

PROJECT PROPOSAL

FOR

FOOD CROP PRODUCTION AND SMALL
RUMINANTS

PREPARED BY:
ALISA WOMEN'S FARMING PROJECT
FOR FUNDING

Name of proposal -

Alisa Women's Farming Project
(Crop Production and small Ruminants.

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Location of Project -	Panlap, Makarie Gbanti Chiefdom, Bombali District, Northern Province.
Project Beneficiaries -	1,732 Members.
Duration of Project -	One (1) year.
Date of Commencement -	August, 2009
Date of Completion -	August, 2010
Community Contribution -	\$ 2,420.00 (Le 7,260,000)
Fund Request -	\$ 100,000 (Le 300,000,000)
Total -	\$ 102,420 (Le 307,260,000)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alisa Women's Farming Project is a community-based organization, which is an Umbrella organization for Five (5) Women's association was started in 1989.

This Project was involved in large-scale community and individual small holding crop production in the Makari Gbanti in the Bombali District of Northern Sierra Leone.

In this new dispensation in post war Sierra Leone Alisa Women's Farming Project with the supervisory assistance of RIAP intends to assist in resetting and rehabilitating the community people that originated within the precincts of Bombali District.

BACKGROUND AND PROBLEMS ANALYSIS

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Makari Gbanti chiefdom, the identified project location is one of the largest chiefdom in the Bombali District, had experience some of the most gruesome, barbaric, debilitating, militating, mutilating and arson acts in the 11 years old civil conflict.

The chiefdom is located in an area with two large rivers i.e. Tabai and Mabole with a vegetation structure ranging from wood land savanna, flood plains, grass lands and inland valley swamps a vegetation and soil structure really suitable for crop and animal production.

Its plentiful water supply throughout the year enables it to accommodate large human populations crowded in to small farming hamlets scattered all over the chiefdom.

The large fish reserve in the rivers was also utilized to supplement food needs of the community and the surrounding communities.

The turning point of this economic growth within these came on the frequent rebels attacks in these areas.

Men and Women had their limbs amputated. Produce and animals were looted and facilities for agriculture vandalized.

The humanitarian crisis came to a head when the rebel occupied these areas up to four years. Seeds banks and livestock reserve were destroyed.

Alisa Women's Farming Project alone an umbrella organization of Five (5) villages lost a total of Two thousand Five hundred (2,500) bushels of rice besides other field crops like cassava, maize and groundnuts.

As such Alisa Women's Farming Project some of whose membership had their limbs amputated had identified about 25 amputees wishing to resettle in their home district.

The association is passionately appealing to your institution to support it to achieve in its outlined objectives in collaboration with RIAP Lunsar in post war Sierra Leone.

PROJECT LOCATION

Alisa Women's Farming Project which had facilities at Balia, in the Makarie Gbanti chiefdom decided to locate the main project activities for community people and amputees.

Panlap is 3km to the main out lets to Guinea, with a thriving weekly market featuring agriculture produce, livestock and imported commodities.

It had been selected for its proximity to the other essential educational and capacity building service that would be needed for the communities.

PROBLEMS ANALYSIS

The members of the project are in dire need to develop them, but could not afford the provision of basic inputs. The major problem faced by the project and which it will try to address is the lack of the most appropriate agriculture inputs to restart normal production activities. These inputs include farm equipments, seeds, planting materials, and livestock for restocking of lost animals.

Other issues:-

- Lack of the capacity to provide support service.
- The neglect of the women in development activities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the project is in accordance with the Government Agricultural policy of increasing food production and diversification of the present farming system so as to attain sustainable food security.

SPECIAL OBJECTIVES

- To Increase the production of crops so as to attain pre-war production level
- To raise livestock (small ruminant, and piggery).
- To strengthen the productive capacity of the women members.
- To create a sense of awareness for the women folk towards sustainable agriculture production.
- To re-organize and strengthen the existing 5 villages.

ACTIVITIES

PAST ACTIVITIES

Since the formation of the project in 1987, the executives have engaged in concretizing and sensitizing the entire membership on their roles and active participation on rural development. This sensitization campaign culminated in the registration of the Five (5) villages with a total membership of 1,732. In addition to the above, the project has embarked on food crops such as rice, cassava, sweet potato and vegetables.

The project has acquired 450 acres of land for food crop and livestock production.

PRESENT ACTIVITIES

Currently, the project is embarking on the introduction of a small livestock component (piggery and small ruminant) due to the rebels over Four hundred Fifty (450) bushels of seed rice moved by the project, were looted. The project only cultivated 35 acres of rice.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Depending on the availability of funds, the project intends to embark on the cultivation of 450 acres of major food crop and the raising of livestock (piggery and small ruminants).

In addition incoming generation scheme (Agro-processing) will be introduced so that the cassava produce by project members could be processed into high quality gari starch.

PROJECT SUPPORT DURATION

The project is soliciting assistance for a period of One (1) year. There after it will be in position to finance its operation from the revolving fund that will be established.

