

BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS (BLP)

2021





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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BLP – Bright Light Projects

BLPMC – Bright Light Projects Mothers Familiarization Club

GSR - Girls Shall Rise

MSWGCA - Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender & Children's Affairs

IWD - International Women's Day

KTC – Komra Training Centre

SLOIC – Sierra Leone Opportunities & Industrialization Centre

MHS - Ministry of Health & Sanitation

UNDP – United Nations Development Program

UNICEF - United Nations International Children Emergency Fund

DAC - Day of the African Child

WASH – Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation

SLAES – Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors

FSU – Family Support Unit of Sierra Leone Police

MDG – Mend the Gap Schooling Program for vulnerable Ebola orphans

& and survivors

KTC - Komra Training Center

BLPC – Bright Light Projects Cameroon

BLPSL – Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone

MBSSE - Ministry of Basic & Senior Secondary Education

MTHE - Ministry of Technical & Higher Education

BDC - Bombali District Council

SDG - Sustainable Development Goals

SDBV - Sexual and gender-based Violence

COIC – Cameroon Opportunities Industrialization Centre



Message from Dr. Eric Tanifum - Board Chair



Dear Friends, partners and donors of Bright Light Projects (BLP),

We are grateful for your support in the year 2021. This made our 10th year with a simple vision to promote and support our beneficiaries to become self-reliant and contribute positively to the development of their communities. Building an African-centric model of civil society is key for us with a focus on skills training as our best tool in alleviating abject poverty.

Our focus for 2021 was on providing support to our beneficiaries as they graduate from vocational skills training and Senior Secondary education. Career counselling and help in shaping a business model for our beneficiaries across our flagship programs namely: Mend the Gap schooling program for vulnerable Ebola orphans and survivors, Girls Shall Rise, Bright Light Projects Mothers Club Familiarization program, Adolescent Youth Leadership, and mentorship program, and all of our advocacy areas.

Through our many challenges, we were able to expand on our existing programs in the United States, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon. Keeping focus as we continue to emphasize the need to engage community stakeholders in designing cost-effective sustainable solutions in the domain of child Protection, child development, gender-based violence, gender parity, vocational skills training, women and girl's empowerment, livelihood support We thank you for your generous support, we are very optimistic for a brighter in supporting our beneficiaries to become self-reliant.

Thank you!

Dr Eric Tanifum





BLP is a champion for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) successfully advocating and implementing the following SDG Goals in line with our vision in supporting BLP beneficiaries to become self-reliant and contribute positively to the development of their communities:

SDG # 1 – No Poverty

SDG # 2 – Zero Hunger

SDG # 3 - Good Health and Well being

SDG # 4 - Quality Education

SDG # 5 - Gender Equality

SDG #8 - Descent Work and Economic Growth

SDG # 6 - Clean Water & Sanitation

SDG # 17 – Partnership for the Goals



SUSTAINABLE GOALS

Rebuilding Broken Communities













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Executive Summary

Bright Lights Projects (BLP) is a United States-based Public Charity 501© (3) Non-Profit Organization with Headquarters in Houston, Texas. One of the cornerstones of BLP's success is its ability to build strategic partnerships with organizations championing specific humanitarian needs for example, the concert for Ebola Relief in Maryland in 2014 which benefited Doctors without Borders, and International Medical Corps. BLP is registered as a Community-based Organization in Sierra Leone and Cameroon, with some operations in Nigeria and Guinea Conakry. In 2021, BLP was granted Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Mission

Implementing sustainable community-based projects through strategic partnerships in urban and rural communities in sub–Saharan Africa and the United States of America

Vision

Promote and support Bright Light Projects beneficiaries to become self-reliant and contribute positively to the development of their communities.

Motto

Rebuilding Broken Communities

Core Advocacy Areas:

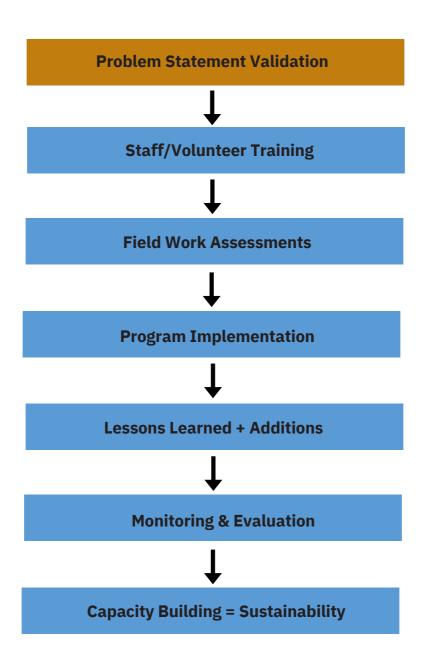
BLP has a simplistic approach to support and conduct non-partisan initiatives in rebuilding broken communities in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the domain of:

