



Laying the Foundation for Peace

Taia Peace Foundation Executive Director Trip Report Nov-Dec 2013

TPF Executive Director Program Implementation and Other Actions Dec 2013-Jan 2014

Objectives

A. Segal Foundation Projects:

1. Cacao Phase III (Dec 2013): The focus is on expanding the number of farmers trained to train other farmers in their Sections. This approach is fundamental to sustainable development. The Dec training involves learning best practices in drying, fermenting and storing cacao beans harvested from the old forest trees. Use of best practices increased the value of the 2013 harvest and is essential to becoming certified. The 50 farmers trained in Dec 2012 with subsequent training in 2013 in planting the hybrid seed and preventing disease have now been certified by Jula Consultancy. By end of additional training in 2014 this second cohort of trained farmers will also be eligible for certification.
2. Coffee Farmer Phase I (Dec 2013): This “train the trainer” initiative was planned for April 2013, but the berries were not available. We were reviewing a proposal from a SNAP contractor for training 20 coffee farmers (4 per Section) as trainers. Funding for this training was part of the balance in the 2012 plan minus the cost of planting pots and hybrid berries.
3. Women Vegetable Farmers (Dec 2013): We are researching the availability of non-chemical pest control products and practices and will include findings in subsequent training. Seeds will be procured and distributed based on 2013 harvest results - awaiting final report from Lucy Jibilla and Samuel MBoka.
4. Micro-credit Program (2014): Funds have been marked in the TPF 2014 Budget for loans to tree farmers who need to hire labor for the brushing and shading of the old forest plantations. One acre can be worked by 3 laborers for a total of \$63.00 (is that right???). Proper shading and brushing will increase the yield from the old trees. We have not yet obtained a program administrator. We do have time. Shading and brushing needs to occur in the Aug-Sep timeframe.
5. Brief PC Jibilla on agriculture plans for 2013-14 to obtain his active support for forming cooperatives and his views on how best to ensure a viable micro-credit initiative.
6. Meet with the Chiefdom Agriculture Committee accompanied by Lucy Jibilla and Samuel MBoka (both are members of this committee).

B. Other Actions:

1. Return rice thresher to FINIC Industries. Discuss future loan of mill and thresher for women farmers.
2. Coordinate with BRAC Freetown on actions in Kailahun District and arrange meeting with the BRAC Kailahun staff.
3. Coordinate with Freetown Teachers College for an update on the Distant Learning Program and current costs.
4. Coordinate with Jula Consultancy on future cacao issues (to include Yawei) and possible assistance in formation of cooperatives in Penguia Chiefdom.

5. Deliver ISHI package to Nixon Memorial Hospital in Segwemba.
6. Courtesy call on Kailahun District Chairman with Penguia District Council Woman, Lucy Jibilla.
7. Update Daniel Gbondo on the R³ (Reclaim, Re-vitalize, Re-focus) land reclamation proposal
8. We had been alerted prior to my travel that the Youth Association was requesting TPF support for tools to assist their rehabilitation of the road from Woroma to Sandaru, but we did not have a cost estimate. Since we had not programmed this cost, we would need to find funds for some level of support _ this is a self-help initiative that deserves support. Since a major road rehabilitation of the 18-mile Manowa-Sandaru road in 2011 funded by Tiffany & Company, two rainy seasons have severely damaged the road, especially in the hilly areas between Woroma and Sandaru.

Report

Nov 30

Arrived in Freetown met by the driver AL Haji Sidibay and Francis Kargbo. Prior to travel, I had asked Josephine Massah to coordinate a meeting on Dec 1 with those I would need to support my work. Al Haji agreed to make follow-up calls the next morning.

Dec 1

Made telephone coordination for meetings with:

- PC Jibilla
- Dr Missa, Director of Nixon Memorial Hospital in Segwemba regarding delivery of ISHI medical supplies
- Mohammed Fofana, Director Jula Consultancy, reference cacao training program
- Tapan Kumar Karmaker, BRAC Regional Director

Met with selected staff members to confirm their support and agree on compensation for the days I would need their support.

