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Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link Schools Farms Project Report

2025

How did it all begin?

- ▶ In 2020 Battle Horticultural Society donated £200 for seeds.
- ▶ In February 2020 teachers visited Sierra Leone and gave 21 schools £9 to buy seeds.
- ▶ The results were amazing, schools turned some of their grounds into gardens and planted seeds bought at the market.
- ▶ Crops included ockra, crain crain, corn, carrots, rice, garden egg, spinach, cassava, ground nuts, potato leaves
- ▶ Students started to learn practical agriculture skills
- ▶ Huge crops were harvested.
- ▶ In 2021 a project was started - School Farms Project. It grew to include 30 schools, has been running ever since, now has a Project and Assistant Manager

School Farms Project 2025

- ▶ Since 2021 HSLFL have donated £1000 each year to maintain the SFP.
- ▶ The School Farms Project 2025 builds on the success of previous years.
 - ▶ 30 schools
 - ▶ £1000 for the managers to decide how this should be spent.
- ▶ Local supervision
 - ▶ Project Managers, Mrs Letitia Huggins and Suffian Kamara, with support from Francis Mason, HSLFL Schools Coordinator in Sierra Leone. (sadly Jeitta Kanneh has had to step down due to ill health)
- ▶ International information sharing
 - ▶ Letitia, Suffian, Francis, Isabel and Roger form the SF Committee, meeting regularly and interacting with HSLFL Trustees.

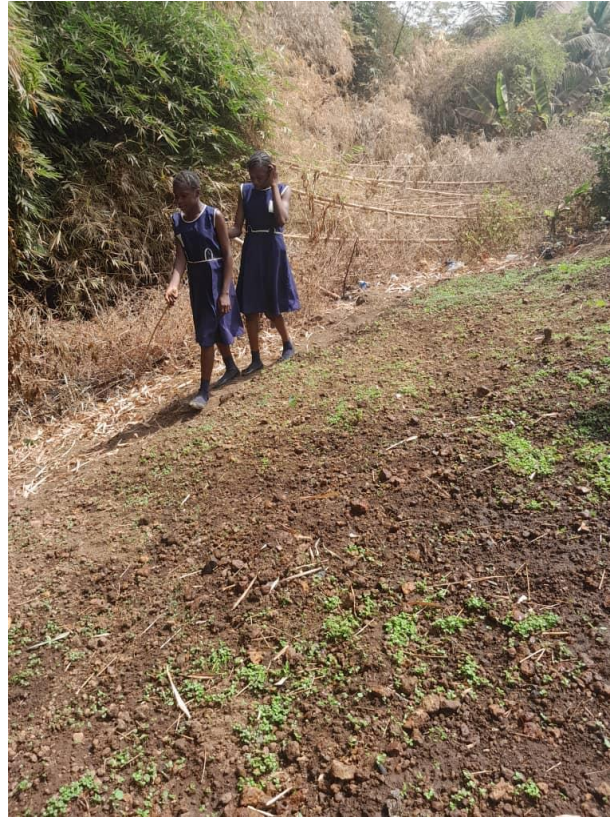
How it works

- ▶ A workshop at the beginning of the farming year, usually around May time.
- ▶ Agree objectives for the year, funding and responsibilities
- ▶ Letitia and Suffian visit schools on a regular basis during the year
- ▶ Regular SFP meetings keep the UK members in the loop
- ▶ A celebration Exhibition in November/December

Huntingdon Jui



Glory



School Farms Project Jui Lower



Kelly's
ready to harvest



Exhibition time!



Harvest Exhibition



What happens to the produce?

- ▶ Used for preparing school meals
- ▶ Shared within the school and local community
- ▶ Sold to buy more seeds, garden tools, fertilisers, fencing
- ▶ Sold to buy resources for schools

Preparing school dinners



Pupils learning how to cook the harvest



2025 aims and Longer term aims

- To expand the school garden project which started in 2020 to include sustainability.
 - Enhance community participation and collaboration in the 2024 School Farms Project
 - To continue building capacity through workshops and raise awareness on what the School Farms Project is all about.
 - Products from School Farms Project 2025 to benefit schools, children, and the community.
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- ▶ To continue to teach Practical Agriculture in more and more schools
 - ▶ To work together with Local Community
 - ▶ To create more livelihoods in Agriculture and Farming
 - ▶ To become sustainable