- Skills Development (Vocational & Livelihood Support)
- Gender equality and Social Inclusion
- Human Rights (Disabilities, Women, Children & Youth)
- Refugee & Internally Displaced Persons Support (IDPs)
- Community Development & Sustainable Agriculture
- Prison Inmate Reintegration
- Education (Formal & Informal)
- STEM Education
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)



Bright Light Projects Methodology

BLP Methodology is built on the simple premise of direct support and contact with our beneficiaries, with constant evaluation and monitoring, capacity Building with sustainability as the end product





BLP Programs

Program # 1: Mend the Gap Schooling Program for Vulnerable Ebola Orphans & Survivors (MDG) – (2016 – On-going)

Location: Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Nigeria, Guinea Conakry

• **Focus:** Support with School fees, Learning materials, and skills training to EVD orphans, psychosocial services to orphans, Survivors, and Caregivers

Objectives:

- Provide school learning materials to EVD orphans and provide them with a childhood that they never experienced and help them to become useful members of society.
- Encourage EVD orphans to kindle their potential by providing creative opportunities and basic literacy and facilities for those who wish to study further
- Support EVD orphans to accomplish physical, intellectual, and personal development





Conduct Vulnerability Assessments of vulnerable Ebola orphans and Survivors

Since 2016, BLP has conducted more than 4500 assessments for vulnerable Ebola orphans and survivors in Sierra Leone and Guinea Conakry.





BLP Sierra Leone team at schools promoting Ant- stigmatization for Ebola orphans – Feb. 2021 northern Sierra Leone







BLP Beneficiries with BLP team to determine level of support and counseling- Makeni community Sierra Leone – January 2021



School Monitoring for Adolescent Youth, Leadership and Mentorship in York Town – Sierra Leone







School monitoring at Rosint Community -Northern Sierra Leone – March 13, 2021

BLP Annual Back to School Campaign 2021

Since 2016 starting in Sierra Leone, BLP Annual Back to School campaign has scored enormous success impacting about 1400 children most of them Ebola orphans and survivors of the deadly Ebola virus in sierra Leone and Guinea Conakry.











Sept 2021 Annual back To School Distribution in Makeni Community - Northern Sierra Leone



GSR beneficiaries receiving uniforms and school supplies at BLP office in Makeni northern Sierra Leone. September 02, 2021







2021 Annual Back to School Distribution at Rosint Community - Northern Sierra Leone



2021 Back to School Distribution for MDG Beneficiaries – Northern Sierra Leone-September 2021









2021 Back to School Distribution at Manor Community – Northern Sierra Leone



Annual Back to School Distribution at Rosint Community – Northern Sierra Leone – Sept. 06, 2021







Annual Back to School Distribution at Pate Bana Community – Northern Sierra Leone – Sept. 2021



BLP team Annual Back to School Distribution at Massathi Community – Sierra Leone Sept. 10, 2021







Annual Back to School distribution in Likombe Village – Buea - Fako Cameroon - Sept. 2021



Annual Back to School distribution in Bova Village – Buea - Fako Cameroon Sept. 2021







Annual Back to School distribution in Bwassa Village – Buea - Fako Cameroon Sept. 2021



Annual Back to School distribution at Mile 16 Bolifamba – Buea - Fako Cameroon Sept. 2021







Annual Back to School distribution in Likombe Village – Buea - Fako Cameroon - Sept. 2021



NO	Bombali	Makarie	Gbanti chiefdom	Paki	Total
	Sebora	Chiefdom		Masabong	
				Chiefdom	
1	Pate Bana (65)	Looking Town	Masuba	Massathi (29)	
		(19)	Community (33)		
2	Makeni (25)	Magbenteh (22)	Mankeneh		
			Community (22)		
3	Lower/Upper		Rosint community		
	John street (12)		(32)		
4	Station road		Manor Community		
	Community		(25)		
	(17)				
5	Fullah Town (1)				
	70	18	72	29	189

√ Total Male = 66

Total Female= 123

Total # of Beneficiaries per Community in Western Area Rural District - Sierra Leone

