



Bright Light Projects

Graduation Ceremony

CLASS OF DECEMBER 2020

**BLP Girls Shall Rise (GSR)
Program**





Vision, Mission and Motto

Mission

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Motto

Rebuilding Broken Communities



BLP CORPORATE OVERVIEW

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Core Advocacy Areas

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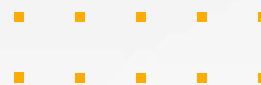
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BLP METHODOLOGY



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Problem Statement Validation





BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS

BLP PRESENTS GIRLS SHALL RISE PROGRAM GRADUATION



Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020



**Venue: Komra Training Centre
25 York Road, Waterloo, Sierra
Leone**



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



CLASS OF 2020 KOMRA TRAINING CENTER IN WATERLOO

- 1. GBASSAY SESAY**
- 2. MARIONETT PITHOL**
- 3. KADIATU KAMARA**
- 4. KADIATU KAMARA**



GBASSAY SESAY IMPACT STORY

Gbassay Sesay was a street drop out after she lost her Mother at the age of 16, she was got pregnant by an unknown man. She gave birth to a fatherless baby girl within the Waterloo community. A relative who had known her parents from the village before they died rescued her. She was just given somewhere to sleep with her young baby, which was a terrifying life for her that she cannot afford to eat well as a suckling mother before breastfeeding her baby. She lived such a miserable teenage motherhood life.

She later decided to be carrying her child to do street hawking to afford what she could take care of herself and kid, but rather it was not easy for her. She was identified by the Ministry of Social Welfare through Family support Unit where she went to seek for help and Support, as she wants to go back to school while she finds someone to help taking care of her child.

BLP came into contact with her through the line Ministry of Government MSW. She was vulnerably assessed and sent to Komra Training Centre to do Tailoring. Within one Year Six Months, Gbassay became one of the most improving trainees in the centre, she became outspoken through the communication Skills lessons and served as a motivational speaker among her colleagues within and outside the Training Centre. Gbassay graduated from the Training Centre in December 2020 with a sound certificate in Tailoring and can design every type of cloth and fashion.





MARIONETT PITHOL IMPACT STORY

Marionette Pithol is one of the Sexual and Gender Based Violence victims whose file was in the Family Support Unit Division in the Western Rural Area District. A man who promised to marry her at a tender age impregnated marionette. This pregnancy made her to drop out of school and decided to stay with the man who never legally wed her.

She faced a lot of maltreatments ranging from hunger, abandonment, treated with other girls by the man, battering until she gave birth to twins and the man abandoned her with the kids and moved to another district called Moyamba in Southern Sierra Leone from Western Area. Since the man left, he never contacted Marionette neither asked how the children are doing. Marionette was supported and taking care of by some family members for a period of time where they could no longer continue to do. She continued to face hard times struggling with her kids, driven from one place to another. She later reported her matter to the Family Support Unit. She was linked with the Ministry of Social Welfare to effect investigation for Child Support.

BLPSL on their Collaborative work discovered such a sad phenomenon. We carried out our assessment and later discover all what went through and had to find out from her that she wanted to be empowered. BLP sent her to Komra Training Institute in Waterloo Western Rural District. She trained on Home Management, Catering Services and Decoration. She graduated on December 2020. She is now empowered and can take care of her kids and support other relatives through the support given to her by BLP.





MABINTY ARUNA IMPACT STORIES

Mabinty Aruna has never been to School since she was born by poor peasant village farmers from the Southern Province of Sierra Leone. She was given to marriage at the age of Twelve (12) to a man older enough to be her father. Mabinty gave birth to four children before the age of 20 years. As young as she was, she was left with a burden to take care of these children through vegetable farming. Her husband can only do anually subsistence farming to support her, which was not enough to take care of her and the kids.

With such sufferings, she decided to move to Waterloo to carryout street trading on basic items, where she will make money to send for her kids feeding and welfare. Yet life was not easy for her at the same time struggling for where to sleep and who to stay with, which was not really easy for her.

Later then, she had no option than to be a sex worker, where she slept with men and make money to take care of herself. Life continued to be miserable for her as she found out that was not the best option than to come to BLP for support.

She had about BLP from a friend whom BLP is supporting that was also picked from the street. She shared her story with BLP and she was found worthy to be supported with a skill at the Komra Training Centre.

Mabinty patiently went through her tailoring and designed training for two years where she graduated with a certificate in that. She can now sew and design every type of clothe and can now earn her daily living. She has now rented an apartment on her own and she is trying to bring her kids to the city to send them to school and rebrand her life.





KADIATU KAMARA IMPACT STORY

Kadiatu Kamara was brought from the village to go school by a relative in town at a teenage. Her aunt deviated from the formal purpose she brought her to town to rather to engage her in street trading and petty business.

This totally frustrated the dream of the poor girls from her initial happy goal driven dream. With her daily life in the street trading, she was caught up by a boy and got her pregnant with a child. This made her aunt to send her away from home and decided to stay with the parent of the man.

She continued to face adverse treatment from her pregnancy period until she became a teenage mother. She continued to loose hope as a child and continued to sale in the streets of Waterloo, where she was caught up by one of the Community officers of BLP, to whom she explained her sad story to. She was picked with a proper background assessment and later made one of the potential beneficiary of BLP GSR Projects.

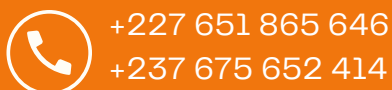
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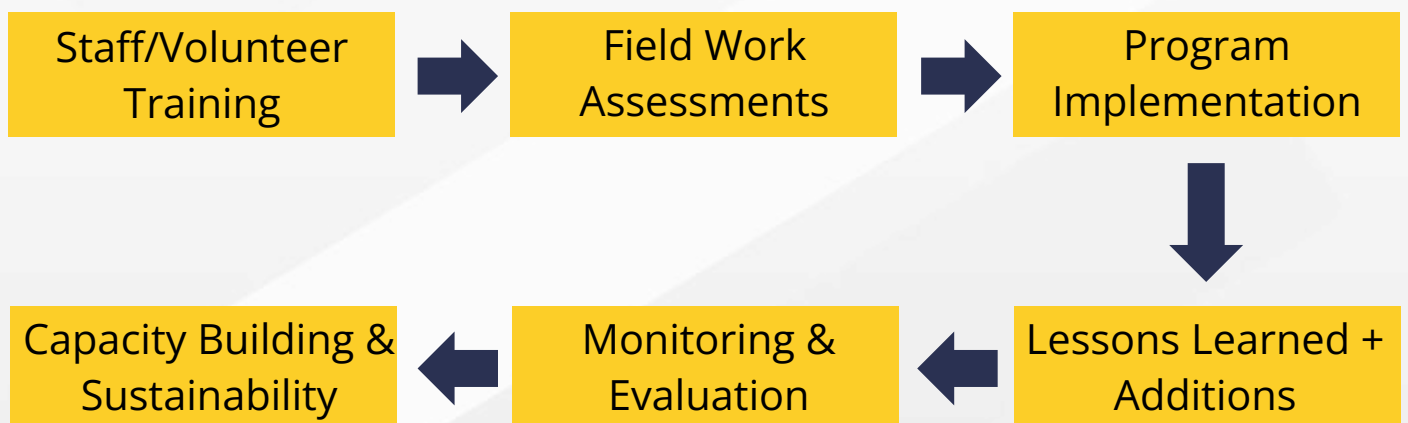


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Date: Friday, December 17, 2021



Venue: SLOIC in Makeni Sierra Leone



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



DEPARTMENT: HOTEL AND HOME MANAGEMENT

- 1. HAWA KEMOH MARAH**
- 2. SONITA SESAY**
- 3. MARIATU SESAY**
- 4. MARIATU TARAWALIE**
- 5. AMINATA KABIA**
- 6. ISATU KAMARA**



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

HAWA KEMOH MARAH

Hotel and Home Management

Hawa Kemoh Marah was a born native from Kabala town Koinadugu district a far extreme part in the northern part of Sierra Leone, the beneficiary was then staying with her aged vulnerable parent who were struggling in terms of taking care of her food and schooling affairs as their source of livelihood was farming.

The beneficiary having taken her higher secondary examination with no support and faith to further her education, the beneficiary at that tender age became the bread winner of her parent, Hawa being facing such challenge as a young lady who supposed to be taking care of she decided to make a move from her family in kabala then move to Makeni in Bombali district seeking for better opportunities to continue her school which was a challenging moment for her living into a new land of having no friend, neither family member.

The beneficiary only best option after several attempt of seeking for help after many request failed, the beneficiary only best option was to engage in commercial sex work just to sustain for her daily living/survival.

Through the GIRL SHALL RISE PROJECT assessment in Bombali, Hawa fortunate to become a beneficiary of Bright Light Projects, as she was enrolled to pursue a vocational skill training career course at the Sierra Leone opportunist's industrialization center (SLOIC) under the home management department.

Hawa Kemoh Marah as a beneficiary under the Bright Light Projects Girls Shall Rise program is now a well-trained, qualify and certified guardant, from the Sierra Leone opportunist's industrialization center (SLOIC) since December 10th 2021.



Hawa Marah a sex worker, now a trained and certified graduate in hotel and home management



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

SONITA SESAY

Hotel and Home Management

Sonita Sesay is an Ebola who lost her both parents during the Ebola epidemic since 2014, at a time when she was at lower secondary school, which the loss of her both parent resulted her to become a drop out, since then she was having no immediate family member to take up her responsibility except her vulnerable partially blind and aged grandmother who serve as her caregiver.



The beneficiary and her grandmother who were staying together at station Road in the municipality of Makeni with their only way of survival was selling coal for their survival.

The beneficiary having gone this of having no good parent to monitor or provide her needs which she fined her only option was to join the street through peer group influence to engage into commercial sex working just to meet her needs.

Through the support of Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone under the **GIRL SHALL RISE** (GSR) with the aim of providing vocational skills training to victim of sexual abuse (commercial sex workers) she then fortunate to become one of the beneficiaries assessed.

Sonata as a young lady was enrolled for vocational skill training at the Sierra Leone opportunist's industrialization center (SLOIC) under the home management department where she was well train and certified upon graduation,



Sonita Sesay from commercial sex worker now a graduate as a train and qualify in hotel and home management



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

MARIATU SESAY

Hotel and Home Management

Mariatu Sesay is one of the beneficiaries assessed under the Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone **Girls Shall Rise (GSR)**, based on our vulnerability assessment the beneficiary was staying with her grandparents as a result of both her biological parent were separation at her very early age, since then the beneficiary never came across any of her biological parent, as they have be said to an unknown location.



Mariatu Sesay upon staying with her grandparent was fortunate to be enrolled for primary school with the support of her grandparents, unfortunately for the beneficiary, during her early junior secondary school, she was abused by an unknown perpetrator in which she became pregnant at a very early age of 15 years, since then, the beneficiary couldn't able to continue her education but to became a drop out with her best option to join the street and became a commercial sex worker which she see as a means of survival and the child.

Fortunately for Mariatu Sesay, through the support of the Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone, she became one of the beneficiaries assed under the **Girls Shall Rise Project**, (GSR) where she was enrolled for vocational skill training at the Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Center (SLOIC) under the home management department.

With the help and support of the Bright Light Projects which also include counseling, follow up monitoring both home and school, practical's and transportation support, she was able to graduate as a trained and qualified in hotel and home management as graduated at the Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Center (SLOIC) vocational campus



Mariatu Sesay as a graduate in hotel and home management
10th December, 2021.



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MARIATU TARAWALIE

Hotel and Home Management

Mariatu Tarawalie came from a rural setting known as pate Bana community in the Bombali Shebora chiefdom, Bombali district northern Sierra Leone. Mariatu Tarawalie is said to ever come across her biological parent as adopted by a relative who was serving as her caregiver whom she knew as her aunty, wherein later Mariatu decide to leave on her own and started a petty trading business.



