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.

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
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