



KIDSAVE

# SIERRA LEONE

Kidsave has been helping orphans find families in Sierra Leone since 2010. At that time, many of the children who lost family during the civil war were living in orphanages. In 2014 the Ebola epidemic swept through Sierra Leone bringing devastation and impoverishment. The epidemic made children's precarious situation even worse, leaving 8,624 children registered as Ebola orphans. As the confusion and danger of Ebola descended, Kidsave ramped up and focused on moving children out of Ebola interim care centers and orphanages and into families.



Long after the civil war and Ebola epidemic, thousands of uncounted children remain in institutions. This is the case in spite of many institutionalized children having living parents and kin willing to give them a home. Without families, children do not thrive. Kidsave's goal is to support government and citizen involvement in support of these children and to help Sierra Leone rebuild their culture of children growing up in families.

Kidsave works in concert with governments who are supportive of family care. Kidsave helps organizations support families so that children remain connected and the organization's become sustainable. We provide training and financial support to partners in Sierra Leone who collaborate with their governments to identify and reunify children with members of their biological families. Kidsave works to make sure that children who move from institutions into orphanages are successful in their new homes. Social workers and para-professionals provide support to these families. And for those who need extra assistance, Kidsave offers micro-loans to help them make ends meet.



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