

Safe Drinking Water, a Challenge

-humanitarian group alarmed, made intervention

In the wake of eradication of the Ebola virus from Liberia, safe drinking water remains a major challenge for students and authorities of both private and public school across the country.



Great Commission Institute students

The continued lack of clean and safe drinking water for school-going kids has claimed the attention of Project Kind Initiative for Kids Shoes (Project KIKS), a humanitarian organization catering to the needs of children in 16 slum communities along the Somalia Drive in Monrovia where safe drinking water supply is a serious challenge.

In an effort to lead the process of providing safe drinking water to students in the country, Project KIKS has donated another 500-gallon poly tank to the Great Commission Institute in the LPRC community.

Earlier, in the space of two weeks the group made similar donation to WARD Preparatory School in the same community. Making the donation, Project KIKS Executive Director Sekou S. Dukuly said the lack of safe drinking water for school-going kids in such a volatile community especially during post-Ebola environment was of serious concern to the group.

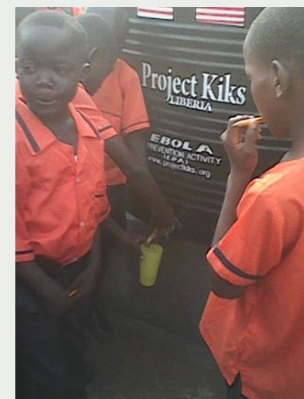


"We are providing this poly tank is a gift from the people of the United States of America to meet the safe drinking need of both the students and their teachers. A volunteer will visit your school weekly to ensure that water is available for the students and their teachers," he said.

According to him, a volunteer from the group will be deployed to each school to work with the administrations to ensure that water is the poly tanks at all time

"The third poly tank donation will target Richard C Hunter School," Mr. Dukuly said. Receiving the poly tank on behalf of the school, Irene Tommy, Principal of Great Commission Institute said water is life and one who brings it has indeed brought life to the nearly 500 pupils and their teachers.

She said founded in September 9, 2011, the school has been facing the challenge of providing safe drinking water for the students but it is expensive to buy the size of poly tank that the group has donated to the school will be used for the intended purpose and promised to officially communicate with the office of Project KIKS for the timely intervention.



Hamilton J.B. Flomo, 14 and a 7th grade student who spoke on behalf of the students, appreciated Project KIKS for gesture and further maintained that the provision of safe drinking in the school has been a serious challenge.

"Water business here has been giving us hard time. When you do not have money to buy sachet of drinking water then you will not drink for the time you will be here in school. We are happy for the water tank to be on campus for us to be drinking from it all the time," he said.

