



United States Agency For International Development

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Dear Ms. El-Amin:

Congratulations! Your “Life Schools for Advancement” project has been approved for funding by the students of Operation Day’s Work (ODW). We received a total of five proposals. Every one of them was worthy of funding and would make a tremendous difference in the lives of youth in those five countries.

Over the past several weeks, students at our member schools across the United States have been reviewing all five proposals and learning about the different countries. The task of choosing just one proposal to fund was difficult. More than 1,000 students took part in making that decision.

We truly appreciate the effort that went in to preparing your proposal. Students in participating Operation Day’s Work schools are already busy learning about Sierra Leone and the developing world. The aspect of your program that most appealed to us was not only the renovation and maintenance of the three schools, but the opportunity to involve whole communities in the education of their children, especially the education of girls. Many ODW students also felt that the needs assessment was a critical part of the project for targeting areas of immediate concern. The students in Operation Day’s Work look forward to frequent and regular correspondence with your organization, including photos of the “Life Schools” project area in Sierra Leone. Also, if possible, correspondence from students receiving an education through this project would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to working together and will now turn our attention to raising the money to fund your proposal. Together, we can positively change the lives of young people around the world. Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely yours,

Susan C. Saragi*
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*Signing on behalf of all the Hard Working, Dedicated Students in Operations Day’s Work-USA