

United States Supports Community-Based Projects throughout Sierra Leone

On September 22, U.S. Ambassador John Hoover signed agreements to provide USD 110,000 to thirteen community organizations that work to improve economic and social conditions throughout Sierra Leone. The funds will support projects in eight districts, and include:

- Educational Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Grafton: Job training and skills development programs for persons with disabilities, to provide new opportunities to work.
- Bob Salvation Works Enterprise in Bo: A small business that will recycle waste and convert it to marketable goods, in order to protect the environment while generating income.
- Amuloma Women's Development Association in Moyamba: A project to restart agricultural practices in communities that are recovering from Ebola, and support for female farmers.
- Folu Jawie Cotton Growers & Weavers Association in Kailahun: Training and equipment for traditional cotton growers and weavers, to generate income and preserve cultural practices.

Ambassador Hoover congratulated the grantees and noted the important role played by the beneficiary communities, who are engaged in the planning and implementation of each project. These initiatives are funded by the Ambassador's Special Self-Help (SSH) Program and the African Development Foundation (ADF), which support small, community-based projects that improve standards of living at the local level.