Mariatu before she encounter with the Bright Light Projects, she was a school dropout and unsuccessful business owner and a commercial sex worker. The beneficiary having gone through she became pregnant by a perpetrator who never show up and has been on the run since.

lucky for the beneficiary, through the Bright Light projects, vulnerability assessment, under the GSR project, she was assed as a commercial sex worker and became a bright light projects beneficiary and one of the enrolled beneficiaries for a vocational skill training under the tailoring department at the sierra Leone opportunities industrialization center (SLOIC) with also the support of counseling, monitoring, lunch and transportation. The beneficiary through the support of the organization has completed her training as a trained and certified hotel and home management qualification as she graduated since December 10th 2021.



Mariatu Tarawalie a commercial sex worker nor a graduate in hotel and home management.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

AMINATA KABIA

Hotel and Home Management

Aminata Kabia is a native born and raised in the central of Makeni who lost her father at a very early age, the beneficiary since then staying with her single parent mother who was taking care of her needs.



Aminata Kabia was attending school where she attained up to up to higher secondary school, due to the little or no support from her single parent mother and family members, she faces difficulty to continue her school, Aminata Kabia during that process, she was abused at her ages of fifteen (15) years, she got pregnant and currently with two children.

With the support of the Bright Light Projects (BLP), the beneficiary was fortunate to be assessed under the Bright Light Projects **Girls Shall Rise** vulnerability assessment as she is one of the vulnerable sex worker captured as a commercial sex worker.

After the vulnerability assessment, the beneficiary was enrolled for vocational skill training at the Sierra Leone opportunity industrialization center (SLOIC) under the home management department the beneficiary also help with other support such as counseling, monitoring, and sometimes help with lunch and transportation, with these support, the beneficiary was successfully able to go through her training and graduated in hotel and home management since December 10th 2021.



Aminata Kabia a commercial sex worker now a change agent and an impact creator in the community



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

ISATU KAMARA

Hotel and Home Management

Isatu Kamara as a young lady who was staying with her father together with her step mother, Isatu Kamara mother is said to stay at the village as a result of separation, Isatu being staying with her father was attending school up to lower secondary school until and unless when she come to encounter numerous challenges of hard Labour from her step mother which make the beneficiary not regular in school and feels uncomfortable to staying with her step mother.



Isatu Kamara not withstanding decided to stay far from her step mother and father and stay with friend which resulted her dropout, as the fact remain she cannot locate her biological mother. The beneficiary after became a drop out, she decided to engage in petty trading which became unsuccessful, unfortunately, through peer group influence, she join the street and became a commercial sex worker which they see as a easiest way of getting money.

Through the support of Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone, under the Girl Shall Rise empowerment program, she became a beneficiary under the said projects and was enrolled for vocational skill training at the sierra Leone opportunity industrialization center commonly known as (SLOIC) under the home management, the young lady through the support of Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone as well benefited counseling, transportation and practical's fees, etc.

The beneficiary Isatu Kamara under the Bright Light Projects support having gone through the course successfully, is now a trained certified graduate from the Sierra Leone opportunities industrialization center (SLOIC)



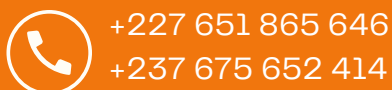
Isatu Kamara from the street to the class room, now a graduate in home management





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BLP Cameroon (BLPC)

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Vision and Mission

Vision

To promote and support BLP beneficiaries to become self-reliant and contribute positively to the development of their communities.

Mission

Implementing community-based projects through strategic partnerships to provide cost effective sustainable programs to urban and rural Communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States of America.





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 Sub- Saharan Africa in the domain of:

- **Skills Development (Vocational & Livelihood Support)**
 - **Gender-Equality and Social Inclusion**
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 - **Community Development**
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 - **Education (Formal & Informal)**
 - **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**
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BLP 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 product





**BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS
CAMEROON (BLPC)**

BLP PRESENTS GIRLS SHALL RISE PROGRAM GRADUATION IN CAMEROON - BAMENDA



Date: Saturday February 25, 2023



**Venue: At Blue Pearl Hotel – S.
Bend Mile 3 Nkwen BP5112, N 11,
Bamenda, Cameroon**



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**RSVP: Charles Lontum – 077 69 46 21
Conrad Fonye – 076 19 82 18 | Ngwa
Praczil – 0654 440 574**



Bright Light Projects
Cameron (BLPC)

Tailoring and Fashion Design (Traditional Toghu Designs) from Velma Vocational Institute

- 1. Njah Colette Ache**
- 2. Fonyuy Balkatou Leinyuy**
- 3. Magdalene Berinyuy**
- 4. Sherililine Nyuysene**
- 5. Wainyu Jusentha Ndim**
- 6. Mbu Lovett**



Bright Light Projects
Cameron (BLPC)

Décor (Event Planning and Management) **from God's Grace Décor**

- 7. Wiba Mirabelle**
- 8. Yumdji Miranda**
- 9. Sama Susan Acha**
- 10. Kelnyuy Matilda**



Bright Light Projects
Cameron (BLPC)

Hair Dressing (Pedicure and Manicure) **from Sister Yvette Salon**

- 11. Manlo Linda**
- 12. Sandra Yadge**
- 13. Nkweta Miriam**
- 14. Vezurfambom Hilda**



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



NJAH COLETTE ACHE **TAILORING AND FASHION DESIGN** **(TRADITIONAL TOGHU DESIGNS)**

She hails from Menkas in Wum. Born on the 24 of December, 1996, she had to be displaced from Wum. The mother is presently in Wum but the father is of late. She is a holder of Advanced Level certificate. After the advanced level she did some studies in animal production at the veterinary center Bamenda.

She relocated because of the constant aggression by non-state arm fighters in the farms many times in the village. With the constant threats she had to relocate for safety. Their home was nearly burnt down by the military but for God's timely intervention. She was then displaced and has been under the care of a helper who hails from Kom. With very minimal to survive Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the mentorship of Miss Nabeh Velma where she has been able to acquire skills in traditional embroidery



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FONYUY BALKATOU LEINYUY

TAILORING AND FASHION DESIGN (TRADITIONAL TOGHU DESIGNS)

She comes from Vekovi in Jakiri Sub Division of Bui Division. She was born on the 3rd of February, 2002. She completed primary 6 and due to the crisis their home was burnt down in a fight between the military and the non-state arm fighters. Being a victim of harassment time and again she was taken to the bush by the non- state arm fighters and the parent had to pay ransom for her release.

This forced her to relocate to live with the sister who was just a housewife and who could barely support her for accommodation. She was identified by BLPC and assigned to Miss Nabeh Velma to learn embroidery. She has proven to be very good and also fast in acquiring the skills.



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MAGDALENE BERINYUY **TAILORING AND FASHION DESIGN** **(TRADITIONAL TOGHU DESIGNS)**



She was born on the 10 of September 2005 at Mbah in kumbo and left school in form 2 at St Sylvester's college sob, in Bui Division. The mother abandoned her when she was still a kid and she had to leave with the grandmother. She had to escape when the family house of the grandmother was seized by the non-state arm group fighters. Accused by the non- state fighters that they were traitors because the uncle works in collaboration with the Fon of Nso the home of the grandmother was taken over.

She then left for Mbo-Nso to meet the father who does farming in the area. She was there for a year and then late was sent to live with the aunt in Bamenda. The aunt who is married and have children as well couldn't afford to send her to school. She lives with seven other occupants of the house in Bamenda. With the coming of Bright Light Projects which she got to know through the aunt, she was identified and one who was in need both materially and psychologically. She showed interest of learning a trade and was assigned to Miss Nabeh Velma to learn traditional embroider



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SHERILILINE NYUYSENE **TAILORING AND FASHION DESIGN** **(TRADITIONAL TOGHU DESIGNS)**

She was born some 18 years ago at Kovifem – Nso , Nkum Sub Division. Due to the crisis in the North and South West regions and the call for school boycott she was forced to leave the village. She was at CETIC Kovifem in form 2. She dropped from school and displaced herself to Bamenda to live with the uncle in search of education. The uncle who could not afford to send her to school asked her to go to an evening school.

She then went to One God Evening School at Below Foncha which has also been a dangerous area for the crisis. When she got to know about the opportunity that Bright Light project Cameroon was offering. She was assigned to the Tailoring and Fashion Design under the mentorship of Miss Velma. She has been facing lots of challenges and psychological difficulties, this account for her slow pace in picking up the trade. She still needs some time to round her training.



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WIBA MIRABELLE

DÉCOR (EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT)

Mirabelle hails from Nseh in NKum Sub Division in Bui division. She was born on the 14 of September 1997. She was schooling at Government Technical College Nseh at was in form 4 when the crisis brook out and there was no school again in the village. In the course of the crisis she lost both parents however, not because of the crisis. Because of her search for education she found herself in Bamenda town.

She has been living with the sister who is just also managing to make ends meet. When she came in contact with bright Light Project Cameroon, she was given two options either to go to school or learn a trade, she took the later and was assigned to Madam Lowe Solange to do Deco, at God's Grace Deco. She has been there for one year and has proven to be a very hard working and reliable girl. She is capable of many possibilities.



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YUMDJI MIRANDA

DÉCOR (EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT)

Born on the 1st of January 1997 at Jikijem in Oku. Victim of harassment both from the military and non-state fighters, Miranda comes from Oku that has witnessed a lot of fierce battles due to the crisis rocking Anglophone Cameroon.

She stopped school because of lack of funds and had to engage into some petty trade but was forced to displace herself from the village. She was assigned to God's Grace Deco under the mentorship of Madam Lowe Solange where she has been there for a year. The BLPC team can testify that she has been of good behavior and has been assiduous in her training.



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SAMA SUSAN ACHO

DÉCOR (EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT)

Sama Susan was born on the 29th of April , 1994 at Guzang in Batibo, Batibo Sub Division. Batibo was and is one the first community to be affected by the ongoing Anglophone crisis in Cameroon. Sama Susan holds a B.SC in Agriculture from the University of Bamenda. While at Guzang, during a military raid she was assaulted and violated by the Cameroon Military. She was locked up in a military cell and within the period she was violated and she got pregnant and later escaped from Batibo.

She put to birth and has been living with the child for 2 years before coming into contact with Bright Light project Cameroon. She was engaged at God's Grace Deco, under the mentorship of Madam Lowe Solange. She has successfully gone through her training and graduating today is giving her wings to fly and to cater for the broken communities and to act like an ambassador of peace and forgiveness despite the internal scars that may never be taken away.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



KELNYUY MATILDA

DÉCOR (EVENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT)

She hails from Nseh and was born some 18 years ago in Nkum Sub Division, in Bui Division. She completed her primary school at CBC Nseh. Due to the crisis she stopped going to school and under the care of one parent she needed to search for a better life.

She found herself in town where life was more hash and difficult. She came across BLPC and after being identified as being vulnerable she was handed to Madam Lowe Solange where she has equipped herself with all skills required to carry out decoration.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

MANLO LINDA

HAIR DRESSING (PEDICURE AND MANICURE)



She was born on the 1st of June 2003 at Babanki Ki Ntungoh. While in form one at GHS Ntimunchwi. She was the lone child of the family. The mother was killed by the non-state fighters and she had to escape when the father started forcing her to get married.

She had to run away and tracked from Babanki to Bamenda through the bushes. She lives with the aunt and eight other occupants in the same house. When she was identified by BLPC, she expressed her desire to engage in hair dressing. She was then admitted by Madam Nfor Yvette where she has also learned manicure and pedicure



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

SANDRA YADJE

HAIR DRESSING (PEDICURE AND MANICURE)



Sandra hails from Ndu in Donga Mantum Division. Born on the 12 of September 2005 she stopped school in form 5 at GBHS Ndu due to the crisis. Having only the mother, life became very unfriendly when she had to stop school.

Couple with the harassment from military and non-state armed groups she escaped to Bamenda with the mother who has engaged in the selling of local liquor (sha) to be able to take care of seven children. When she was told about Bright Light Projects, she approached them for help which was granted by sending her to Madam Nfor Yvette to build her capacity through hair dressing and other beauty related issues.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

NKWETA MIRIAM

HAIR DRESSING (PEDICURE AND MANICURE)



Born on the 10th November 2003, she hails from Lebialem in the South West Region of Cameroon. She left school in form 3 at GSS Agong in Bamubu to be precise. Both parents are alive but in the village. Due to the constant aggression from the Non-state arm fighters during farm work life became unbearable.

