
Partners

Pearl Dudek Center is an orphanage that strives to create a dynamic, life-affirming “family” atmosphere. This community has come together through great struggles. PDC is one of the only major homes for vulnerable children in Koidu, the capital of Eastern Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone Action Mission (S.L.A.M.) is an all-volunteer, global, social justice committee which raises and manages funds for the alleviation of poverty and protection of vulnerable children. SLAM works with [Accountable Development Works](#), a registered charity and umbrella organization dedicated to grassroots initiatives where at least 98% of funds donated go directly overseas.

Accountable Development Works is a Canadian international charity dedicated to assisting the poorest people and communities in the world with a special focus on youth and children.

www.accountabledevelopment.org



Koidu Academy Vision

We are a leading educator in Science, Mathematics and Innovation Technology nurturing the academic, intellectual and character development of students so they are effective and ethical leaders.

Guiding Principles for Staff & Students

- integrity, perseverance & reasoning
- personal responsibility & social justice
- critical thinking & investigative curiosity

Our Goals

- To develop scientifically literate students
- To develop conscientious and compassionate adults
- To develop effective and ethical leaders

Project Summary

To build a locally managed high school in Koidu, Eastern Sierra Leone that will provide a sustainable, exceptional, educational opportunity, that will benefit the poorest (which includes orphans, as well as, children & youth living in the streets)

Currently students must travel to other provinces to access and complete high school in preparation for university.

Koidu Academy

Focusing on Sustainability and Science Excellence



School Build Project in partnership with Pearl Dudek Centre, Sierra Leone Action Mission (S.L.A.M) & Accountable Development Works

SIERRA LEONE HISTORY

Sierra Leone remains among the world's poorest countries, ranking 180th out of 187 countries in the Human Development Index in 2011. Decades of economic decline and 11 years of armed conflict had dramatic consequences on the economy. Poverty remains widespread. More than 60% of the population live on less than US\$ 1.25 a day; unemployment and illiteracy levels remain high.

A lack of education and basic healthcare services contributed significantly to the Country's recent Ebola Crisis, during which UNICEF estimates 16,000 children lost their caregivers.

Eastern Sierra Leone's capital of Koidu (one of the hardest hit areas) has only one functional orphanage and not a single fully functioning high school for over 500,000 inhabitants.

<http://www.sl.undp.org/content/sierraleone/en/home/countryinfo.html>

https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/ebola/75941_762

Our Story

SLAM was started from a grass-roots desire for social justice by parishioners of St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2006. It is 100% volunteer operated.

SLAM supports the Pearl Dudek Centre (PDC) founded by managing director, Finda Kamara and Jason Dudek. The PDC is one of the only major homes for vulnerable children in Koidu, the capital of Eastern Sierra Leone.

SLAM has a moral responsibility to serve those most in need, regardless of race, religion, creed or gender.

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Sierra Leone Action Mission

School Model and Curriculum

The school will be based on the Loreto Day School Model where the student population is comprised of approximately 50% students coming from more affluent families and 50% who are living in poverty (see, www.loretobowbazar.in). The school fees paid by the affluent families will subsidize the other students.

The curriculum will be developed in full compliance with local government standards and will be enriched with additional resources. Certified teachers and experts in the fields of innovation, technology, science, mathematics and sustainability will enhance student learning.

