



**“making a real difference” in**

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**Rotary year July 2023 – June 2024**

The Rotary year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> and once again it has been a busy year for Alans Africa. During the year we have funded the following projects:

- Building 3 classrooms, an office, staff room and store to create a new school in Kono Town, named Westminster Community Secondary School, in recognition of all the support I have received from Westminster Group PLC over the last 12 years.
- Building a toilet block and installing a basic water harvesting system complete with handwash station at the school, improving the sanitation and hygiene for the pupils.
- Total renovation of a derelict well, including a hand pump to replace the bucket and rope system, at Westminster Community Secondary School which benefits 300 people.
- Setting up a community garden project at Westminster Community Secondary School.
- The provision of 3 laptops and 30 desk and bench sets at Christian Hope School, Kissy.
- The complete renovation of the nursery classroom at Christian Hope School, Kissy.
- The provision of 50 “Yorkkits”. Re-useable feminine sanitary kits. Each kit has 8 pads, 2 pad pockets, a waterproof bag for soiled items, 2 pairs of knickers, a zip lock polythene bag (used as a “washing machine” in areas with poor access to water), and instructions. All packed into a discreet fabric drawstring bag. Each kit costs £10. A kit lasts 3 years which equates to 200 days of education they don’t miss because of menstruation.
- The provision of hundreds of items of sports kit for distribution in several communities.
- Extending my “Sierra LeOANS” micro credit scheme for several community members.
- Paying medical costs for several individuals, unable to pay for essential treatment.
- Funding several people’s higher education costs & paying school fees for several kids.
- Supporting Momoh & Emma, both orphans, with a monthly allowance.

**During this Rotary year £25,100+ has been raised for projects in Sierra Leone.**

The project’s success is due to a fantastic network of supporters across the UK & beyond. I would like to express my sincere thanks to **everybody** that has contributed financially or with donations of items or in the provision of support and/or services of any kind.

When I first visited Sierra Leone in November 2005, for a **“one off life experience”** I never imagined that I would visit the country **14** times and still be involved **19** years on.

The plan going forward, is to build the fourth classroom at the Westminster Community Secondary School and the total cost, at today’s exchange rate is **£5,200**.

We hope to complete this classroom ready for the start of the new term in September. I currently have **£2,200** available for the project and in order to boost the funds, I am undertaking a 15 mile sponsored walk on July 26<sup>th</sup>, the day before my 71<sup>st</sup> birthday !!

If you would like to donate, please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alansafrikakono>

**EVERY £ raised will go directly to the project and help “Make A Real Difference”**