The constant fighting between the non-state fighters and the military became very dangerous. The home was burnt down by the military and she had to relocate to live with the aunt in Bamenda (Ntahsin). Presently seven of them are living in the same home. After registration into Bright Light Projects she was assigned to Madam Nfor Yvette to learn hair dressing and she has been there for the past one year.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



VEZURFAMBOM HILDA

HAIR DRESSING (PEDICURE AND MANICURE)

Born in Babanki some 23 years ago. After completion of the primary school she stayed in the village for lack of means. Due to the crisis she was forced to relocate to town after being violated several times in the village by the non-state arm group. While in town she was forced to engage into some activities to earn a living.

Coming in contact with the Bright Light Team that introduced the intention to help her maintain her dignity was not an easy task. However, with time she was able to show interest and was entrusted to the care and mentorship of Madam Nfor Yvette where she has been able to learn hair dressing manicure, pedicure and make up, thanks to Bright Light Projects Cameroon.



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BLP CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Bright Lights Projects (BLP) is a 501© (3) Public Charity Non-Profit Organization. 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 has operations in Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Guinea Conakry. In 2021, BLP was granted Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Vision

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

Mission

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

Mission

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**
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**All graduating students are part of
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**Bright Light Projects
Cameron (BLPC)**

BLP Class of December 2023 Graduating Students

**From Cameroon Opportunities
Industrialization Centre –
(OIC) Buea**

- 1. Ngale Elizabeth**
- 2. Mildred Awangyia**
- 3. Mbia Emilienne**
- 4. Josephine Mbong Chienku**
- 5. Mebonde Asend Henrietta**
- 6. Fike Christina Mojoko**
- 7. Nelly Ophilia Eromba Ndoh**



From Royalty World (Mile 16 Bolifamba – Buea)

- 1. Yongbang Veronica**
- 2. Andoh Ruth Abajong**
- 3. Njah Olivia Ngwaka**
- 4. Mformi Velma**
- 5. Faithfulness Ngie**
- 6. Puma Bera**
- 7. Anya Tokam Cynthia**
- 8. Njong Sophia Engwari**



**Bright Light Projects
Cameron (BLPC)**

From Bendi Designing Home (Cow Street Nkwen – Bamenda)

- 1. Leku Miranda**
- 2. Anette Ndzesinyuy**
- 3. Caroline Vuwesi**
- 4. Fonka Rianatou**
- 5. Emanga Glory**



Graduating from OIC Buea:

NGALA ELIZABETH

Department: Hotel Catering and Management



Elizabeth hails from Bwitiva, Buea sub-Division, Fako Division, the South west region of Cameroon. Born on the 2/4/2002. She is presently living with her parents in Bwitiva village in Buea sub division. She is a holder of First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she stayed at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the fact that the parents are dependent on agriculture for survival which was also hampered by the armed conflict and the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/ knowledge in Hotel Catering and Management.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

MILDRED AWAIGYIA

**Department: Hotel Catering
and Management**



Mildred hails from Bwassa village, Buea sub-Division, Fako Division, South west region of Cameroon.

Born on the 14/10/1998. She is presently living with her parents in Bwitiva village in Buea sub division. She is a holder of an Advanced Level certificate.

After her Advanced Level certificate, she was forced to stay at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycotts.

With very little to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the fact that the parents are dependent on agriculture for survival which was also hampered by the armed conflict and the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire knowledge and skills in Hotel Catering and Management.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

MBIA EMILIENNE

Department: Hotel Catering and Management

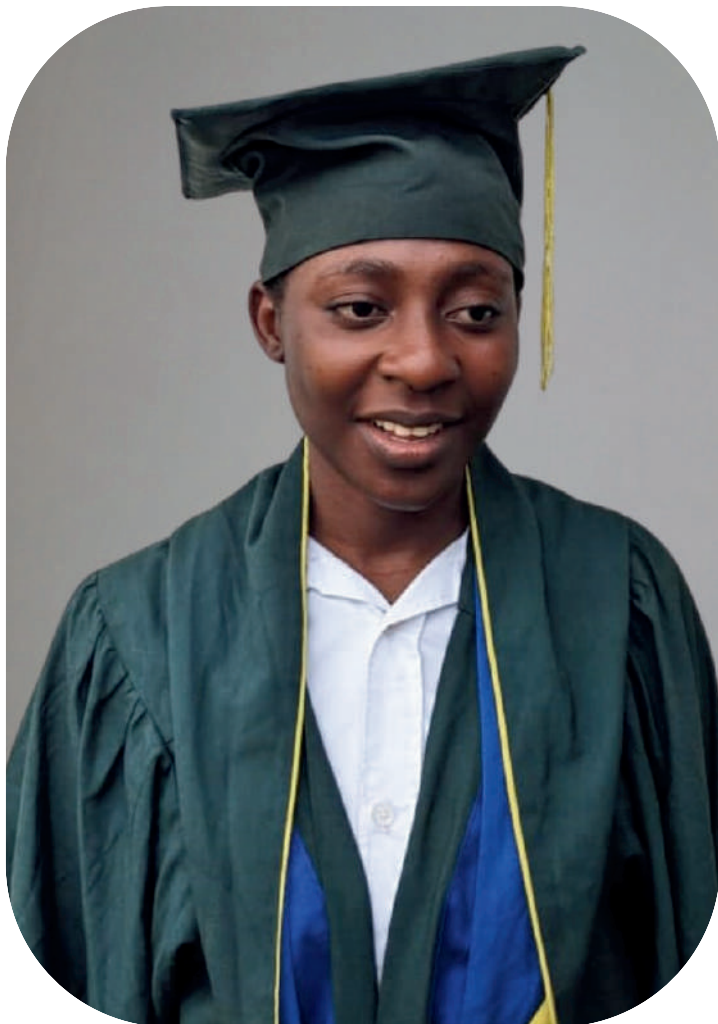


Emiliene is from Ekondo Titi village, Ekondo Titi sub-Division, Ndian Division, South west region of Cameroon. Born on the 06/06/1996. She is presently living with her mother in Bunduma village in Buea sub-division. She is a holder of Advanced Level certificate. After her Advanced Level certificate, she could not continue her studies due to lack of finances and as such was assisting her mother in selling food. With the outbreak of the armed conflict which led to school boycott, the business collapsed making life very difficult for them. With very minimal to survive due to the armed conflict coupled with the fact that the father who was a civil servant abandoned them after his retirement and couple with the covid-19 pandemic which led to a total shutdown of activities in the country, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/ knowledge in Hotel Catering and Management.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

JOSEPHINE MBONG CHIENKU **Department: Hotel Catering and Management**



Josephine hails from Koshin village, Aba sub-Division, Menchum Division, North West Region of Cameroon. Born on the 17/08/2005. She is presently living with her parents in Bokwango village in Buea sub division. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she was forced to stay at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis coupled with the fact that the parents are dependent on agriculture and as such can survive aggravated by the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/ knowledge in Hotel Catering and Management.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

FIKE CHRISTINA MOJOKO

Department: Hotel Catering and Management



Henrietta hails from Ejagam village, Mamfe sub-Division, Manyu Division, South West Region of Cameroon. Born on the 12/05/1999. She is presently leaving with her parents in Muyuka village in Muyuka sub division. She is a holder of First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she stayed at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and couple with the fact that the parents who are dependent on agriculture and basically trying to survive aggravated by the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/knowledge in Hotel Catering and Management.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

MEBONDE ASENS HENRIETTA

**Department: Welding and
Metal Fabrication**



Christina is from Bwassa village, Buea sub-Division, Fako Division, South west region of Cameroon. Born on the 12/10/1993. She is presently living with her grandmother in Bwassa village in Buea sub division. She is a holder of Advanced Level certificate. After her Advanced Level certificate, she stayed at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and the fact that her parents are of late, her grandmother is even dependent on her for survival, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/ knowledge in Welding and Metal Fabrication.



Graduating from OIC Buea:

NELLY OPHILIA EROMBA NDOH

Department: Hotel Catering and Management



Nelly is from Bekora village, Ekondo Titi sub-Division, Ndian Division, Southwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 1/8/2003. She is presently leaving street two in Buea sub division. She is a holder of an Advanced Level certificate. After her Advanced Level certificate, she had to stay at home due to lack of finances to continues her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and couple with the fact that the parents are deceased. Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of OIC Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills/ knowledge in Hotel Catering and Management.



YONGBANG VERONICA

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Veronica hails from Njinikom community, Njinikom sub-Division, Boyo Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 4/5/2003. She is presently living with her junior sister, under the care of her brother mile 16, Buea sub division. She is a holder of First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she was forced to leave her village in Njinikom and relocate to Buea as a result of the armed conflict in the northwest and southwest regions of Cameroon, where she was forced to stay at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies aggravated by the school boycott. With very little to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the fact that her parents are of late and the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bag, shoes, pad and dress making)



Graduating from ROYALTY WORLD Mile 16 Bolifamba - Buea

ANDOH RUTH ABAJONG

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Ruth hails from Bamigie village, Ngie sub-Division, Nguketunge Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 29/8/2005. She is presently living with her father (who is dependent on farming for a living) in mile 16, Buea sub division. She is a holder of First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she was forced to stay at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very little to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bags, shoes, pads, and dress making)



NJAH OLIVIA NGWAKA

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Olivia hails from Mbua village, Nguti sub-Division, Kupe-maneguba Division, Southwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 3/12/2004. She is presently living with her uncle (who is a builder) in mile 16, Buea sub division. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate in Mbua village, she was forced to relocate to Buea due to the armed conflict in the northwest and southwest region of Cameroon. In Buea, she was forced to stay at home due to lack of finances to continue her studies and also the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bags, shoes, pads, and dress making)



MFOMI VELMA

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Velma hails from Nkot village, Nwa sub-Division, Ndonga-Mantung Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 07 of July 2002, she was displaced from Nkot village to Buea. She is presently leaving with her 2-year-old daughter (with very little to survive) at mile 16, Buea sub division. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she was forced to stay at home due to a lack of finances to continue her studies and was later forced to relocate to Buea due to the armed conflict which led to school boycott. With very minimal to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the covid-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bag, shoes, pads, and dress making) Her daughter was also placed at the Royalty World daycare by BLP to enable her to carry on the training successfully.



