150.00		\$150.00
Gold Plan	1 st payment payment is done before July 30 th 2020. (\$75.00)	2 nd payment is done before December 30 th 2020 (\$75.00)	\$150.00
Silver Plan	1 st payment payment is done before July 30 th 2020. \$30.00	All other payment shall be done before 28 of each month. \$15.00	\$150.00