Name of Community	# of	Program	Female	Male	Total
	Beneficiaries	_			
Kissy Town 4	15	GSR	8	7	15
Tombo	14	GSR	8	6	12
Mabure	22	MDG	14	8	22
York Community	9	MDG	6	3	9
Cole Town	19	MDG	11	8	19
Lumpa	13	MDG	10	3	13
Hanga community	17	MDG	15	2	17
Monkey Bush	13	MDG	9	4	13
TOTAL					101





Total # of Beneficiaries per Community in the South West Region - Cameroon

Name of Community	# of	Program	Female	Male	Total
	Beneficiaries				
Bwassa	10	GSR	16		16
Bova	4	GSR	4		4
Likombe	5	GSR	9		9
Bolifamba	11	GSR	11		11
TOTAL					40

Total # of Beneficiaries per Community in the North West Region Cameroon

Name of Community	# of	Program	Female	Male	Total
	Beneficiaries				
Ntambese	15	GSR	15		15
Cow Street	9	GSR	9		9
Fomcha Street	17	GSR	17		17
Mile 3	14	GSR	14		14
Mile 2	8	GSR	8		8
Ntasen	5	GSR	5		5
Total					68



Vocational Skill Training

BLP's partnership with the International Opportunities Industrialization Centres in Buea in Cameroon (COIC), and Makeni in Sierra Leone (SLOIC) has produced a tremendous impact in the communities transforming vulnerable girls into serial entrepreneurs

- At SLOIC in Makeni Sierra Leone





BLP GSR Beneficiaries at SLOIC Makeni – School Monitoring by BLPSL team – March 2021 –Sierra Leone





BLP GSR Beneficiaries at SLOIC Makeni for Practicals – June 2021 – Sierra Leone

At COIC in Buea Cameroon:



BLP GSR Beneficiaries at COIC Campus in Buea March 2021 - Cameroon







Above: BLP GSR orientation at BLP office Buea - Below: BLP GSR orientation at COIC Campus





GSR Assessments in remote villages is the gateway to BLP Programs – Bova Village May 2021



Home monitoring by the BLP team assures the success of BLP programs – Likombe village April 2021 – Buea





BLP team on School monitoring in Sierra Leone August 2021 (above) and October 2021 (below)









Home monitoring by BLP team (above) Manor Community July 2021 & Pate Bana Community June 2021

BLP Sierra Leone Academic progress report for 2021/2022 Academic Year

BLP team collecting academic progress reports for BLP beneficiaries or academic year 2021/2022





Program # 2: Girls Shall Rise (GSR) - (2019 - On-going)

Focus: Provide support, skills training, and Advocacy for Survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) specifically violence against women and children, Commercial Sex workers, and women living with HIV AIDS

Location: Sierra Leone, Cameroon

Objectives

- Provide school learning materials to GBV survivors, Commercial Sex workers, and register those who had dropped out of school due to GBV aftermath
- Encourage GBV survivors to kindle their potential by providing creative opportunities and basic literacy facilities for those who wish to study further
- Support GBV survivors to accomplish physical, intellectual, and personal development through vocational skills training
- Constantly engage local communities on the dangers of GBV and promote inclusive dialogue with stakeholders of all ages through workshops and community Think-tank

Activities

Vulnerability needs Assessment of GBV Survivors and other vulnerable young girls



BLP assessments conducted in September 2021 in Western Area Rural – Waterloo Sierra Leone







Home monitoring by BLP team in Makeni Sierra Leone May 2021



Conducting Vulnerability Assessments for Girls Shall Rise program in Buea – March 2021









Above) – GSR beneficiaries in Sierra Leone receiving unifoms and other supplies. (below) GSR beneficiaries in Cameroon receive uniforms and supplies for vocational Training





At the BLP office in Buea, GSR beneficiaries on a monthly meeting with the BLP team – Feb 05, 2021



Regular meetings with BLP beneficiaries and BLP team is key for program success – October 2021









GSR beneficiaries at SLOIC Makeni – Home Management Department – May 2021





BLP Beneficiaries support for materials at Jui Vocational Institute in Waterloo Sierra Leon



BLP Beneficiaries undergoing Practicals at Jui Vocational Institute in Waterloo Sierra Leone- August 2021







BLP Beneficiaries at BLP office in Buea - November 2021 Cameroon

Girls Shall Rise Beneficiaries Graduating Class of December 17, 2021 from Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre (SLOIC) in Makeni:









Aminata kabia – SLOIC Class of December 2021 – Home Management Department – Sierra Leone



SLOIC Class of December 2021 in Makeni Sierra Leone – BLP Girls Shall Rise







Mariatu Sesay – SLOIC Class of December 2021 – Home Management Department – Sierra Leone