FAITHFULNESS NGIE

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Faithfulness hails from Mbe village in Santa sub-Division, Mesam Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 8/6/2004, she was displaced from Mbe village to Buea. She is presently living with her mother (who is a farmer) at mile 16, Buea sub division. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate, she was forced to stay at home due to a lack of finances to continue her studies and was later forced to relocate to Buea due to the armed conflict which led to a school boycott. With very little to survive due to the crisis and coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bag, shoes, pad, and dress making)



PUMA BERA

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Bera hails from Bali Gashu village, Bali Kumbat sub-Division, Ngoketungia Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 23/11/1999. She is presently living with her two children in mile 16, Buea subdivision. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate in Bali Gashu village, she had no funds to continue her education. She was later forced to relocate to Buea due to the armed conflict in the northwest and southwest regions of Cameroon. In Buea, she had nothing to do due to a lack of skill training and so had to stay at home, especially with the school boycott. With basically no means of survival coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in TAILORING (Bag, shoes, pad, and dress making)



ANYA TOKAM CYNTHIA

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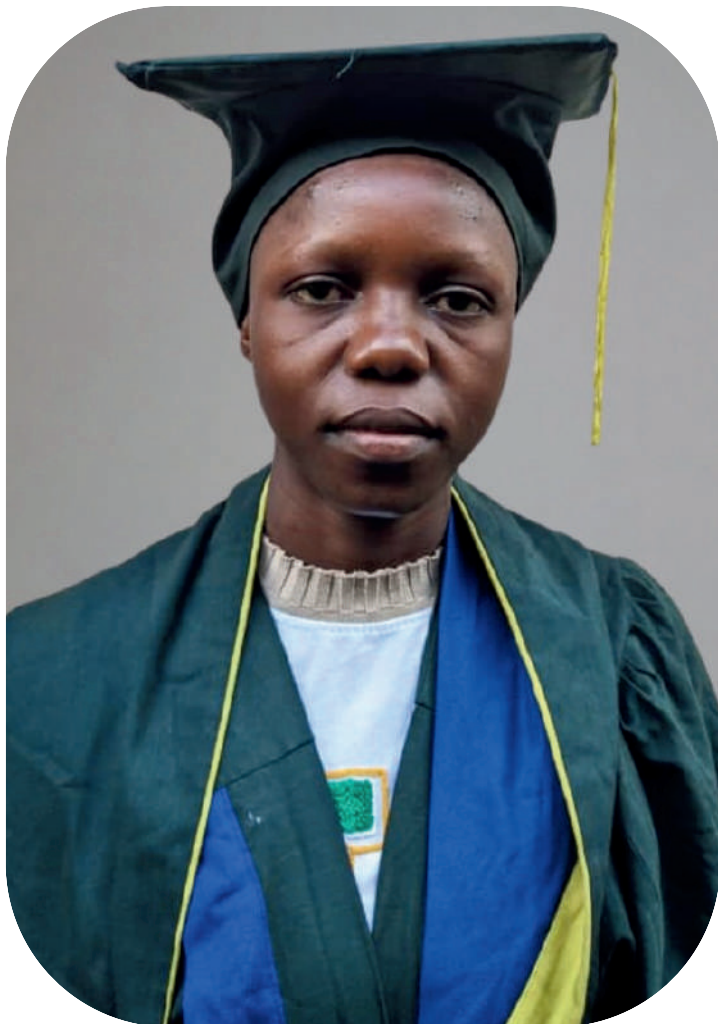


Cynthia is from Bajoun village, sub-Division, Division, West Region of Cameroon. Born on the 9/3/1999. She is presently living with her two-year-old son in mile 16, Buea subdivision. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate in Muea village, she was doing a petty business to raise funds and learn a trade. Due to the armed conflict in the northwest and southwest regions of Cameroon and the COVID-19 pandemic, she was forced to stay at home doing nothing. In Buea, she intended to learn a skill but due to a lack of finances to continue her sponsor herself and couple with the armed conflict led to school boycotts which was aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring (Bags, shoes, pads, and dress making)



NJONG SOPHIA ENGWARI

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design- (Bags, shoes, Pads and Dress Making)



Sophia is from Meta village, Njigwa sub-Division, Momo Division, Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 12/7/2000. She is presently living with her mother in mile 16, Buea subdivision. She is a holder of a First School Leaving Certificate. After her First School Leaving Certificate in Tiko village, she relocated to Buea where she was hocking boiled groundnut. due to the armed conflict in the northwest and southwest region of Cameroon and the Covid-19 pandemic, she was forced to stay at home doing nothing. In Buea, she intended to learn a skill but due to a lack of finances to continue her sponsor herself and couple with the armed conflict led to school boycott which was aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under the training and mentorship of Royalty World Cameroon where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring (Bag, shoes, pads, and dress making)



LEKU MIRANDA

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design with Traditional Embroidery



Miranda was born in Bambubuh village in Lebialem some 21 years ago. She ended school in primary 6 at GS Bitchoua. After primary school, the hope of secondary school was taken away by the school boycott called by the separatists of the current Anglophone crisis. Being susceptible to the non-State Arm Groups in terms of GBV she escaped to Bamenda town to meet her grandmother and they have been living at Ndamukong. The parents are both alive and in the South West but she does not know the particular location. She came across Bright Light Projects during one of the outdoor activities. She was shortlisted and after close examination and observation, she was taken as a beneficiary of Bright Light Project. She was placed on the charge of Mrs Yongabi Bernice the proprietor of Bende Designing Home. She has been at Bendi Fashion Home for the past 12 months. She has proven to be very serious and assiduous



ENANGA GLORY

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design with Traditional Embroidery



Glory was born on the 6th of September 1994 at Awing at Awing, she was displaced from Buea where she was trying to make a living. She is a holder of Advanced level. She was constantly abused by the Military even though married. The husband a bike rider faced many challenges and his bike was seized by the Non- State Arm Group (Separatist). She had to relocate to Bamenda which at the time was better than her quarter in Buea. While in Bamenda got an almost abandoned house at Below Foncha for safety. Even though very vulnerable, she did not meet the criteria for selection into the Bright Light Projects GSR Program because of her age. Upon abandonment of the opportunity at Bende Designing Home by one of the beneficiaries, Enanga Glory then got a chance to replace the said beneficiary to learn tailoring and fashion designing. Being a mother of three and taking care of her home and siblings has been a great challenge to make her cope with learning a skill and family responsibility. Accessing the village and help has been very difficult for her and the family. However, she has been so appreciative of the opportunity given by Bright Light Projects Cameroon to learn a life-transforming skill.



CAROLINE VUWESI

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design with Traditional Embroidery



Caroline Vuwesi was born some 32 years ago. She hails from Babanki (Kijemkeko) which has been one of the villages seriously affected by the socio-political crisis. Married with 5 kids but her husband who joined the Non-State Arm Groups was killed leaving her a widow with numerous responsibilities. Highly vulnerable she was displaced from Babanki to Bamenda for safety. She had to travel through the bushes with the kids to be able to reach Bamenda. She also stayed with the kids in the bushes for some days. Faced with verbal abuse and stigma she is carrying the load of the family; it has been a difficult part of life for her and her kids. When she came into contact with Bright Light Projects staff, she was targeted as a highly vulnerable case and placed under Benda Designing Home for skill development in tailoring and fashion design. She has proven to be very serious but with the numerous health challenges left far from her training institution, she has not been very steady and regular. However, she is very reliable and committed in her training. It is the hope of Bright Light Projects that this skill will help her and the children to find meaning in life as well as economic sustainability.



Graduating From Bendi Designing Home - Bamenda

FONKA RIANATOU

Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design with Traditional Embroidery



She comes from Babessi in the Ngoketungia Division. Born on the 15th of August 1995, she schooled at GS Babessi and then later proceeded to GHS Kumbo where she abandoned school due to the crisis at Lower Sixth some 5 years ago. Both parents are alive and in the village at Babessi. While at Babessi she started doing some petit food business. She got a loan and bought the bike which was seized by the Non-State Arm Group and the boy who was riding the bike was killed by the military. She was taken to the camp of the non-state armed group and kept there for a week but was later released. the Non-State Arm Group forcefully used the road by their home and some informants indicated to the military. In a desperate search for the Non-State Arm Group the military carried out indiscriminate burning of houses and their home was burnt down. For fear of the unknown, she relocated to Bamenda where she started staying with her sister who later on relocated to another town. She had to survive by selling fruits to take care of herself, paying her rent in a one-room house, and also helping her siblings.

When she came into contact with Bright Light Projects, she was targeted but kept on standby because of a lack of funds. When another beneficiary abandoned training at Bende Designing Home, Rianatou got the chance to learn tailoring and fashion design. She has been very regular, serious, and duty-conscious. She has archived a lot within so short a time. Bright Light projects from monitoring reports and reports from the trainer indicate that she will be very successful if she gets assistance to open her own place or work with someone.



Graduating From Bendi Designing Home - Bamenda

ANETTE NDZESINYUY **Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design with Traditional Embroidery**



Anette was born at Kikaikom in Nso on the 28th of May 1996, after primary school at CS Kikaikom, she started learning a trade but the crisis brought everything to an end. She stopped school in 2016 and got engaged to a bike rider and they had 2 kids. She was physically tortured by the Non-State Arm group. For those who know Kikaikom has been one of the most hit areas by the crisis to date. She was on many occasions taken to their camp and physically molested. She had to seek refuge and went through the bushes from Kikaikom before finally reaching Bamenda where she started learning tailoring but for lack of money, she could not continue. With the husband, she traveled for more than 50 kilometers on foot through the bushes until she got to Jakiri where she and the family were assisted by someone on the bike to Ndop. She and her husband had to carry Six children along. To date, they are in Bamenda but cannot ascertain how they got to Bamenda. Life has been tough and she has been on a small fish business, working farms to care for the family. When she came in contact with Bright Light Projects Cameroon, she was shortlisted but there was no chance and funding to cater for her. The opportunity came when one of the beneficiaries abandoned training and she had to take over the training. She is currently finishing her training at Bendi Designing Home and stands a better chance of working with the empowerment center because of her proximity and availability.



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GIRLS SHALL RISE Program

**Women Empowerment and the
Family Centre (WEFC) - Buea**

Vision, Mission and Motto

Vision

"To implement sustainable, community-driven initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa and the United States of America by building partnerships with local organizations, governments, and stakeholders, ensuring inclusive growth and shared prosperity for all"

Mission

" To empower individuals and communities by fostering a future where beneficiaries become self-reliant leaders, contributing positively to their communities, creating lasting impact, and driving meaningful change in their environment."

Vision

Rebuilding Broken Communities



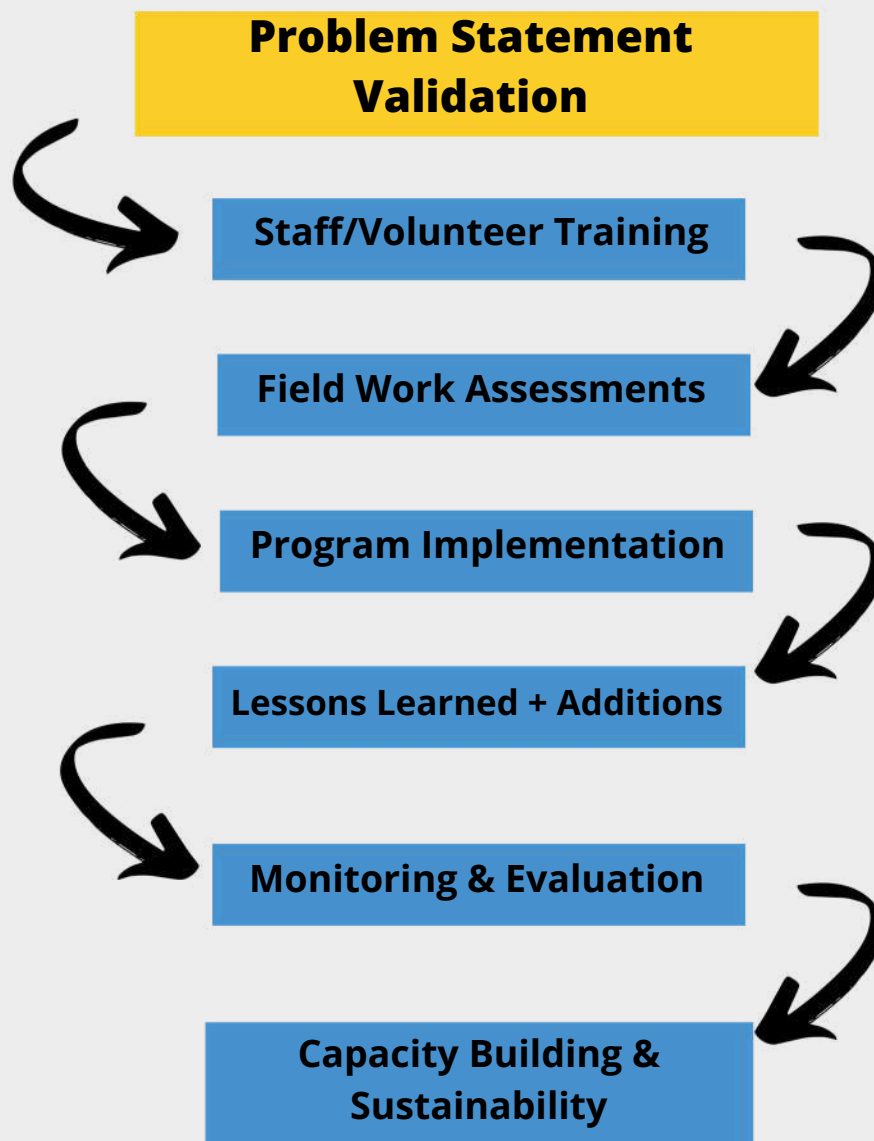
Core Advocacy Areas

BLP supports and conducts non-partisan initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and African Union's Agenda 2063 in the following domains: Skills Development (Vocational & Livelihood Support)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender Equality and Social Inclusion• Human Rights (Disabilities, Women, Children & Youth)• Refugee & Internally Displaced Persons Support (IDPs)• Environmental Sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prison Inmate Reintegration• Education (Formal & Informal)• STEM Education• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) |
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BLP PRESENTS GIRLS SHALL RISE PROGRAM GRADUATION



Date: Thursday December 12, 2024



**Venue: At THE WOMENS
EMPOWERMENT CENTRE BUEA,**



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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- 1. ETA RITA NSO**
- 2. TEZOCK NOELA TEKWECK**
- 3. LAKISSE CLAUDETTE**

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

- 1. SWIRRI CLEMENTINE NJI**
- 2. TEKE PRESCILIA WACHOR**
- 3. OBASI JACQUCELINE AJE**
- 4. TITATA CHALLENGE NAFENKI**
- 5. TABOT LAURETTA MANYOR**
- 6. AKWA NINEL ANGUM**

Computer

- 1. MANDE FONGANG BRITNEY**
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INDIVIDUAL STORIES



ETA RITA NSO

Hotel Catering and Management

Rita hails from Manyu Division in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 18th of August 1996 in Mamfe. She attended Nchang College and dropped out in form 4 due to financial challenges. She relocated to Buea after the outbreak of the Anglophone crisis with her daughter.

