July Featured Grantee
RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA

Liberia
Introducing RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA

RESTORE HOPE: LIBERIA (RHL) provides essential support to vulnerable children and their caregivers, with timely and sustainable resources and activities that will protect their health and wellbeing, ensure access to education, and provide economic opportunities beyond school, thus providing a way out of extreme and enduring poverty.
Where in the world?

- Liberia has a population of more than 5 million; 88% of Liberians live on less than $1.25 a day.
- The literacy rate is 48.3% (men: 62.7%, women 34.1%).
- Mother’s mean age at first birth is 19.2. The country’s fertility rate is 4.9 children born per woman.
- Liberia’s high maternal mortality rate of 661 deaths/100,000 live births remains among the world’s worst, and the infant mortality rate has been declining consistently and is presently at 47.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- The country has been wracked by civil war and Ebola. More than 40% of Liberians suffer from post-traumatic stress and/or a major depressive disorder.
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Life Challenges of the Women Served

• A brutal civil war, the largest Ebola epidemic in human history, and pervasive gender-based violence have resulted in widespread trauma.
• Rape was used as a weapon of war; women and girls were often abducted and forced into sexual slavery.
• Almost everyone experienced or witnessed atrocities during the war, including murder, rape, and physical abuse.
Life Challenges of the Women Served

- Sexual violence, rape, and atrocities during the post-war period have reportedly been rampant.
- With few economic opportunities, the prospect of women’s empowerment remains poor at best.
- Without the power of the purse, Liberian women are at greater risk of gender-based violence and human trafficking.
Life Challenges of the Women Served

In Kolahun, RHL finds women who suffer debilitating trauma or mental illness. This is exacerbated by extreme gender inequality in a hypermasculine societal hierarchy, which inhibits women’s agency and leadership, stifles their confidence and self-worth, and leaves them with little to no decision-making power.
What are we supporting?

RHL will address, holistically, the main drivers of poverty by providing access to healthcare, education, opportunity, and entrepreneurial skills for economic development.
In addition to health, education, and economic components, RHL will incorporate Interpersonal Group Therapy for depressive disorders into this project, providing trained facilitators who will identify individuals with a depressive disorder. Regular follow-up and assessment will be conducted.

Direct Impact: Year 1 - 94, Year 2 - 260; Indirect Impact: Year 1 - 360; Year 2 - 1040
# Budget

DFW’s grant of $50,000 over two years will fund:

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<td>Mental Health Program</td>
<td>Interpersonal Group Therapy (IPT) training (stipend for trainers, materials, food, lodging, incidentals)</td>
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<td>Mental Health Program</td>
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<td>Mental Health: Kolahun Crescendo (KC)/IPT</td>
<td>Stipend for manager/IPT group leader Stipend for first and second year IPT facilitators</td>
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<td>Economic Empowerment: Women’s Weaving Cooperative</td>
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<td>Women’s Social Empowerment: KC/IPT</td>
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About the Featured Grantee

• In 2015, after the worst Ebola outbreak in history, global health colleagues sought to develop a new model of post-emergency humanitarian aid to address the shortcomings of the standard humanitarian response.
• They collaborated with Liberian counterparts and piloted the RHL program in the Kolahun District.
• During its first three years, RHL partnered with a non-profit established in Liberia to implement the program.
• In 2018, RHL became an independent, registered non-profit in Liberia in order to expand the program and create opportunities for future growth.
Share Your Thoughts

1. Why do you think this project is sustainable?

2. How do you think this project can affect gender inequality in Liberia?

3. Why do you think RHL’s holistic focus works?
July’s Sustained Grantee: Collateral Repair Project

Resilience Beyond Displacement: Education and Empowerment for Refugee Women and Girls in Jordan

- Expands CRP’s holistic support model to refugees from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, and Yemen with more focused programming
- Aims to educate and empower women and girls through targeted training and educational activities along with opportunities for advocacy and leadership
- Provides technical and vocational skills training to women and gender-based violence prevention and awareness training to both women and men in the refugee communities.
- Direct Impact: 3,885 women and girls; Indirect Impact: 25,605 family members