

UOTTAWA WORLD VISION IMPACT

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FAMILY

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

A LOOK AT KPAKA-KRIM, SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa with a population of almost 8 million people. Our club was fortunate enough to be able to sponsor a child in Sierra Leone, specifically in the community of Kpaka-Krim. Here is some information about the community where our sponsor child is from;

- Kpaka-Krim is a one of twelve other chiefdoms located in Pujehun, one of the third largest districts in the country with a population of 12,827 people. Kpaka-Krim is in southern Pujehun.
- The Pujehun district was left in ruin post-civil war (1991-2002) and still visibly carries the wreckage to this day, 16 years later.
- The district population is composed of 19% children under 5 years of age and 28% of children aged between 5 to 14 years old.
- 87% of the population is living within rural areas, with an average family size of 6.2 persons.

SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN KPAKA-KRIM

Education quality is lacking due to poor classroom conditions, a shortage of trained teachers, and struggling school management which heavily influences the success rate of the children in Kpaka-Krim. Due to these circumstances, children usually perform poorly on their exams, and 57% of students drop out before their final primary school exams. Child marriages and youth pregnancies also affects these dropout rates, where two thirds of all student dropouts are girls.



Health care is a tricky situation in Kpaka-Krim; children often suffer from malaria, worm infestation, and diarrhea. With health care facilities being out of reach, it is difficult to travel, especially with life-threatening conditions. Properly trained birthing attendants are scarce, often resulting in serious health conditions. Only about **51%** of families have access safe water, which is around a **10 km** walk from the village.

Child protection remains of key importance as families place greater value on **traditional beliefs than formal education**, sending their children to religious teachers instead of school. World Vision works in Kpaka-Krim to stress the importance of **children's right to education**, so that children don't have to marry young or opt out of school to help support their families.



ECONOMIC INSUFFICIENCIES

The **rainy season** from April to October floods many crops before they can be harvested, which makes it hard to sustain agricultural businesses. Most families end up living on **less than \$1 per day**. This makes it hard to afford health care and education for children, affecting the wellbeing of the family, as well as the development of the community as a whole.

WORLD VISION FAMILY

The uOttawa WV club is not alone in Canada. There are many other WV campus clubs that range from Newfoundland to BC. Once a month the campus leaders chat online to share their experiences and to work together to ensure that our clubs can reach their maximum potential. Here are a couple of WV clubs that are part of our **Canada wide family**:



University of Waterloo World Vision club's awesome fall bake sale to raise funds for their sponsor child **Alisson**!



The amazing results of **Western University** World Vision club's 2018 **Halloween Food Drive** for single adults and families in London!



UBC World Vision club did a **Wake-a-Thon** (their largest event) last year to help raise awareness about food insecurities around the world!

OUR MISSION: THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
WORLD VISION CLUB IS A STUDENT
RUN CLUB ASSOCIATED WITH **WORLD VISION
CANADA** THAT SEEKS TO RAISE FUNDS AND
AWARENESS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENTAL
ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD AND TO PROMOTE
WORLD VISION CAMPAIGNS IN CANADA.

THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!



Thanks to everyone who came out to
our **Little Black Dress** event at
PUB101! It was so much fun!

**EAT FOR
CHANGE**



Thanks to everyone who supported us
at our **Chipotle fundraiser**! Hope you
enjoyed it!



It was awesome seeing you guys at our
November Movie Screening!

HUMANITARIAN DAYS

December is full of opportunities to raise awareness for important causes and to show appreciation for the wonderful people around us. Follow us on social media to stay updated!

- Dec 2: **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**
- Dec 5: **International Volunteer Day**
- Dec 10: **Human Rights Day**
- Dec 20: **International Human Solidarity Day**