Mariatu Tarawalie – SLOIC Class of December 2021 – Home Management Department – Sierra Leone







A. Marah - SLOIC Class of December 21021 - Home Management Department - Sierra Leone



BLP SLOIC Class of December 2021 with BLP Team on graduation Day Dec. 17, 2021 in Sierra Leone







Isatu kamara – SLOIC Class of December 2021 – Home Management Department – Sierra Leone







Partners Engagement and Advocacy



Training Community Task Force on Hand washing Techniques in Waterloo Sierra Leone- January 2021



Monthly sectorial meetings on joint advocacy and collaborate June 2021 in Makeni Sierra Leone





SAVE OUR GIRLS Documentary as part of the awareness campaign and sensitization on SGBV and other related gender issues.



Save Our Girls won Best Documentary at the Sierra Leone 2021 National Film Awards – December 2021





Organized a roundtable on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence on the Theme "End Violence Against Women Now"







In Cameroon BLP organized a workshop on women and Social Equity as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence – December 06, 2021



Program # 4: BLP Mothers Club Familiarization Program (BLPMC) (2019 – on-going)

Focus: To continuously engage parents and caregivers of BLP beneficiaries to ensure they understand the long-term objectives of BLP's programs.

Location: Bombali & Western Rural Districts - Sierra Leonen

Objectives

• To build a support system in the communities in which BLPSL operates with the potential of transforming women and girls into serial entrepreneurs.

Activities:

Financial Literacy Clinics for Rural Women







BLP team preparing mothers and caregivers at Manor community on Basic Money Savings Skills – July 2021



Small business and entrepreneurship workshops are key for rural women
– Pate Bana Community in Sierra Leone – May 2021





Project # 5: Adolescent Youth Leadership & Mentorship Program (AYLMP) – (2021 – Ongoing)

Focus: Leadership and Mentorship for Adolescent Youth in Junior and Senior Secondary Schools ages 12-19.

STEM Education for Primary and Secondary School students with a focus on developing logical and critical thinking skills

Location: Bombali & Western Rural Districts - Sierra Leonen

Objectives

• To nurture and empower adolescent youths to become self-reliant and change agents in their communities.

Activities:

Workshops, Retreats, Public Speaking, Financial Literacy and entrepreneurship, Computer Literacy, STEM, Debate Clubs, Career orientation



A cross section of AYLMP beneficiries at Islamic Secondary School Waterloo – August 2021





BLP team at regular school drilling sessions on youth mentorship in Waterloo – April 2021



A cross section of AYLMP beneficiries at Islamic Secondary School Waterloo – August 2021





3- Partner Collaboration / Community Engagement:

Engagement with RODA and the Ministry of Social Welfare – March 2021 (below)



Engagement at Yali Sanda Community Junior Secondary School on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) – (below)







Visit of the BLP Executive Director to Sierra Leone (January 2021)



Resource Mobilization with BLP ED at Caritas Freetown, Save the Children, UNICEF, Rainbo Initiative, Child Fund, Purposeful



BLP team visit to Purposeful Sierra Leone – January 20, 2021 – Freetown Sierra Leone







BLP team visit to UNICEF Compound – January 22, 2021 – Freetown Sierra Leone

Training on Capacity Building on Community officers working on SGBV & FGM (Jan. 29, 2021



Engagement with other partners on child Protection and GBV organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare (February 3, 2021)





International Women's Day Celebration 2021 - (March 8, 2021)



BLP Senior Community outreach officer - on IWD 2021 Celebrations in Makeni



BLP organized a workshop on Women Digital Rights as part of IWD Celebrations on March 08, 2021- Makeni





SGBV monthly Coordination meeting in Bombali District organized by Restless Development (May 4, 2021)



Bombali monthly SGBV coordination Meeting – May 14, 2021 Sierra Leone

Commemoration of Day of the African Child – (June 18, 2021)





BLP on Day of the African Child - June 18, 2021 in Makeni Sierra Leone





Signed Memorandum of Understanding with Cameroon Opportunities Industrialization Centre (COIC) Buea (March, 2021)



BLP Cameroon team and COIC team after signing Historic MOU – March 2021 in Buea - Cameroon



Visit of BLP team at COIC in Buea January 2021 for partnership discussions for BP Beneficiaries





Meeting at the Delegation of Women Empowerment and the Family in Buea Cameroon (February, 2021)



At the southwest regional delegation of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROF)

– January 26, 2021

Meeting at Civitas Cameroon office in Yaounde - Cameroon - (March 02, 2021)