In Buea, life became very difficult for her given that she was a new environment she wasn't verse with due to this difficult, Rita was willing and determine to empower herself that is when she heard about the program at women's empowerment Centre offered by Bright Light Projects to empower vulnerable young girls. She decided to cease the opportunity to empower herself and after the need assessment by the BLP team in Buea, she was registered and enrolled at the WEFC Buea by BLP. After undergoing the training, she has made herself a seasoned chef and hotel manager and now works with one reputable restaurant in Buea.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



SWIRRI CLEMENTINE NJI **Tailoring and Fashion Designing**

Clementine is from Mankon, in Mezam Division in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 10th of December 2002 and had her First School Leaving certificate in Fako Division in the South West Region of Cameroon precisely in Mutengene.

Due to financial limitation, she could not continue school after she finished primary school as a result; she stayed at home doing nothing. She thus came in contact with BLP during one of its routine community need assessment program and Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under training and Mentorship in the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea where she has been able to acquire skill in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned designer





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



TEKE PRESCILIA WACHOR **Tailoring and Fashion Designing**

Prescilia hails from Bwossa village in Buea sub-division, Fako Division, and the southwest region of Cameroon. She was born on the 29th of December 2003 in Muea. She had her First School Leaving Certificate in Bwossa and didn't continue because of financial challenges. She lives with her parents and five other siblings. Life was relatively very difficult for her and her family.

She then learned about the program at Women's Empowerment and Family Centre Buea offered by BLP and decided to empower herself to empower her family. Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under training and Mentorship in the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned designer.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



OBASI JACQUELINE AJE **Tailoring and Fashion Designing**

Jacqueline comes from Manyu Division in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born in March 2004. She finished primary school and started her secondary school education but was forced to drop out in form due to limited finances aggravated by the Anglophone armed conflict. She later moved to Buea to live with her aunt and help her with her five children.

During one of the BLP routine need assessment programs, she was informed about the empowerment program at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre Buea offered by BLP, in which she was very interested and registered for the program. She then told her aunty, who approved that she be part of the course. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then placed her under training and Mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned designer



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

TEZOCK NOELA TEKWECK

Hotel Catering and Hotel Management Unit



Noela is from Batibo, in the northwest region of Cameroon. She was born on the 26th of December 2001 in Batibo. She started school in Kumba and went to upper sixth, where she wrote advanced level twice but failed. Her parents could no longer afford her school fees, so she relocated to Buea alongside her elder sister, who shelters and takes care of her.

She had always wanted to learn a trade, but the sister could not afford her training. The opportunity came when BLP, during one of its routine need assessment programs, where was informed about the empowerment program at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea offered by BLP, which she was very interested in and registered for the program. She then told her aunty, who approved that she be part of the course. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then placed her under training and Mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned chef and hotel manager





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TITATA CHALLENGE NAFENKI **Tailoring and Fashion Designing Unit**



Challenge is from Ngoketunjia Division in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 26th of November 2001 in Babungo. She attended GHS Babungo from Form 1 to Form 5 but stopped because of the Anglophone armed conflict. After some years of idleness in the village, she decided to move to Buea to continue her education but faced challenges due to lack of finances and did not continue school. She has been living in Buea with her aunt and uncle with their two children.

Throughout her stay in Buea, she was not doing anything till she came in contact with BLP during one of its routine need assessment programs, where she was informed about the empowerment program at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea offered by BLP, which she was very interested and registered for the program. She then told her aunty, who approved that she be part of the course. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she acquired tailoring and fashion designing skills and became a seasoned designer





INDIVIDUAL STORIES

TABOT LAURETTA MANYOR **Tailoring and Fashion Designing Unit**



Lauretta hails from Manyu Division in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 6th of October 1997; she went through primary school and secondary school and entered university but dropped out in her final year when she became pregnant and limited finances to take care of herself. She lives with her parents and her son in Buea. After the birth of her child, she stayed in the house doing nothing.

According to her, she had always wished to be a designer, and the opportunity came when BLP during one of its routine need assessment programs, where she was informed about the empowerment program at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea offered by BLP of which she was very interested and registered for the program. She then told her aunty, who approved that she be part of the course. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has been able to acquire skills in tailoring and fashion design and become a seasoned designer.



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LAKISSE CLAUDETTE

Catering and Hotel Management Unit

Claudette hails from Mbonge subdivision in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 6th of September 2003. She ended at the primary level because of lack of finances. Her parents are both farmers and live in Mbonge.

Claudette lives with her grandmother in Buea, and her grandmother was the one who learned about the opportunity that BLP was offering at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre Buea, which, according to her, has always been her dream to be a chef. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then registered her and placed her under training and Mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has been able to acquire skills in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned





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AKWA NINEL ANGUM

Tailoring and Fashion Designing Unit



Ninel hails from the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 26th of December 2007 in Batibo subdivision. She attended Inter Comprehensive High School but dropped out in form because of a lack of finances to continue. Ninel lives with her mother at Great Soppo Buea, who happens to be a fish vendor.

Her mother is the one who learned about the opportunity that BLP was offering at the Women Empowerment and the Family Centre Buea, which, according to her, has always been her dream to be a designer. Bright Light Projects Cameroon then registered her and placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and the Family Centre Buea, where she acquired skills in Tailoring and Fashion design and became seasoned.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES

MANDE FONGANG BRITNEY **Computer**



Britney comes from the Center Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 9th of September 2005 in Yaounde. Britney attended Shakespeare Bilingual College but dropped out in form due to insufficient finances. She currently lives with her mother at Bonduma, and her mother is a fish vendor.

Her mother learned about the opportunity that BLP was offering at the Women Empowerment and the Family Centre Buea. She informed Britney that she was excited about the program because she has always admired and wanted to work with machines. She declared her interest, and Bright Light Projects Cameroon then registered her and placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and the Family Centre Buea, where she has acquired computer skills.



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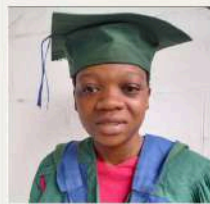
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GIRLS SHALL RISE Program





Vision, Mission and Motto

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BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS

BLP PRESENTS GIRLS SHALL RISE PROGRAM GRADUATION



Date: Thursday April, 12, 2025



**Venue: SLOIC Makeni Campus,
Bombali District, Sierra Leone**



Time: 09:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Institution: Sierra Leone Opportunities
Industrialization Centre – Makeni Campus**



Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

- 1. MABINTY SAMURA**
- 2. AMINATA K CONTEH**
- 3. FATMATA M. KOROMA**
- 4. ISATU CONTEH**
- 5. EMELIA KADIATU CONTE**
- 6. AUGUSTA MARY KAMARA**
- 7. SENTO BANGURA**
- 8. GBASSAY KANU**
- 9. MBALU BANGURA**



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MABINTY SAMURA

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Mabinty Samura was born on the 10th of August 1996 in Makeni, she is currently staying at Thoronka street in Makeni, Mabinty is currently staying with her aged widow mother as she has lost her father way back in 2009. Mabinty attended her secondary school at the Makeni Compressive Academy up to higher secondary 2, until she lost her father who was her supportive pillar for her education.

After the loss of her father who was the bread winner, she became the bread winner of the family and taking care of her siblings, she engaged herself in petty trading selling cake to support her mother and siblings.

Unfortunately for her, she encountered an ugly incident of raped by an unknown gang men. The issue was reported at the police station for investigation, as well at the Rainbow Initiative center for medical examination, according to the medical examination, it was proven beyond doubt that she was raped.

Mabinty was assessed and became a beneficiary of the Bright Light Projects Sierra Leone (BLPSL) under the Girls Shall Rise (GSR) Program.

In 2023 February, she was enrolled at the Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Center [SLOIC] to acquire skill in tailoring and fashion Design. She has completed a year and six-month program in tailoring as she is now an awaiting graduate.





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AMINATA K. CONTEH

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Aminata K Conteh is a 21-year-old young lady who is currently living with her single parent mother at Limba corner in Makeni. Aminata's father is dead, and her mother lives out of state and cannot take care of her education.

Aminata is a victim of sexual abuse whose case was reported at the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs to help refer the matter for medical examination at the Rainbow Initiative center. The rainbow center was able to provide medical support and psychosocial counselling to her.

Aminata due to her sexual abuse, experiences periods of isolation by friends in school, especially when she was described as a victim. She feels disconnected from her in school as she maintains few friendships in school.

Aminata struggle with her education as she completed her higher secondary school, however, she did not pursuer further her education due to financial constrain and later join the street as a sex worker to gain her survival through peer group influence.

Aminata received recognition from the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs during the BLPSL vulnerability needs assessment and became a beneficiary under BLPSL Girls Shall Rise empowerment program.

She enrolled at SLOIC for vocational skill training under the Tailoring and Fashion Design department since 2023. She successfully completed her program at SLOIC which lasted for a year and six months. She is currently waiting for her graduation.





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FATMATA M. KOROMA

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Fatmata M. Koroma lives at Masuba community with her parents, Fatmata Koroma is a victim of sexual abuse which led to pregnancy with a child. Fatmata because of the abuse her parents live out of state so as not to be involved to support her daily life. She then became a dropout to take care of her child at a very young age.

Fatmata through the intervention of BLPSL in a joint vulnerability need assessment of sexually abused victims together with the ministry of social Welfare Gender and children's Affairs under the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program in 2019, she was enrolled at National Pentecostal junior secondary in the 2019-2020 academic year.

She did not further her education due to constraints in studying during the night because of the child's responsibilities as she must take care of the child before going to school and during the night.

She is determined to learn not only to sit in the classroom, make a request to the Bright Light Projects to switch over for vocational skill training, honoring her request, the beneficiary in February 2023 was enrolled at the SLOIC for vocational skill training under the tailoring and Fashion Design department.

The beneficiary upon enrollment has successfully completed her training program lasted for a year and six months at SLOIC, the beneficiary is currently waiting for graduation 2025





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ISATU CONTEH

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Isatu Conteh is an orphan who lost both parents at the age of three. After the death of her parents, she was taken care of by her grandmother who became the pillar taking care of her clothing, feeding and support her primary education.

Unfortunately for Isatu, she again lost her grandmother the same year she enrolled for lower secondary. Her grandmother, who was serving as her pillar, life started becoming miserable having no support from any family nor relatives.

As a young lady having no support to further her education, she became a dropout as other young girls who are already in the streets. She was left with no option but to follow the influence of her peer group living on the streets as a sex worker for her survival as she became a victim of sexual, physical, psychological abuse.

Through the intervention of Bright Light Project Supporting, empowering girls through the middle manpower, the young lady was assessed, reunified with her unknown family members as one of the criteria to be enrolled.