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

The direct project beneficiaries would be the project members and their household members from the project village. A total of 1,732 women farmers and their families would benefit directly as follows:

DIRECT PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

LOCATION	SEX DISTRIBUTION		AGE DISTRIBUTION (YEAR)		
	FEMALE	MALE	0-14 yrs	15-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Balia	257	61	62	209	47
Thokonba	319	87	67	283	56
Kerefay	282	72	63	233	58
Panlap	258	70	46	239	43
Mayambray	259	67	61	228	37
	1,375	357	299	1,292	241

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

The methodology to be adopted by the project is the participatory approach. The Alisa Women's Farming Project operates in this village. This village has three groups/ Associations. The project will operate a communal farm at the project headquarters at the same time distribute available inputs to the project beneficiaries. These inputs will be recovered and recycle to other beneficiaries until all project members are being serviced.

FULLFILLMENT OF THE PRIORITY NEEDS OF BENEFICIATIES:

The major problem faced by the project and which the project will try to address is the lack of the most appropriate agricultural input to restart normal production activities. These inputs include farm equipment, seeds, planting materials, and livestock. Other priority areas to be addressed are:

- Lack of the capacity to provide agricultural support services
- The neglect of the women in development activities.

BENEFICIARIES PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION:

The project beneficiaries had participated in the identification and planning of the project. Since it deals with their economics well-being. During the implementation of the project, beneficiaries would contribute the:

- Unskilled labor
- Local materials (sticks, stones, sand etc.)
- Land for the cultivation and construction of animal sheds.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The under mentioned strategies will be carried out to achieve the set objectives:

- Community mobilization and sensitization for the further understanding of the project.
- Training of Alisa Women's Farming Project executive and animators on the planning, implementation, monitoring and management of especially agricultural project.
- Registration of targeted beneficiaries (Women in farming families within the operational communities).
- Purchase and distribution of viable seeds. RIAP Lunsar and the trained executive of AWFPP will ensure that certified seeds approved by the seed board are bought.
- Provision of food for work to assist the farm families in the hunger period and protect the seeds from been eaten. RIAP Lunsar has a memorandum of understanding with Alisa Women's Farming Project to supply food to every certified farmer who is involved in farming.
- Purchase and distribution of livestock (pigs, sheep, Goat).
- Supervision, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of project activities.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY:

It is expected that with the provision of funds, the project will be able to achieve its objectives. The maintenance of the project will enhance by two (2) types of account that will be established. In addition to these, the recurrent expenditure would be met from the revolving fund, after termination of donor fund this will enhance the project continuation after donor funding is terminated.

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT:

The depletion of the forest and tree crop, due to demands for fuel wood and timber activities has increased run off and soil erosion especially on derived watersheds leading to loss of soil nutrients, situation of waterways and damaged to fisheries.

The Project when fully implement will try to embark on activities that will conserve the environment.

ROLE OF WOMEN

Women produce 60% of the food crop requirements and handle the processing of food crops such as rice, cassava and groundnut. In addition, women are responsible for food preparation, childcare, and house management, which influence their time and energy for agricultural activities.

Institutional involvement of women in the project area development is very minimal. There is the need to integrate them into mainstream development, which requires an expansion of the scope for knowledge and skills. There are many areas where women development programmed with varying objectives can be implemented such as this project.

PROJECT REPLICABILITY:

This project when fully implemented will serve as a model/ pilot project, which will be replicated in other areas of the Chiefdom.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The project members and community are responsible for monitoring project implementation and made necessary recommendations at general and executive meetings for effective decision-making. Observations, field visit and group discussions will form part of the participatory monitoring methodology.

In addition to the above, specialized monitoring teams will be requested from the implementing agency RIAP to conduct in-depth project evaluation and to make necessary recommendations for better project implementation and replication.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

The Alisa Women's Farming Project has carried out similar project in the past in one or more of the operational communities there was a seed bank project which involved over Two thousand Five hundred and Sixty (2,560) bushels of husk rice and Eight hundred and Fifty-five (855) bushels of husk groundnut but was looted by the rebels.

The use RIAP Lunsar as supervising agency and the training of Executives and Animators of BWFP will ensure an affective delivery system. The capacity of the institution will be developed to high level to able to handle management of the project.

DONOR AGENCY CONTRIBUTION
EQUIPMENT

NO	ITEMS	NO OF BENEFICIARIES	QUALITY	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Tractor and accessories	1,732	1	225,000,000.00	225,000,000.00
2	Gari Processing Machine	1,732	2	4,500,000.00	9,000,000.00
3	Milling Machine	1,732	1	18,000,000.00	18,000,000.00
Sub total					Le 252,000,000.00

DONOR AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION

CROP PRODUCTION

NO	ITEMS	NO OF BENEFICIARIES	QUANTITY PER VILLAGE	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Rice	1,732	650 Bushels	30,000.00	19,500,000.00
2	Groundnut	1,732	650 Bushels	20,000.00	13,000,000.00
3	Cassava cotton	1,732	200 Bags	6,000.00	3,900,000.00
TOTAL					Le 36,400,000.00