Dec 2

Departed for Penguia Chiefdom at 0615. Stopped in Kenema for fuel and groceries. Arrived at 1915H. PC Jibilla was not present. Met with Chiefdom Speaker Sendu and attempted to make a courtesy call on the Sandaru Town Chief, Momo Brima.

Dec 3

Reviewed planned training concepts and objectives for cacao, coffee, and women vegetable farmers with Samuel MBoka. I asked MBoka to review for discussion that afternoon the training proposal for coffee farmers I had requested and received by email from Thomas Brima. We agreed to meet later when Lucy Jibilla could be present to discuss the women vegetable farmers' plan, 2013 evaluation reports, and associated budgets.

MBoka gave me an overview of BRAC actions to date. BRAC plans to build 13 "one room schools" for girls in Kailahun District. Twelve are planned for Penguia and three are planned for Yawei Chiefdom. One school is finished and one is being constructed at the time of this trip.



BRAC Office Sign and Building in Sandaru



BRAC Single Room Girls' School under Construction in Sandaru

That afternoon we were joined by Lucy Jibilla. I told MBoka that I was not satisfied with the coffee training proposal with respect to both content and the proposed budget. MBoka agreed with my content issues and the fact that the budget did not include the cost or source of the berries for the coffee nurseries. MBoka said the hybrid berries can be obtained in Guinea and he will procure some prior to our final program/budget session.

We agreed in principal that:

- the cacao program would replicate the 2013 program for 50 more farmers to be trained as trainers,
- another 30 drying tables would be constructed from local materials,

- Jula Consultancy would not be needed for this phase because the trained farmers can replicate the program. This represents an important milestone in achieving sustainable development and a reduction in costs for accelerating the training.
- For this second cohort, TPF would fund 13,000 seedlings and planting pots for the nurseries and the solar plastics for the drying tables.
- The cacao evaluation report is at Appendix 1.



Bamboo drying tables constructed by farmers for “best practice” drying for old forest cacao tree beans to increase market value _ TPF provides solar plastic covers.



A cacao seedling nursery. 13,000 hybrid seedlings were started in May 2013 and planted in the forest in August. This is an essential step in beginning to replace the old forest trees.

We discussed the women vegetable farmers planned needs based on the evaluation report at Appendix 2. In sum, while we purchased/distributed six vegetable seeds as requested last year, the women did not know how to properly care for the hybrid eggplant, tomatoes, and peppers. Okra and corn performed extremely well so the recommendation was to concentrate on buying more okra and corn. We also agreed to buy groundnut seeds from local farmers to ensure quality and keep money in the Chiefdom. The women's' program in principle:

- 50 more women will be trained as trainers in the proper and safe use of pesticides.
- The 2013 program will be replicated; however women will conduct the training and a consultant will not be needed, an important milestone in sustainable development.
- TPF will purchase pesticides and corn, okra, and ground nut seeds.
- Lucy Jibilla will facilitate the collection of 2013 vegetable productivity data by Francis Bokarie and Musu Alieu after this harvest cycle.



Pesticides, Maize and Okra seeds, safety glasses and nose masks purchased for Jan 2014 training.

We were joined by Mohammed Sam King, President of the Youth Association. We discussed the request for tools for the road rehabilitation project (\$1800.00). I did not know what other items would cost yet, but we would try to provide some level of support and reduce costs where possible.

In the break between the morning and afternoon meetings I made courtesy calls on Chief Nomo Brima, Chief Al Haji Lahai, and Chief Duba.

That evening S MBoka introduced me to Sahr Bendu who MBoka was recommending as the trainer for the coffee project. I asked him to prepare a proposal and budget that we could discuss when I came back to Penguia the following week.

Dec 4

Met with PC Jibilla. I told the Chief that I would need at least an hour of his time. He agreed to work that out. PC said he would like to have a conference call with Jeffrey Wright and me. I said I would coordinate that when I returned to Freetown.

Reworked the agriculture program and budget drafts per the discussions the preceding day.

Traveled to Komuntandu to meet with Edward Pagan. Last April I had discussed his involvement in the coffee training program and had hoped he would take on a leadership role as a coordinator. I gave him an update and told him of my expectation that Sahr Bendu would present a proposal next week. Pagan agreed to be engaged as the program went forward and that he would take the “train the trainer” course in January.

