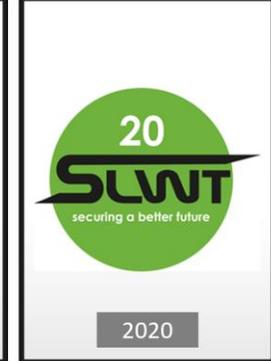




# SLWT 2020 Newsletter

## *We Are Growing Up*

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See how our face has changed in 20 years, but our commitment and drive in “securing a better future” for the children of Sierra Leone is unchanging.

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## *Meet Our New Partners – FOCUS 1000*

As a consequence of the global pandemic (Coronavirus), we had to review and evaluate how best to maximise our resources in these strangest of times.

So we went back to our core principles and values; and in line with our mission statement agreed our successes had come about when we worked in partnership.

In August 2020 SLWT and FOCUS 1000 formed an alliance. FOCUS 1000 is a leading national NGO in Sierra Leone whose objectives and mission are closely aligned with ours.

FOCUS 1000 (Facilitating and Organizing Communities to Unite for Sustainable Development) is committed to making the best investment in the most crucial period in a child's life - the first 1000 days.

You may be interested to know more about FOCUS 1000, so please visit their website [www.focus1000.org](http://www.focus1000.org).

**“FOCUS 1000 is excited to partner with SLWT to undertake this project, which is in line with our mission and vision of creating a better Sierra Leone for our children and families”**

*Mohammad Bailor Jalloh – CEO Focus 1000*

## *Brighter Tomorrow (2019 to date)*

SLWT supports 30 children aged 3 to 14 years who lost a parent/breadwinner during the mudslide disaster in August of 2017.

This is our newest of projects launched in September 2019 and is based on the same principles of our Hope for Tomorrow (HfT) project.

In addition to a full scholarship to a school of their choice, each child also gets access to healthcare and social protection services as well as maintenance payments to their caregivers.

Furthermore each child gets 2 sets of uniform, 2 pairs of shoes, 2 pairs of socks and school stationery.

This project was made possible by the generosity and sacrifice of one person – Charlie Simpson – who cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats and raised £36,000. Thank you, Charlie.

*If you are interested in raising funds for any of our projects do let us know – [info@slwt.org](mailto:info@slwt.org) / [@slwtweets](https://twitter.com/slwtweets)*

## *The Last Twelve Months...*

Due to the global pandemic all schools have been closed since March (we hope they will reopen in September). Notwithstanding, we have maintained regular contact with all our 82 beneficiaries and their caregivers, at all times observing social distancing regulations.

In April 2020 SLWT provided masks to all of our beneficiaries and their caregivers, we also provided hand washing stations in their community and supplied the local hospital (Waterloo) with PPE.

In November 2019 SLWT facilitated on behalf of Cordaid and the EU an international conference on the theme “National Cohesion for Peace and Development” in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Finally, SLWT ceased direct management of operations in Sierra Leone after reviewing our business model. Our interests including management of our projects will be carried out by FOCUS 1000.



### *Meet Jemimah Conteh...*

She is 4 years old and on the Brighter Tomorrow project. Jemimah lost her father in the 2017 mudslide. He helped rescue members of the community including several children during the disaster, but sadly died of pneumonia 3 weeks later. Jemimah lives with her mother who is a stone miner.

SLWT is always looking for sponsors for the children on our projects. If you are interested in finding out how to sponsor a child contact us by email [info@slwt.org](mailto:info@slwt.org) or via any of our social media handles (see below)



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### *FAWE (2008 to date)*

Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) is our longest serving partner in Sierra Leone. Pupils attending FAWE primary school are eligible to become beneficiaries of the SLWT/FAWE scholarship scheme which provides funding to support secondary school education e.g. school uniform, books and other accessories not covered by the “Free Quality Education” scheme of the government of Sierra Leone.

At the start of the 2019/2020 academic year there were 59 students in the programme - 41 continuing student and 18 new ones. Thirteen (13) students on the scheme were expected to complete their senior secondary school exams in June providing access for 13 new intakes for the 2020/2021 academic year.

COVID-19 has disrupted the scholarship programme but SLWT is reviewing the programme with hopes to re-establish it.

### *Hope for Tomorrow (2015 to date) - Update*

Our flagship project, through which we support 52 children who either survived infection or were orphaned by the 2014/15 Ebola outbreak. Each beneficiary gets full cover for their education, health and social welfare until they finish secondary school.

Khadijatu Bangura, an Ebola survivor, completed her WASSCE (equivalent to GCSE) to become the programme’s first “graduate”, and hopes to continue with her education. We wish her many more successes.

Sadly, another beneficiary lost his fight for life due to AIDS related complications. Salieu Kamara was a reason for our feeding programme which led to the HfT project. Unfortunately, diagnosis of his HIV status was not timely enough to give him a chance of proper and successful treatment.

*We welcome three new beneficiaries, Aminata Conteh (10yrs), Mohamed Kamara (6yrs) and Allusine Dumbuya (8yrs).*