

Ebola Orphans Consoled

-Project KIKS Provides Christmas Gifts To 17

A number of Ebola orphans have been assisted by Project Kind Initiative for Kid Shoes (Project KIKS). They were given a sorted of relief items on Sunday December 11, 2014. Some of the items distributed for Christmas include clothing, shoes, rice and toys to 17 Ebola orphans in two communities in Gardnersville.

Making the donation on behalf of Project KIKS-USA, the Chief Executive Officer of the program in Liberia S. Sekou Dukuly said the gesture is the group's way of identifying with the orphans who at this time of the year always expect gifts from their parents who are no more with them.

"We are standing in the gap of their parents who succumbed to the Ebola virus disease and are not here any longer to provide for their children especially during such festive

season," Mr. Dukuly said.

As part of activities marking the celebration of Christmas, Mr. Dukuly said the institution has invited all the orphans identified so far in the area and other children in the community to attend Christmas party slated for December 24 and 25, 2014.

He indicated that the distribution exercise took the group to 6 households in L P R C and Clark Communities in Chicken Soup Factory Gulf where the 17 orphans currently are cared for by their family members including other concerned community residents.

The CEO noted that there would be more clothing, shoes and other relief items for the children.

For her part, the Chairlady of Clark Community M. Sandra U. Cooper added that during a survey conducted in the area, the community identified 19

orphans of which four are children born of two brothers who died along with their respective wives; who were among 25 persons who died in August and September in the same household.

According to Madam Cooper, Mohammed Sheriff and his wife died early August during the height of the outbreak and left behind two boys SK, three years and Alieu five years both of whom were left to the care of a taxi cab driver (uncle). He later who took them to community members. He gets the children at night after returning from traffic.

The other brother, Ali Kamara and his wife also died of the virus and left two little girls behind. The taxi driver could not cope with the challenge; so four of the children are now left to the care of their grandmother Massa Kamara. The four children were among

the 17 children who received a number of gift items for the Christmas.

Madam Cooper further asserted that due to the death of 25 persons from a single household suspected to have died from the Ebola virus disease, the four children were quarantined for 21 days by community members.

Expressing deep gratitude for the gesture, the children grandmother lauded the group for the gesture.

Grandmother Massa Kamara prayed that the little ones entrusted to her care to grow in good health and become good human beings.

"I pray that my grandchildren will grow in good health and become human beings tomorrow, that is all I want," she said.

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Our Project Director, Sekou "Duke" Dululy



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Orphans of the Ebola Virus, new clothing, shoes and rice supplied by Project KIKS



Our orphans of the Ebola Virus and Volunteers



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