Dec 5

Traveled back to Freetown. In route we delivered the ISHI medical supplies to the Nixon Memorial Hospital in Segwemba. As background for this action, in Nov 2012 Taia had facilitated the visit of the ISHI medical team to the Nixon Memorial Hospital. There they met with the staff and made a needs assessment with a view to return at a future date, once funding had been obtained, and bring a targeted surgical team, supplies and equipment to upgrade the hospital’s capacity and health services to the region. ISHI had already made targeted interventions at the Karbala hospital in Koinadugu District and TPF Chair Jeffrey Wright had encouraged them to come to the Kailahun District. In April 2013, TPF delivered the results of the ISHI assessment to Dr Missa.

The photos below show the ISHI Team listening to the hospital staff and their departure by helicopter arranged by TLR in coordination with UNDP.





Dr Missa, Director of Nixon Memorial Hospital in Segwemba, and the Hospital Administrator receiving the medical supplies provided by ISHI.

As we arrived in Freetown we stopped to purchase the solar plastic for the cacao program (10 fifty meter rolls).

We returned the rice thresher to FINIC Industries. The organization had loaned the thresher to the Penguia women for their use and evaluation of the machine's performance.

Dec 6

With the help of Josephine Massah, researched pesticide and seed costs. Prices for pesticides and seeds had soared: pesticide 46% increase, corn 100% increase, okra 40% increase.

I reworked the draft programs and budgets to adjust to the price increases and potentially free up some funds to support the Youth Association road rehabilitation project.

Dec 7

Sent Josephine Massah to purchase pesticide and seeds.

Developed program/budget options for discussion with MBoka and Lucy Jibilla once I returned to Penguia. Options included some level of funding for the Youth Association road rehabilitation project.

The conference call attempt requested by PC Jibilla PC failed. We agreed to try for 8:00 PM on Dec 8.

Dec 8

Conference call with the PC went well.

Dec 9

Traveled back to Penguia. Arrived late in Sandaru. Lucy Jibilla was in Freetown for a conference of elected women leaders. Would not be able to finalize the women program until the 12th.

Dec 10

Met with MBoka and Sahr Bendu. We agreed on the coffee "train he trainer" program and budget. MBoka had purchased some hybrid coffee berries from Guinea. Appendix 3 is the coffee training program.

Told Sahr Bendu of the role that Edward Pagan would play as coordinator with Bendu continuing as the lead trainer. I emphasized to MBoka that we must bring more leadership from outside of Sandaru for the programs to become sustainable chiefdom wide.



Hybrid coffee berries from Guinea

Tweaked the budget for Youth Association tools.

Dec 11

Met with Mohammed Sam King to discuss the purchase of tools. We agreed that he and my driver would travel to Kenema on the 12th to buy the tools. TPF purchased:

- 72 shovels
- 36 pickaxes
- 2 sledge hammers
- 2 heavy crow bars
- 3 wheel barrows

Sam King said they would not distribute the tools among the Sections along the road, but would keep them centralized and employ as teams on different sections of the road. The tools will be stored in one facility in Sandaru. I concurred with that decision.

Sam King wanted to discuss the earlier Association priority request for the funding of a building for the Association. I told him we have seen the cost estimates of \$40k PLUS and no one will build a building when so much else needs to be done. I reminded him that in previous conversations that they had discussed a desire to have an Association rice farm. He smiled and said, "Yes"! I said give us a proposal for that kind of project which benefits more people. I asked if they had the land and he said they did but they would need seed rice. I told him to submit a proposal describing the project and cost. I have the proposal.

Dec 12

Lucy Jibilla arrived early from Freetown. I reviewed with her what we had purchased and the cost increases for pesticides, seeds, and safety glasses and how we had tweaked the budgets to fund the tools she had asked me to do. She concurred. We locked in the women program and budget.

With MBoka as my guide, I asked to see an example of how the hybrid seedlings have been planted in the forest in 2013.





These hybrid cacao seedlings were started in a nursery in late May 2013 and planted in late August. Of the 13,000 seedlings planted, over 12,500 survived and are now in the forests. In Dec they were at least 24 inches tall.