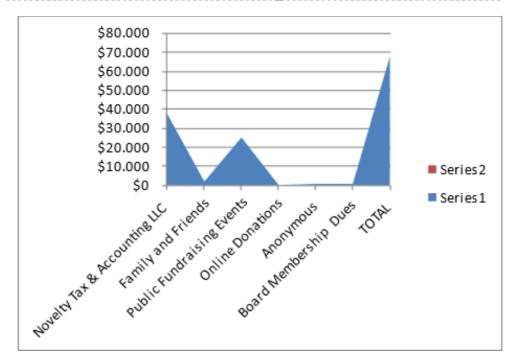
A joint meeting on Collaboration and partnership with Civitas Yaounde office – (March 2021)





4-Resource & Fiscal Management - Financials

	Bright Light Projects	
	Statement of Activities	
	Year Ended December 31, 2021	
	BLP 2021 Sources of Funding	
	Source	Amount
1	Novelty Tax & Accounting LLC	\$38.838
2	Family and Friends	\$2.122
3	Public Fundraising Events	\$25.031
4	Online Donations	\$322
5	Anonymous	\$604
6	Board Membership Dues	\$1.000
	TOTAL	\$67.917





5- Executive Leadership



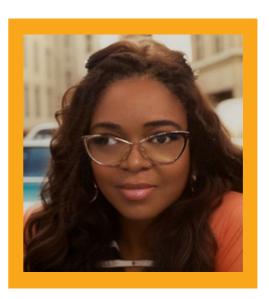
Dr Eric Tanifum
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Celestine Mumah
Community Development
Chair



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Vuyof Ngwo



6- Looking Forward

PRIORITY STRATEGIC GOALS FOR BLP FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2021 - 2026)

The membership of BLP has resolved to chart a new path and scale-up its programs to better serve its membership, beneficiaries and communities for better outcomes. In this regard, several consultations were held with the leadership and members of the Organization in the formulation of the Strategic Plan. In the process, Eight priority strategic goals were identified which will guide the work of BLP for five years effective 2021 -2026 in the United States, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Cameroon & Guinea Conakry:

1- Strengthen Overall Institutional Capacity Building and Adaptability

To enhance and strengthen structures that respond to the emerging needs of vulnerable populations especially young women and girls from a right-based development approach in Sierra Leone, Cameroon, and Nigeria & Guinea Conakry

2-Leadership and Socio-Economic Empowerment for Young Women and Girls and promote their Employability and Self-reliance through BLP's Girls Shall Rise Program

To support and empower young women and girls to be equal in becoming self-reliant in their communities. To improve on the participation of Gender Based Violence survivors in vocational skills training, adult literacy, and other educational programs.

3-Promotion and protection of the Rights and Dignity of Women and Girls at all levels especially through the BLP Adolescent Girls Leadership & Mentorship Program (AGLMP) in Sierra Leone & and Cameroon

Build capacity, advocate for monitor and report on Violence against Women and Girls at all levels through collaboration in line with Government policies, Child Protection and Early Childhood Development policies.

4- Women's Health & WASH Program

To support activities relating to women's Health and their overall wellness inclusive of their Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRHR) HIV/AIDS, & other health issues

5-Emergency response to Natural and Manmade Disasters including support for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees

To support and respond to natural and manmade disasters and set that pace and platform to play the best role in giving support during emergencies.

6- Expand and Strengthen BLP Mothers Club Program (BLPMC) - Sierra Leone

Economic Livelihood opportunities for Women in Rural Communities especially parents and caregivers of BLP beneficiaries.

7- Expand Mend the Gap Schooling Program for Vulnerable Ebola orphans and Survivors (MDG) - Sierra Leone & Guinea Conakry

In flight since 2017 with successful outcomes in the Western Area Rural & Bombali Districts in Sierra Leone





8- Youth and Employment, Youth and Education

BLP shall promote the provision of a wide range of vocational, flexible employment, opportunities, decent working conditions, and life skills which will in turn enable youths in Sierra Leone, Cameroon to find and maintain gainful employment and sustainable livelihood without any form of discrimination.

6-Donate & Volunteer

Please you can donate:

By mail: Bright Light Projects., 9950 Westpark

Dr, Suite 124, Houston, TX, 77063

Zelle/PayPal: info@brightlightprojects.org

Cashapp: \$BrightLightProjects

Volunteer and Help Make a Difference

Our Volunteer program offers quality standards that meet international volunteer regulations. Bright Light Projects uses the SMART platform principle in advocating and advancing our core Humanitarian agenda.

Please email us at info@brightlightprojects.org for volunteer opportunities





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