DONOR AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION
BUDGET LINE ITEM
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

NO	ITEMS	NO OF BENEFICIARIES	QUANTITY PER VILLAGE	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Sheep	1,732			
	Female		30	250,000	7,500,000
	Male		10	220,000	2,200,000
2	Goat	1,732			
	Nanny		30	220,000	6,600,000
	He Goat		10	180,000	1,800,000
3	Pigs	1,732			
	Sow		30	175,000	5,250,000
	Boar		10	160,000	1,600,000
TOTAL					24,950,000

DONOR AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION GRAIN STORE
(BUILDING)

N O	ITEMS	QUANTIT Y	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Corrugated Iron Sheets	15 bundles	300,000	4,500,000
2	Cement	320 bags	35,000	11,200,000
3	Timber: 1" x 12" x 12'	85 Boards	14,000	1,190,000
4	Timber: 2" x 12" x 12'	40 Pieces	15,000	600,000
5	Timber: 3" x 4" x 12'	18 Pieces	13,000	2,340,000
6	Timber: 2" x 4' x 12'	70 pieces	6,000	420,000
7	Timber: 2 x 3 x 12	65 pieces	2,700	175,000
8	M.S. rods: ½" x 38'	80 length	30,000	2,400,000
9	M.S. rods: ¼" x 38'	16 length	15,000	240,000
10	Roofing nails	60 packets	30,000	1,800,000
11	Head pans	6	18,000	108,000
12	Shovels	5 Shovels	45,000	225,000
13	Wheel barrows	3 rolls	100,000	300,000
14	Binding wires	1 roll	90,000	90,000
15	Double steel doors	1	350,000	350,000
16	Single steel doors	1	175,000	175,000
17	Window panes	30	4,000	120,000
18	Wire mesh	1 roll	75,000	75,000
19	Wire nails (Assorted)	250 packets	5,000	1,250,000
20	Tower bolts	4	40,000	160,000
21	Lockers	3	30,000	90,000
22	Paints (Assorted)	35 gallons	25,000	875,000
23	paint brushes (Assorted)	8	5,000	40,000
TOTAL				Le 28,723,000

DONOR AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION PIG STY
(BUILDING)

N O	ITEMS	QUANTIT Y	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Corrugated Iron Sheets	12 bundles	300,000	3,600,000
2	Cement	250 bags	35,000	8,750,000
3	Timber: 1" x 12" x 12'	60 Boards	14,000	840,000
4	Timber: 2" x 12" x 12'	30 Pieces	15,000	450,000
5	Timber: 3" x 4" x 12'	10 Pieces	13,000	130,000
6	Timber: 2" x 4' x 12'	50 pieces	6,000	300,000
7	Timber: 2 x 3 x 12	40 pieces	2,700	108,000
8	M.S. rods: ½" x 38'	55 length	30,000	1,650,000
9	M.S. rods: ¼" x 38'	10 length	15,000	150,000
10	Roofing nails	40 packets	5,000	200,000
11	Head pans	6 Head pans	18,000	108,000
12	Shovels	5 Shovels	45,000	225,000
13	Wheel barrows	3 wheel barrows	100,000	300,000
14	Binding wires	1 roll	90,000	90,000
15	Double steel doors	2	250,000	500,000
16	Single steel doors	1	175,000	175,000
17	Window panes	12	4,000	48,000
18	Wire mesh	4 roll	75,000	300,000
19	Wire nails (Assorted)	150 packets	5,000	750,000
20	Tower bolts	4	40,000	160,000
21	Lockers	3	30,000	90,000
22	Paints (Assorted)	22 gallons	25,000	550,000
23	paint brushes (Assorted)	6	5,000	30,000
TOTAL				Le 19,354,000

NO	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Transportation		Lump Sum	1,850,000
2	Labor		Lump Sum	2,900,000
TOTAL COST				4,750,000

DONOR AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION
TRANSPORTATION AND LABOR COST

LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

NO	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN LEONES	TOTAL COST IN LEONES
1	Land	850 acres	5,000	1,500,000.00
2	Sticks	14 dozen	10,000	500,000.00
3	Food for Work	Lump Sum	1,650,000	1,000,000.00
4	Sand	8 trips	80,000	640,000
5	Ball Stones	4 trips	70,000	280,000
6	Broken Stones	5 trips	60,000	300,000
TOTAL				Le 7,260,000

Project Budget Summary in Leones and Dollars

No	Items	Total cost in Leones	Donor Contribution In Leones	Local Contribution in Leones
1	Equipments	225,000,000	225,000,000	
2	Crop Production	36,400,000	36,400,000	
3	Livestock Production	19,370,000	19,370,000	
4	Grain Store & Animal Shelter	48,077,000	48,077,000	
5	Transportation	1,850,000	1,850,000	
6	Labor	2,900,000	2,900,000	
7	Local Contribution	7,260,000		7,260,000
8	Miscellaneous		1,500,000	
	TOTAL	Le 307,260,000 \$ 102,420	Le 300,000,000 \$ 100,000	Le 7,260,000 \$ 2,420