Since my driver was late in returning from Kenema (tool purchase) I could not meet with the PC at the time we had planned. Moreover, he was not available because the leader of the women's' secret society had died the night before and he had to be in Salema, her home village.

Dec 13

Made the planned trip to Kailahun Town with Penguia District Council Woman, Lucy Jibilla, with the intent to make a courtesy call on the District Chairman. He was in Ghana for a conference. I did sit in on a District Councilors' meeting chaired by the Deputy Chairman. He allowed me to introduce myself and describe the work TPF is doing in the District.

I visited the BRAC office in Kailahun, but the area manager was in Kenema. A smart young Leonean represented BRAC very well.

During the travel back I told Lucy that I had learned that there were timber trucks using the Manowa-Sandaru road and that I believed those trucks caused the crushing of the culverts (now there are at least five log bridges where there were concrete culverts before). I asked who holds the trucks responsible for the damage and repairs. She said this is an issue that she is working to resolve. Upon return to Penguia, I learned that the PC was still in Kenema and left instructions that I should meet him in Sengema at 7:00 AM on the 14th.

Dec 14

Met with PC Jibilla from 7:00-8:30 AM. The meeting was very positive. My agenda:

- Described how we intend to replicate the cacao and women vegetable farmer program with another set of 50 farmers trained to train. Told him that a significant difference is that we do not need consultants to do the training and that this is an important outcome for sustainable development. I said we will need Julia Consultancy's program evaluation to accomplish our objective that the Penguia cacao farmers become certified as best practice organic cacao farmers.
- Told him how we were starting the coffee train the trainer program but could only focus on 20 farmers with the intent to double that number in Dec 2014.
- Summarized the meeting that I had, arranged by Samuel MBoka, with some cacao and coffee farmers to share with them the plan for training a new set of trainers in January and follow-on training in April for establishing nurseries (13,000 seedlings for cacao and 6,000 berries for coffee). Discussed with them the need to form cooperatives as we had discussed back in April 2013 and what that means for approaching their farming as a business, and what that means in terms of shared assurance of quality control. The farmers agreed to have a cacao/coffee cooperative formed by April 2014. I told them TPF would continue to work at resolving the labor problem for the brushing and clearing essential to optimizing the productivity of the old forest trees. There was agreement that they would meet with more farmers and, if we moved to a micro-finance venture, obtain a consensus on what would be an acceptable interest rate. ***At this point I told the PC we will need his thinking, buy-in, and support for how we proceed with micro-finance. I said the Community Development Bank in Bunumbu charges 3% interest monthly, but if we went that route the farmers would end up paying 6-9% because the labor would be needed in Aug-Sept, but harvest and sales for the prior year will not be complete until Oct-Nov. I said we had been discussing micro-credits with BRAC, but they do not finance labor_ however, they may be able to link TPF with a World Food Program initiative, food for labor. The PC interjected saying, 'I have over a thousand citizens banking in Bunumbu and now Manowa has a Community Development Bank. This is not acceptable and I need to get a bank in Penguia. This will be my highest priority in 2014. Our peoples' resources are aiding development elsewhere and not here!'*** I concurred that a bank in Penguia would be extremely valuable and would enhance the Women Economic Empowerment and Land Reclamation projects when we succeed in funding those. I mentioned that BRAC was moving aggressively in Kailahun District and especially in Penguia. I told him that Jeffrey and I have been collaborating with BRAC for more than a year and we have a joint proposal in to fund education, women's economic empowerment and other initiatives. TPF is focusing on the teacher qualification issue. The PC was not aware that we were collaborating with BRAC.
- TLR and mining was not mentioned in this conversation. The PC said he was very pleased with what we were doing for development. He said that the women were earning money from their surplus vegetable production. (I learned that the PC used his own funds to bring the hybrid cacao seedling training to create nurseries for his farm).

Dec 15

After the meeting with the PC on the 14th, I traveled back to Freetown. Actions on the 15th:

- Gave Daniel Gbondo an update on our request for funding for the R3 project and confirmed that he would work with TPF when we received the funding.
- Obtained an update with the Freetown Teachers' College on the current costs for the Distance Learning program.
- Confirmed with Lucy Jibilla the proper timing to collect performance data for the 2013 vegetable production. Francis Bokarie and Musu Alieu will collect the data and prepare a report per the guidance given them.
- Confirmed a meeting on the 16th with Tapan Kumar Karmaker, BRAC Regional Director.

