



Promoting every
child's right to read

YOUR IMPACT

Your gifts make all the difference
and we simply couldn't do the
work we do without your support!
With this simple little update,
we'd like to share with you some
stories of the big impact that
you're helping to make possible.

IMPACT IN 2018-19

Reached 300,267

children through literacy programs

Provided 3,158

teachers with professional
development opportunities

Distributed 103,320

copies of books to school and
community libraries

Published 12

new children's book titles in partnership
with local authors and illustrators



Photo credit: Peter Bregg, 2019

EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH LITERACY AND EDUCATION

Due in part to the civil war legacy of disrupted school enrollment, the challenge of over-age girls in early grades is particularly acute in Liberia. It is not uncommon for a 16-year-old girl to find herself in a grade 2 classroom. Without additional support, these girls are at a high risk of dropping out of school and missing the chance to become literate, empowered and educated young women.

CODE's *Girls Accelerated Learning Initiative* is helping to address this challenge by providing over-age girls with an after-school program that builds their academic success and empowers them with life-skills.

Last year's program, resulted in 75% of participating girls receiving double promotion – meaning they advanced two grades in one year. A further 22% of girls were promoted to the next grade. While that may seem "normal", many would have dropped out or been kept back again because they had failed to master foundational reading and numeracy skills.

In a relatively short period, the program has achieved promising results. With your kind support we look forward to reaching even more girls.



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SNAPSHOTS FROM THE FIELD

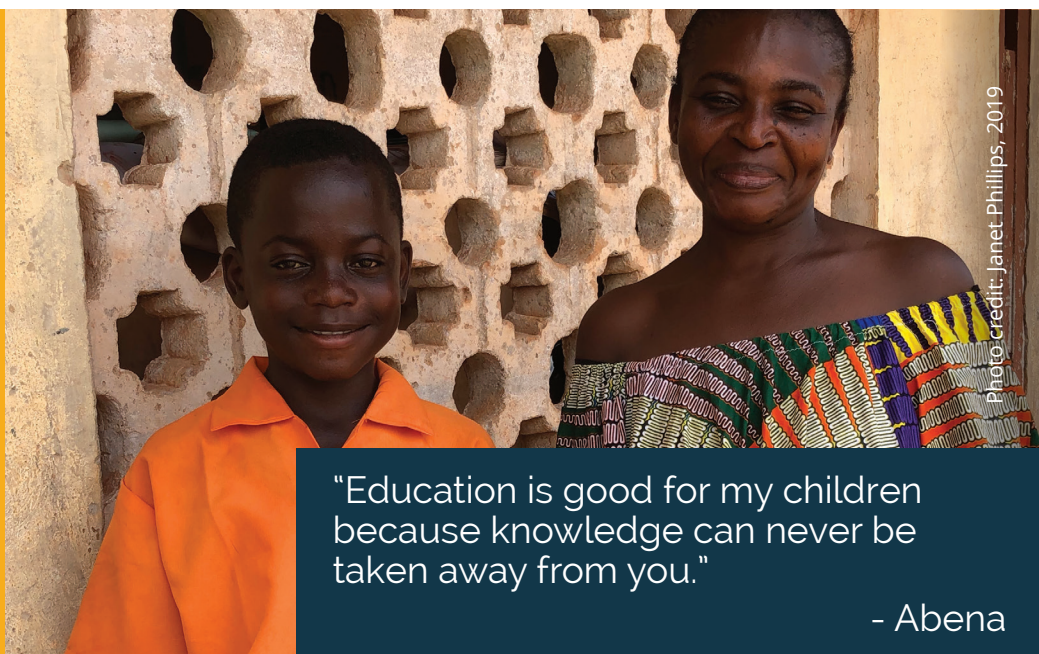
This past spring, we visited Sierra Leone with our friend, Peter Bregg C.M – an award-winning Canadian photojournalist. Our goal was to capture, through Peter's lens, the dire challenges facing students and teachers in this country still working to rebuild its education system following a decade-long civil war and the Ebola crisis. We equally wanted to capture uplifting stories – stories of courage and commitment to visionary change.

Learn how you can bring Peter's photos to your community at www.code.ngo/photoexhibit

Meet Frederick and his mother Abena. They live in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, where CODE is working to improve literacy rates amongst primary and junior high students.

Frederick is one of eight children in his family and proud to be in grade 6. He loves to read, and will oftentimes be seen bringing a good book along as he helps his grandmother sell water after school.

We are proud of all that you've achieved Frederick, and have every confidence that you'll realize your dream of becoming a pastor!



"Education is good for my children because knowledge can never be taken away from you."

- Abena



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