With the help of BLPSL, the beneficiary was enrolled at SLOIC to acquire vocational skills under the tailoring department. She has gone through her training procedure which lasted for a year and six months, completed her internship and at the moment is waiting to graduate from SLOIC.





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EMELIA KADIATU CONTE

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Emelia Kadiatu Conteh is living at 8 perter lane Makeni together with her mother as her father died many years ago. Emelia was attending school supported by her parents, she lost her father at the age of 17.

Emelia was a victim of sexual abuse, she was perpetrated and got pregnant as a teenager, since this incident, she lost courage, hope as she could not continue her education for the purpose of taking care of her child and the lack of finance and support to continue her school.

She engaged in petty trading just to support herself and her child, from that petty trading, she was able to enroll herself in an institution to gain and acquire a skill, but the lack of support makes her a dropout, unfortunately, she suddenly became a sex worker where she encountered BLPSL team.

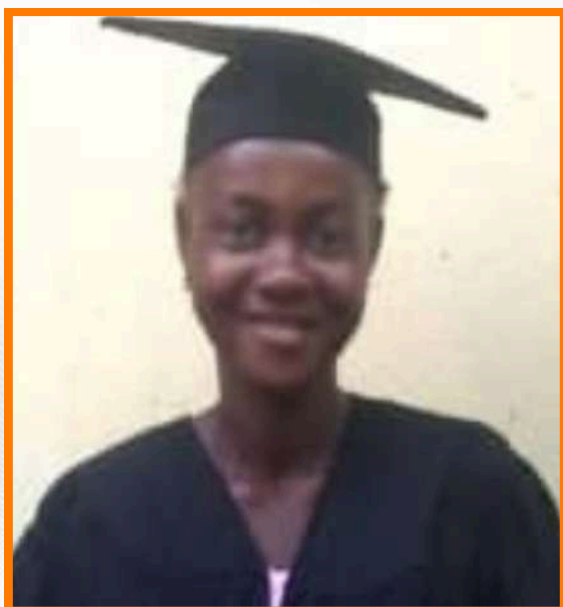
BLPS through the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program for victims of abused and sex worker in a joint vulnerability needs assessment, Emelia was captured as a sex worker and became a beneficiary of BLPSL

With the support of BLPSL, she was enrolled for vocational skill training at SLOIC to pursue skills training in Tailoring and Fashion Design department. She is currently working as a volunteer in a tailoring shop around her area, as she awaits her graduation from SLOIC





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AUGUSTA MARY KAMARA

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Augusta Mary Kamara resides at 13 Tedson Drive in Makeni where she currently lives with her mother and sister. Mary at an early age lost her father who was supporting and taking care of her, including her siblings.

Since the loss of her father, she sees life as unfavorable as things became difficult as her mother cannot meet their needs and support her education. she engaged in petty trading to support her education and basic needs until when she attains to higher secondary 3 where she took her West Africa Senior School Examination,

Taking her higher secondary examination things became more difficult as the petty trading cannot support her education. She became a BLPSL beneficiary under the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program for sex workers and victim of sexual abuse, vulnerability needs assessment together with the ministry of social welfare gender and children's affairs as she was captured as a victim of sexual penetration at age 13.

Through the help and support of BLPSL Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment Program, she was enrolled for vocational skill training at SLOIC Makeni Campus.

With the support of BLPSL, she has successfully completed her one year six months Tailoring and Fashion Design program SLOIC Makeni Campus.





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GBASSAY KANU

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Gbassay Kanu is living at 7 Lunsar Road Makeni with her grandmother, at the age of 14, she was sent to Makeni from the village by her parents to come and stay with her grandmother to acquire her education.

Gbassay at that age, with little or no experience of socialization became a victim of sexual abuse which led to her pregnancy in which she has to face with a lot of constrain such as clothing, feeding being that her stepmother abandoned her for becoming pregnant despite the case was reported at the police station, but the perpetrator was nowhere to be found.

After the delivery of the baby, she enrolled to continue her education where she attained up to the level of higher secondary 2, she was not able to further her education because of taking responsibility for her child and the lack of support from family members as she atomically became a dropout. She engaged herself in petty trading to raise finance to support herself and her child, as things did not go as planned, and with peer group influence, she became a sex worker

She was enrolled at BLPSL under the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program since 2019 under a joint vulnerability needs assessment together with the ministry of social welfare gender and children's Affairs she was assessed and captured as a sex worker and became a beneficiary of BLPSL

She was enrolled at the SLOIC for a vocational skill training under the Tailoring and Fashion Design department which lasted for a year and six months. She has successfully completed her program at SLOIC





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SENTO BANGURA

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Santo Bangura is 31 years old who is currently living with her spouse at 11 Sembu Fornah lane here in Makeni, with their two children as a school dropout. She became a school dropout after being sexually abused, which got pregnant at a very early age of 14 years at the time she enrolled for lower secondary.

She decided to continue in her lower secondary school but yet couldn't cope with continuing because of early parental responsibility role was left with no option but to start petty trading.

Due to financial constrain to support her business, she decided to join the street as a sex worker which she thinks the best option to gain money to take care of her children with a lot of risk, abuse, etc.

BLPSL under the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program for victims of abuse and sex workers, Sento was captured as a sex worker in 2019 until February 2024, BLPSL under the Girls Shall Rise [GSR] empowerment program enrolled her at SLOIC for a vocational skill training under the Home Management department which lasted for a year and six months.





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MBALU BANGURA

Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre - Makeni Campus

Mbalu Bangura is an Ebola orphan. Both parents died in 2015 during the Ebola epidemic, after the loss of her parents she went to stay with her grandmother at Robuya community a surrounding community in Makeni.

Mbalu was enrolled in school by her grandmother who was taking care of her school and basic needs as a petty trader selling fire coal. With the support of her grandmother, Mbalu was able to take her National primary school examination [NPE].

Mbalu at a very early age of entering lower secondary 1, she lost her grandmother who was taking care of her, since the loss of her hope, life became difficult and unfavored for her, with the help of her grandmother relative, Mbalu was able to have accommodation where she stayed for a while, in some few months, Mbalu suffered an ugly incident where she was sexually abused by unknown perpetrator, as a result of this sad event with no support to further her school, she became a dropout.

BLPSL in a joint vulnerability needs assessment for victims of abuse and sex workers with the ministry of Social Welfare Gender and children's Affairs to support and empower women and girls by providing them with vocational skill training under BLPSL Girls Shall Rise [GSR] flagship program, she became a beneficiary of BLPSL because of being sexually abused. With the support of the organization, she was enrolled at SLOIC to acquire a skill in Tailoring and Fashion Design for her to become self-reliant and contribute positively to support herself.

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**BLP Girls Shall Rise (GSR) and Young
Men Entrepreneurship (YME)
Program**





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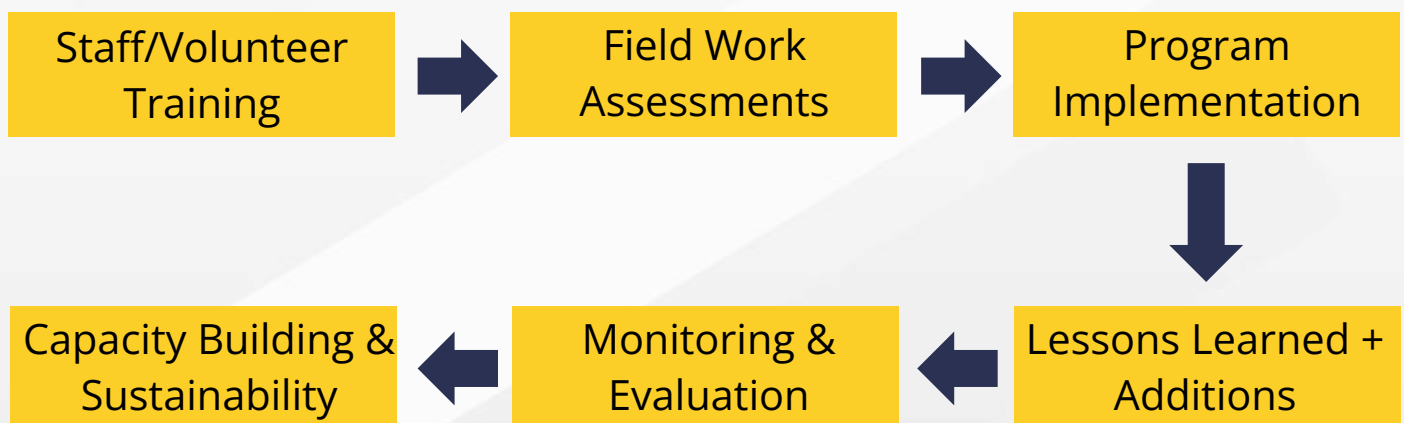


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ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM
GRADUATION**



Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025



**Venue: BLP Empowerment Centre
Tinguh Cooperative Credit Union
Ltd Building, Nkwen Bamenda**



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Department: Tailoring and Fashion Design

- 1. NDIBOSI BRENNE NYANYOH NKALA**
- 2. TARDZENYUY MOFIDATOU VERNYUY**
- 3. FAI SANIYATU NYUYMENGKA**
- 4. MAPASOH MICHEAL SONIA**
- 5. LUKONG HAPPINESS BONSURU**
- 6. MOHIBATU SHALANYUY**



DEPARTMENT: COMPUTER

- 1. FAI LESLIE**
- 2. TALLA PHILIMON**
- 3. AYUYNWI DESMOND NEBA**
- 4. ATABONG JAMES**



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



NDIBOSI BRENNE NYANYOH NKALA

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Brenne hails from Noni Sub-Division in Bui Division in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 04 Of November 1998 in Noni. She attended her secondary education at GBHS Bayelle and stopped in form 4 due to the Anglophone armed conflict.

She lost the father of her two children in the course of the struggle leaving her with two kids to fend for. She also lost her father but her Mum is operating a small business that cannot sustain the entire family.

As a result of this, she is unable to properly take good care of her children and her personal needs due to limited finances. She thus came in contact with BLP during one of its routine communities need assessment programs and Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under training and Mentorship in the Bright Light Projects Empowerment Centre where she has been able to acquire skill in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned designer.



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TARDZENYUY MOFIDATOU VERNYUY

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Mofidatou is from Kumbo sub-division in Bui Division in the Northwest region of Cameroon. Born on the 22/02/2007. She lived in Kumbo before the armed conflict and later on move to Yaounde where she schooled in Blessed Evening School. She stopped schooling in form 2 due to lack of finances.

During the Anglophone armed conflict, she lost her uncle who was taking care of her school needs. She was forced to relocate to Bamenda and leave with her uncle who is barely surviving. She is resident at old town (7 doors) Bamenda who is the mother's brother. The brother is working in shanties to take care of her and his family.

During one of BLP's routine communities need assessment, the team registered her under BLP empowerment centre where she was placed under the Tailoring and fashion designs department given that she, in the course of the assessment indicated her passion for Tailoring and fashion designing. In the course of the training, she was able to make herself a seasoned designer.



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FAI SANIYATU NYUYMENGKA

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Saniyatu hails from Nseh in Bui division in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 18/03/2008. She attended ISS Nseh and stopped schooling in form 1 because there was no finances to pay her school fees.

She is resident at old town (7 doors) Bamenda with her elder sister who is married but the couple are barely surviving and can barely take care of her needs.

She thus came in contact with BLP during one of its routine communities need assessment programs and Bright Light Projects Cameroon placed her under training and Mentorship in the Bright Light Projects Empowerment Centre where she has been able to acquire skill in Tailoring and fashion designing and make herself a seasoned designer



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



MAPASOH MICHEAL SONIA

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Sonia hails from the west region of Cameroon. She was born on the 26/05/2006. She attended G.S Abangoh. She was born of Susan Claire at Atu-Azire. She left school in primary 4 because she was very slow in learning. Her father is a truck pusher and the mother sells food so as to sustain the family. They leave 8 of them in a small house at Atu-Azire.