Dec 16

Discussed funding flow with Lawrence Conteh for deposit in the Kailahun account of Samuel MBoka. This funds the balance not previously paid for the three projects plus funds for the vegetable production evaluation report (total \$2,250).

Discussed accounting recapitulation with Hassan Koroma.

Met with BRAC Regional Director and had a very productive conversation:

- BRAC will contact WFP to see if they will provide support for the labor needed to properly brush and clear the old forest cacao trees. **NOTE: as of Jan 3 TPF is provided the base data required by WFP for a food for work initiative in Penguia Chiefdom.**
- Mr Karmaker arranged for me to visit a BRAC "Kitchen Farm" project in Waterloo on the 17th.

Dec 17

Met Ekramul Hague at the BRAC office for the trip to Waterloo. The two most interesting initiatives observed at the "Kitchen Farm" were:

- Their approach to integrated planting to optimize the use of space by sowing plants that do well together in the same row.
- They use some plants that deter insect pests to protect other vulnerable plants. They also use local materials such as charcoal ash mixed with kerosene to kill insects on some plants. They say this mix does not last long and residue is easily washed off.



The above photos are at the Waterloo Kitchen Farm. The top photo shows integrated land management where more than one crop is planted on the same ground. In the second photo we are discussing locally available materials to combat some insects. The last photo shows a locally produced pest control agent (charcoal ash mixed with kerosene and water) on the leaves of an okra plant.

We have asked for the publications that instruct the aforementioned for potential inclusion in the women farmer training. ON the 18th, I made last adjustments to the budget recapitulation based on vehicle repairs, vehicle fuel, generator fuel and food costs.

Appendix 1. Cacao Training Report

TO: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAIA PEACE FOUNDATION USA.

FROM: MR. SAMUEL MBOKA SANDARU PENGUIA CHIEFDOM KAILAHUN DISTRICT SIERRA LEONE
PENGUIA COCOA FARMERS TRAINING WORK SHOP REPORT 14-10-2013

TRAINING PERIOD 28TH SEPTEMBER TO 7TH OCTOBER 2013

TRAINING VENUE AND DATE

1. Kumatandu section venue Kumatundu 28th -29th sept 2013
2. Njagor section venue Lalelum 30th -1st Oct 2013.
3. Lombama section venue Kongonanie 2nd -3rd Oct.
4. Bulima section venue Woroma 4th -5th Oct.
5. Nimima section venue Sandaru 6th -7th Oct

FARMERS TRAINING TOPICS

- a) Nursery Establishment and management.
- b) Out Planting Pegging and spacing
- c) Disease prevention
- d) Farm sanitation and supervision
- e) Compost preparation.
- f) Soil conservation

The training session in all of the five centers were opened with.

- a) Prayers
- b) Registration of participants /farmers
- c) Introduction (self)

The first days of training in every section covered all the topics analysis in this report. Nursery site were visited to explain to them how the establishment and management should be done; the type of soil they should use; placing of planting pots for easy removal of unwanted weeds; the type of cocoa seeds to be used; and how to place them into the planting pots .They were trained on shade management from the time the seed has germinated.

The second days were field trips.

New planting site were visited. We demonstrated new plant pegging, and spacing was be done with the farmers with a spacing measurement of 3mx3m or 10 feet distance from one plant to another.

On disease prevention, farmers were trained to be regularly cleaning their cocoa farms and to practice 50% sunlight and 50% shade management within their farms with a focus on the more economical trees in their cocoa farms.

The prevention of while thread and what attracts the virus was explained.

At the end of the training, participants were evaluated on what they had achieved during their training, their challenges and constraints, and their recommendations.

In all of the five (5) section the majority identified the same challenges and constraints described below.

They have cocoa gardens but some are old and they do not have the strength in cleaning these gardens and shading.

The hiring of a labor force is another big problem.

Recommendations

- They are asking for an assistance from TPF in cleaning and shading these farms.
- TPF to help increase the assistance acquiring the hybrid cocoa seedlings.

Thank you with regards

Samuel Mboka
Coordinator

List of participants that attended the cocoa farmers training workshop, Penguia Chiefdom Kailahun District.

No.	Name	Section	Town
1.	Mohamed B. kamara	Kumutandu	Kumutandu
2.	Sahr Sellu	"	"
3.	Aiah Afred	"	"
4.	Tamba Charles	"	"
5.	Eward Panda	"	"
6.	Bobor Jibila	"	"
7.	Musa Musa	"	Kanjaru
8.	Mohamed Charles	"	"
9.	Roland A Saffa	"	"
10.	Mudaa Karimum	"	Melama
11.	Tamba J. Ensah	Lombama	Kongonanie
12.	Micheal Ellie	"	"
13.	Sahr K. Swarray	"	Sellu
14.	Faba Vand	"	Sellu
15.	Mariama Lamin	"	Bokolu
16.	Tamba Samking	"	Levuma
17.	Joe Kabba	"	Kongonanie
18.	Theresa Gbondo	"	Kongonanie
19.	Tamba S Gbanie	"	"
20.	Aiah Lamin	"	"
21.	Titus T kobba	Njagor	Lalehun
22.	David Mangar	"	"
23.	John D. Allieu	"	"
24.	Sahr Monsory	"	"
25.	Fayia Lamin	"	"
26.	Kumba Duada	"	"
27.	Finda Joseph	"	"
28.	Sahr William	"	"
29.	Njuma Thomas	Njagor	Kombodu
30.	Samuel Gbandia	"	Lalehun
31.	Lahai Manie	Bulima	Woroma
32.	Musa Morry	"	"
33.	Bockarie Gbondo	"	"
34.	Matta Prince	"	"
35.	Allieu Kettor	"	Bajibu
36.	Jeneba James	"	Sengema
37.	Moigua Momoh	"	"
38.	George William	"	"
39.	Aiah Vand	"	"

40. Afred Brima	"	"
41. Salley Momoh-	Nimina	Sandaru
42. Komba Senesie	"	"
43. Mambu M Vonjo	"	Nyamudu
44. Samuel Sanndi	"	Sandaru
45. Kumba Amara	"	"
46. Sahr Nabieu	"	"
47. Tamba W Amara	"	Sandaru
48. Manie Kellie	"	"
49. John Saidu	"	Nyamudu
50. Alpha Lahai	"	Sandaru

Appendix 2, Women Farmer Training and Evaluation

Report To: The Executive Director Taia Peace Foundation (TPF) USA

From: Lucy.K.Jibila women farmers' organization coordinator Sandaru

Penguia Chiefdom Kailahun District, Sierra Leone.

Mechanized Rice Threshing Machine Report 19/10/2013 for FINIC Industries

Date received: 11/12/2012 with all receipt of essential spare lubricant for the threshing machine

Training of three (3) males and five (5) females started on the 11 -13 December 201

Names as below:

1. Yie Yambasu	Sandaru
2. Mabel Sayoh	"
3. Fatimata makieu	"
4. Finda moiwo	"
5. Elizabeth Makieu	"
6. Briama Afred	"
7. Sheku Makieu	"
8. Lamin Afred	"

These people were trained on the uses of the machine and simple maintenance of the machine.

Trainees started operation on 14/12/2012.

Capacity Output

Date	Time	Tonnage
14/12/2012	8am---4pm	4 Tons
15/12/2012	8am----4pm	4 ^{1/2} Tons
16/12/2012	8am----4pm	5 Tons
19/12/2012	8am----12pm	1 ^{1/2} Tons
22/12/2012	9am----3pm	2 Tons
28/12/2012	9am----4pm	3 Tons
29/12/2012	8am----3pm	2 Tons

Constraints: After the threshing, women find it difficult to do the milling because they sometimes had to go to places that had rice milling machines.

TO: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAIA PEACE FOUNDATION (TPF) USA.

FROM: LUCY.K.JIBILA WOMEN FARMER ORGANISATION COORDINATOR SANDARU, PENGUIA

CHIEFDOM, KAILAHUN DISTRICT, SIERRA LEONE.