They don't have a regular source of income and as such, are struggling to meet up with basic standards. She thus came in contact with BLP during one of its routine communities need assessment programs. She was then registered in to the BLP empowerment center and enrolled to learn tailoring and fashion design. She has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of tailoring and fashion design and is now a seasoned designer.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



LUKONG HAPPINESS BONSURU

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Happiness is from Noi Bansa, Bui division. She was born of Lukong Patience and of Lukong Leonard in Bansa on the 12/10/2004. She lives in nta'aturu Bamenda. They live in a small house of 10 members. She dropped out of school in form 5 due to child birth and also due to the fact that the family was affected by the ongoing armed conflict, especially the fact that the mother lost her shop along the Meta quarters road. This greatly affected the family's standard of living and as such made it difficult for her to go back to school.

She had always wished to continue studying but there was no means for her given that the family lost the only means of sustenance. After some time, she decided to learn a trade but still the family did not have the finances to pay for her to learn his dream trade (tailoring and fashion design). During one of BLP's routine school outreach programs at DELICIG secondary school, the proprietress who knew her situation referred her to the BLP team. She was then registered in to the BLP empowerment center and enrolled to learn tailoring and fashion design. She has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of tailoring and fashion design and is now a seasoned designer.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



Mohibatu Shalanyuy

Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Mohibatu Shalanyuy is from Kumbo, Bui Division, North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on May 17, 2004, where she completed her primary education and obtained her First School Leaving Certificate. Her education was cut short in 2017 when the armed conflict broke out and her mother faced financial difficulties and was unable to continue taking care of her school needs. As a result, Mohibatu was sent to Bafousam to work as a house help where the employer promised to make sure that she learns a skill in the course of her employment.

She laboured for four years without receiving any payment and was later given the opportunity to learn a skill, which she pursued for some time but was forced to stop due to malnutrition which made her develop gastric problems. Eventually, Mohibatu left her employer's house without completing the training and returned to her village, before being referred to go Old Town in Bamenda, where she came in contact with BLP during one of its routine communities need assessment programs and was registered for training at the Bright Light projects Empowerment Centre. She has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of tailoring and fashion design and is now a seasoned designer.



INDIVIDUAL STORIES



FAI LESLIE

Motor Bike Mechanics And Electricity

FAI Leslie was born in Nkambe Ndonga Mantum Division by Nformi Quinta on the 21/04/2003. He Stopped Schooling in Form 4. After his father was shot by a stray bullet, he decided to relocated to escape the rood of the armed conflict that had taken his father's life.

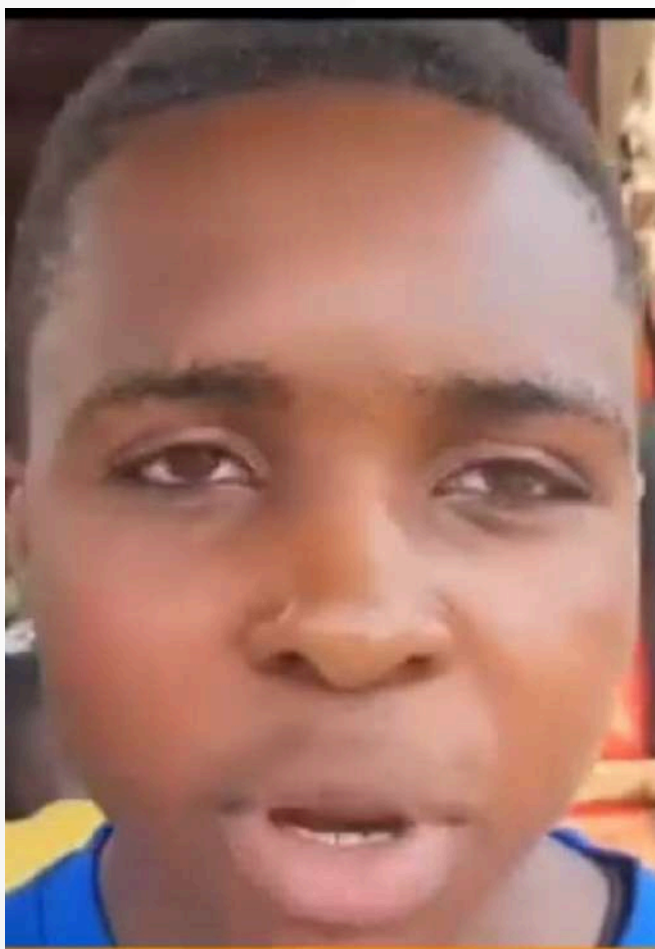
He then trekked from Nkambe to Kumbo Town where his mother was resident. With barely little or no means of surviving, he discusses with the mother about the need for him to relocate to Bamenda and seek for greener pasture. The mother help paid his transportation to Bamenda.

In Bamenda he was jobless with no means of survival. While in Bamenda, he met with BLP where he was then registered in to the YME program by BLP and enrolled under motor mechanics and electricity. He has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of motor bike mechanics. He is now a seasoned motor bike mechanic.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



TALLA PHILIMON

Motor Bike Mechanics And Electricity

Talla Philimon comes from Piyin Sub-Division in the Bui division in the Northwest Region of Cameroon; He was born on the 16/10/2007 In Piyin village by Talla Ernestine. He schooled in government school Piyin and stopped school in form 3 due financial constraint and the Anglophone armed conflict.

He was displaced from his village because their house was destroyed and constant gun shot. He ran out of Piyin and trekked to Akum because they had no means. He relocated to Bamenda town where he is currently living with his mother who is doing petite trading. He was then registered in to the YME program by BLP and enrolled under motor mechanics and electricity. After 5months of training, he abandoned training.



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AYUYNWI DESMOND NEBA

Motor Bike Mechanics And Electricity

Desmond hails from Shwe in Bafut Sub-Division in Mezam Division, Northwest Region of Cameroon. He Was Born in Shwe. He attended Government school Shwe and stopped schooling in class 4 due to lack of finances.

The family left the village to Bamenda town due to the armed conflict in anglophone Cameroon his mother was shot and killed in the village. Him and the family relocated to Bamenda at below Foncha where they were offered a house for free to live in.

The family lived in very terrible conditions where they lack basics necessities like food, clothing and even good health facilities due to lack of finances. He was then registered in to the program by BLP and enrolled under motor mechanics and electricity. He has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of motor bike mechanics. He is now a seasoned motor bike mechanic.



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ATABONG JAMES:

Motor bike Mechanics and Electricity

James hail for Lebialem in the southwest region of Cameroon, he was born one the 23 /04/2005 in Lebialem. He attended GHS Basili and stopped schooling in form 2.

During the crisis he was displaced from Lebialem and struggled through bushes and arrived Dschang before a good Samaritan helped him and brought him to Bamenda. While in Bamenda he wished to continue studying but there was no means for him to sustained himself in school. After some time, he decided to learn a trade but still did not have the finances to pay and learn his dream trade (motor bike mechanics). He was fortunate to came across BLP Cameroon during their routine community need assessments in line with the YME program which is meant to empower the boy child. He was then registered in to the program by BLP and enrolled under motor mechanics and electricity. He has over the period of the training acquired the necessary skills of motor bike mechanics. He is now a seasoned motor bike mechanic.

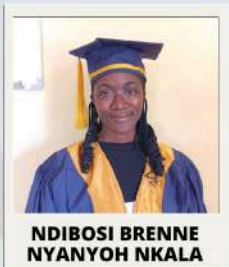


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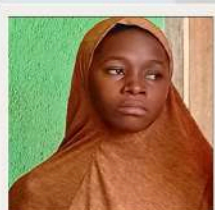
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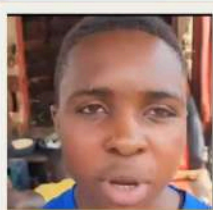
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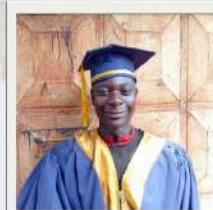
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**BLP Girls Shall Rise (GSR) and Young
Men Entrepreneurship (YME)
Program**





Vision, Mission and Motto

Mission

" To foster community initiatives through strategic partnerships by empowering communities to drive Sustainable development through livelihood support, sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, and energy access for a resilient and equitable future.."

Vision

" We envisage a society where empowered beneficiaries become self-reliant leaders, contributing positively to the development of their communities and shaping a thriving and equitable future for generations to come."

Motto

Rebuilding Broken Communities



BLP CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Bright Light Projects (BLP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Houston, Texas. BLP is dedicated to building community resilience within the three core elements of sustainability: economic growth, Social Inclusion, and Environmental Protection. Our success is built on strategic partnerships with organizations that champion specific humanitarian needs, such as the Concert for Ebola Relief in Maryland (2014), which benefited Doctors Without Borders and the International Medical Corps.

With a strong presence in West Africa, BLP is registered as a community-based Organization in Sierra Leone and Cameroon, with some operations in Nigeria and Guinea-Conakry. Our commitment to sustainable development has led to significant recognition, including:

- Special Consultative Status with United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) 2021
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) – 2025
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) - 2025



Core Advocacy Areas

“Empowering Communities, Advancing Sustainable Development”

BLP supports and conducts non-partisan initiatives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and African Union's Agenda 2063 in the following domains: Skills Development (Vocational & Livelihood Support)

- Energy Poverty & Renewables
- Human Rights (Disabilities, Women, Children & Youth)
- Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
- Refugee & Internally Displaced Persons Support (IDPs)
- Prison Inmate Reintegration
- Skills Development and Entrepreneurship
- STEM Education
- SDGs | ESGs | CSR
- Environmental Sustainability (Awareness, Conservation, Restoration, Reforestation)

Our focus areas are designed to:

- Promote Sustainable and Inclusive Development
- Foster Environmental Sustainability
- Advance Human Rights and Social Justice
- Build Community Resilience and Self-reliance
- Promote SDGs & Africa's Union Agenda 2063



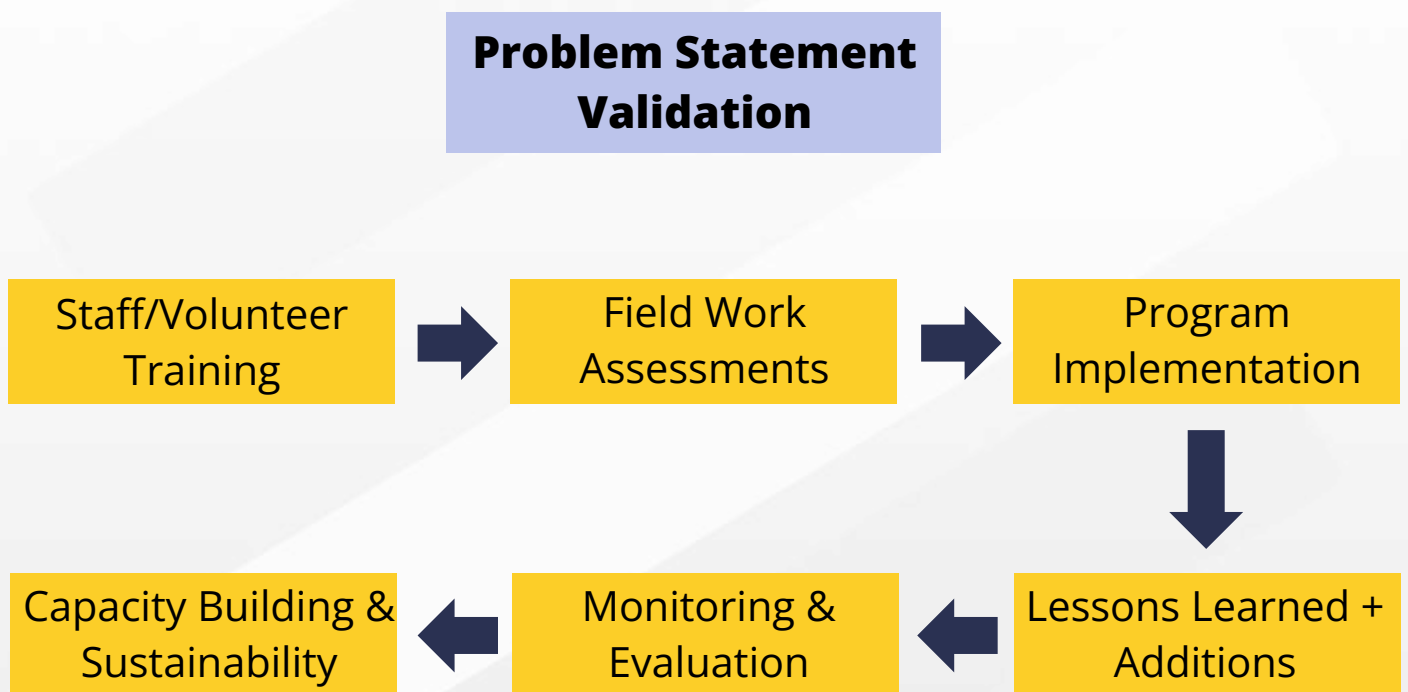
BLP METHODOLOGY



At Bright Light Projects, we believe in the power of human connection and direct support. Our methodology is built on the simple yet profound idea of direct support and engagement, where we listen and walk alongside our beneficiaries as partners every step.