VEGETABLE GARDENING REPORT

SEED DISTRIBUTION LIST 2013

SECTION	OKRA	PEPPER	EGGPLANT	TOMATO	CORN	GROUND NUT
NIMIMA	5 cups	6 cups	6 cups	1 cup	63 cups	
BULIMA	5 cups	6 cups	6 cups	1 cup	57 cups	

LOMBAMA	5 cups	6 cups	6 cups	1 cup	48 cups	Not viable seeds
KUMATANDU	5 cups	6 cups	6 cups	1 cup	27 cups	
NJAGOR	2 cups	3 cups	3 cups	1 cup	18 cups	

Appendix 3. Coffee Training Program for January 2014

TPF COFFEE TRAINING PROPOSAL FOR 2013

From: MR SAHR .A. BENDU
Sandaru, Penguia Chiefdom, Kailahun District
Rep. of Sierra Leone.

To: Taia Peace Foundation (TPF)
Executive Director (TPF)

Date: 12/4/2013

Subject: TRAINING OF COFFEE FARMERS PENGUIA
CHIEFDOM ON NURSERY ESTABLISHMENT,

MANAGEMENT TRANSPLANTING/ SPACING,
FARM MANAGEMENT, HARVESTING, PREVENTION
EARLY DISEASE ATTACK, AND REHABILITATION OF OLD
COFFEE TREES

With discussion and request made from Mr. Samuel Mboka relating to the above topics, I herewith offer my best services to carry out the above mentioned training in Penguia Chiefdom.

This training will give farmers new ideas on drawing seeds from berries, nursing, pegging/ spacing, and farm management with reference to high breed coffee. It also enables these farmers to transmit this new idea to the other majority of farmers in their respective communities. Description of these activities, planning and training period is attached to this proposal. This training assignment will start and last for three (3) days. Detailed reports on these activities will be prepared as soon as the training ends

Yours Faithfully
SAHR A. BENDU.

PRESENTATION OF CONTRACT PLANNING/BUDGET IS BELOW

Description:

Coffee Nursery Establishment and Management, transplanting/ spacing and farm management, harvesting, prevention early disease attack.

No. of Facilitators:
Two (2)

Facilitators Fee: Le 750,000+ Le 6000, 000= Le 1,350,000.00 (\$325)

Training Materials:

Flip Chart paper
Markers
Coffee Seeds (High Breed)
Planting Pots
Pens
Exercise Books
Manure Identification
Measuring Tape
Garden Line

Objective of the Training:

- a. Farmers to learn new techniques in high breed coffee nursery establishment, prevention of disease attack and harvesting of the crop.
- b. To have ideas on coffee farm management and rehabilitation method: e.g., pruning methods.
- c. Farmers to transmit these new ideas and practical knowledge to their fellow farmers.

Client Roles:

To provide farmers

To provide coffee seeds and planting pots

No. of farmers (Twenty) 20

Training Period (Three) 3 days

Training Venue: Sandaru Town

DAY ONE	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR/ RESPONSIBLE PERSON
	<p>Registration of participant's, introduction of participant (self), Opening session/statement objective/purpose of workshop. Ground rules by participants' workshop expectation.</p> <p>Topics to Cover:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type of coffee (history) 2. Preparation of Nursery site 3. Nursery Establishment <p>Lunch</p> <p>Evaluation on day 1 Activities</p> <p>Departure</p>	
DAY 2	<p>Registration of participants recaps/ reviews of day 1 activities.</p> <p>Topics to Cover</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When to nurse 2. When to water nursery seedlings 3. Nursery Management 4. Evaluation on Day 2 Activities <p>Lunch</p> <p>Departure</p>	
DAY 3	<p>Registrations of participants recap/ review of day 2 activities.</p> <p>Topics: Out Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field/farm visit 2. Why do we cut down shades in coffee plantation? 3. Out plant and spacing (using garden line/tape rule) 4. Shade Management 5. Rehabilitation of old tree (pruning) 6. Early disease prevention 7. Harvesting <p>Lunch</p> <p>Evaluation on day 1,2,3 high light training Topics</p>	