- **Direct Support:** We meet our beneficiaries where they are, providing personalized support and resources to address their unique needs.
- **Constant Evaluation and Monitoring:** We regularly check in, assess progress, and make adjustments to ensure our support is effective and meaningful.
- **Capacity Building:** We empower our beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to take ownership of their lives and communities.
- **Sustainability:** We work towards long-term solutions that outlast our involvement, creating a lasting impact

By being present, flexible, and committed to our beneficiaries' success, we build trust, foster resilience, and create a brighter future together."





BRIGHT LIGHT PROJECTS

**BLP PRESENTS GIRLS SHALL RISE
AND YOUNG MEN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM
GRADUATION**



Date: Friday, December 12, 2025



**Venue: At The Women's
Empowerment and the Family
Centre- Buea**



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Department: Catering and Hotel Management

- 1. YVONNE ENJEI MOWOH**
- 2. KOMETA GILLIAN NKWEH**
- 3. JOAN NJOME EKO**
- 4. LIMUNGA VICTORY MOSOKO**
- 5. MBANGE SHARON EMEI**
- 6. AKURO IRENE TANGWAN**
- 7. ITOE BERTHA**
- 8. NGUNI AWANDEM EVA**
- 9. BALIKI REGINA BUME**



DEPARTMENT: COMPUTER

- 1.KWABU CYRIL BENGE**
- 2.OFEH CHANTAL FUEN**
- 3.EKURI PATRICIA-EDOVICE OMA**



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YVONNE ENJEI MOWOH **Catering and Hotel Management**

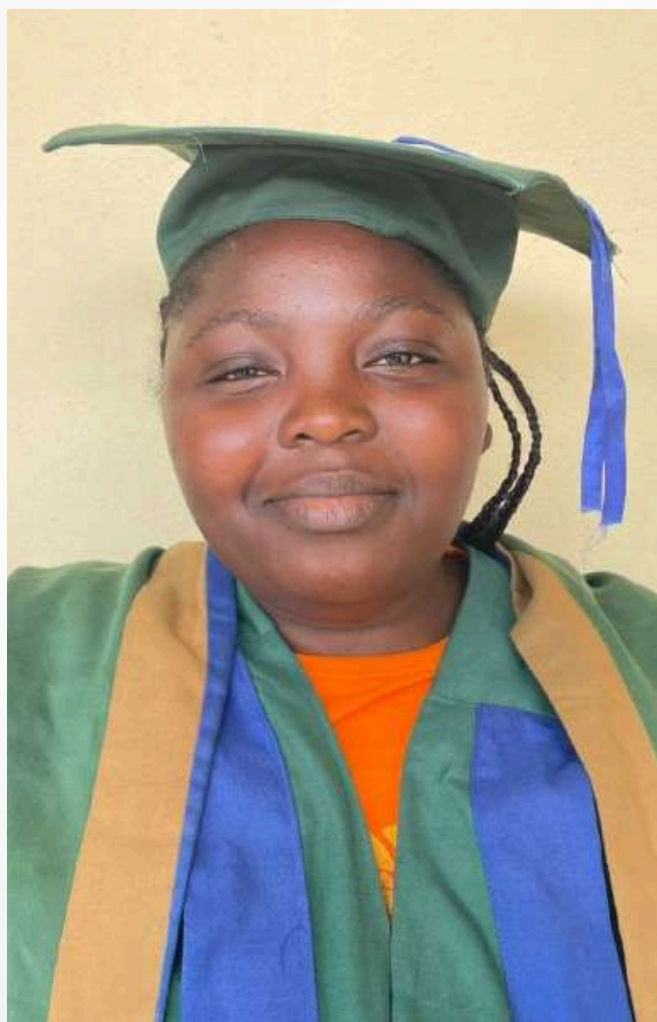
Yvonne hails from Guzang in Batibo, in Cameroon's Northwest Region. She was born on the 29th of January 2001 in Guzang village. She went through primary school in Guzang but had to move to Souza in 2016 when the crisis started; she began secondary school up to form 4 but dropped out due to financial difficulties and illness.

After dropping out of school, she moved to Buea to work as a nanny to earn money and learn a skill. Fortunately, her spiritual mother informed her about the empowerment program at the Women's Empowerment and the Family Centre Buea, offered by BLP, which she was very interested in and registered for. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre, Buea. She has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



KOMETA GILLIAN NKWEH

Catering and Hotel Management

Gillian is from Ngoketunjia Division in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 25th of May 2001 in Buea and she started primary school in Buea till upper sixth when she got pregnant and dropped out.

In order to have something doing, to support herself and her twin, she had intended to learn a skill and her aunty connected to the women empowerment center she was interested told her mom, who approved that she be part of the course. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Center Buea, where she has gotten skills in catering and hotel management.





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JOAN NJOME EKO Catering and Hotel Management

Joan Njome from Mokunda-Buea in Fako Division in the Southwest Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 11th of May 1993 in Buea. She began primary school in Tiko, and by upper sixth, she wrote the advanced level and failed. Unfortunately, she could not continue because her father could not afford her school fees. She traveled to Equatorial Guinea, stayed there for a couple of years, but things did not work out as planned, so she returned to Cameroon.

She got to Buea and wanted to pick up everything, so her kid sister told her about the opportunity at the Women's Empowerment Center in Buea. She was very interested and registered for the program. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.



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LIMUNGA VICTORY MOSOKO

Catering and Hotel Management

Limunga Victory is from the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 12th of July 2009 in Buea. She began school in Buea and dropped out in form one because her guardian preferred that she acquire a skill rather than continue school.

Victory Guardian brought her to the women's empowerment center, where she got registered for the program. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



MBANGE SHARON EMEI

Catering and Hotel Management

Mbange Sharon hails from Mundemba in the Ndian Division of the Southwest Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 1st of April 1989 in Mundemba; she began primary school in Mundemba and later moved to Buea to continue her University Studies.

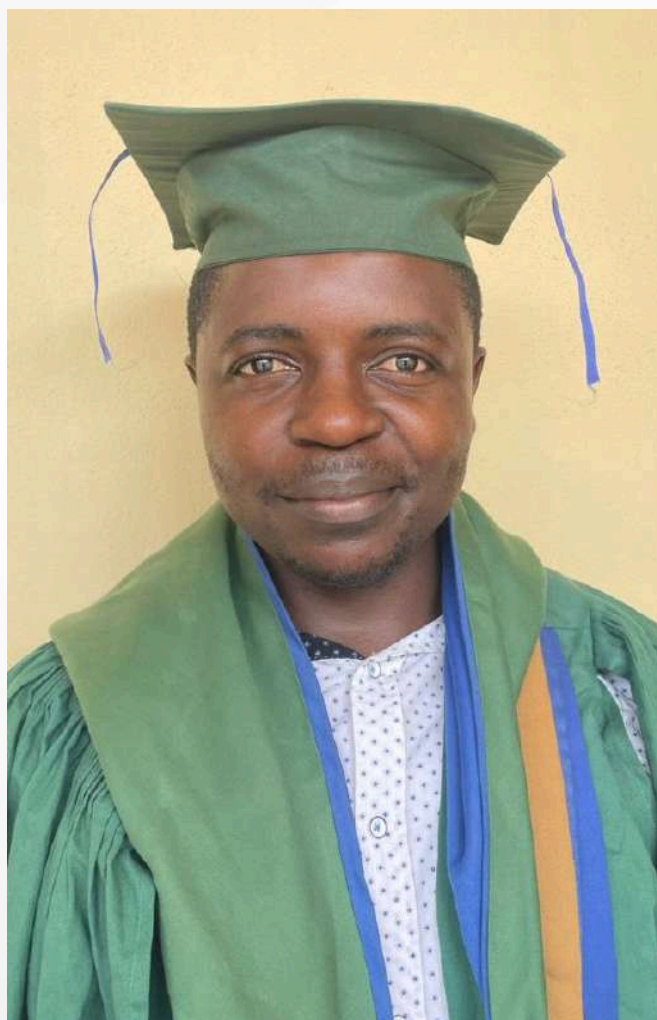
Sharon confessed that she has always loved to be a chef, and when she got the opportunity, she grabbed it. She learned about the opportunity on Facebook and, without hesitation, visited the women's empowerment center and registered for the program.

Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management





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KWABU CYRIL BENGÉ **Computer**

Kwabu Cyril is from Donga-Mantung in the North West Region of Cameroon. He was born on the 22nd of October 1995 in Bakinchine. He began primary school in Bakinchine and later moved to Buea to continue with his university education.

He has always wished to have some computer skills that will help him in his career path, so he learned about the opportunity at the women's empowerment center through a friend.

He then visited the center for orientation and registration. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed him under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre, Buea, where he has acquired skills in computers.





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AKURO IRENE TANGWAN

Catering and Hotel Management

Akuro Irene comes from Mbengui in Cameroon's Northwest Region. She was born on the 24th of November 2004 in Muyuka. She began primary school in Mbengui and later moved to Muyuka, where she had her Advanced Level Certificate.

She later moved to Buea but was doing nothing until her neighbor in the quarter told her about the opportunity at the women empowerment center where she came, and registered for the program. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





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ITOE BERTHA

Catering and Hotel Management

Itoe Bertha is from Kumba in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 9th of February 2010 in Kumba and began primary school there, where she obtained her First School Leaving Certificate.

Itoe Bertha preferred learning in a school rather than continuing school, so her godmother learned about the opportunity at the Women's Empowerment Center. She connected her to the center, where she was registered for the program.

Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



OFEH CHANTAL FUEN **Computer**

Ofeh Chantal hails from Bafut in the North West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 8th of December 2006 in Obang village. She began primary school in Obang village and later moved to Buea to continue with secondary.

She had always loved becoming a chef, so when her aunt heard about the opportunity at the center, she decided to send her to register for the program. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre, Buea, where she has acquired skills in computer use.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



NGUNI AWANDEM EVA

Catering and Hotel Management

Awandem Eva is from Fonjumetaw in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 29th of March 2006 in Fonjumetaw. She has always loved learning new skills, so she stumbled upon an opportunity at the center of social media.

She then visited the center for more information and got registered for the program. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



EKURI PATRICIA-EDOVANCE OMA **Computer**

Ekuri Patricia is from Agbor-Kem in the South West Region of Cameroon. She was born on the 9th of March 1995 in Agbor-kem village. She began primary school in Agbor-Kem and later moved to Mabanda for secondary school. From there, she moved to Buea.

She was interested in learning a skill, and a friend of hers told her about the program at the women's empowerment center, where she came and registered. Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management.





INDIVIDUAL STORIES



BALIKI REGINA BUME

Catering and Hotel Management.

Baliki Regina is from the Manyu Division in Cameroon's Southwest Region. She was born on the 3rd of August 2006 in Big Massaka. She registered in catering and hotel management at the Women's Empowerment Center.

Bright Light Project Cameroon then placed her under training and mentorship at the Women Empowerment and Family Centre in Buea, where she has acquired skills in catering and hotel management





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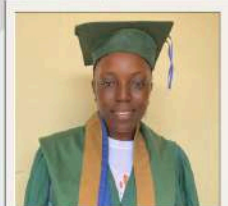
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