



**Action for Community
Resilience Group**

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**Embracing Sustainable
Development**

Paving the Way for Innovation,
Efficiency, and Sustainable Growth
in communities

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This year, Action for Community Resilience Group (ACRG) has made meaningful progress in improving lives across Sierra Leone. From providing clean water through bio-sand filters to leading community sanitation projects, we've seen the impact of our work firsthand, and it's been inspiring to witness the resilience of the communities we serve.



None of this would be possible without the dedication of our incredible team, partners, and supporters. Together, we're tackling some of the most pressing challenges, and I'm excited about the future we're building. The collective efforts of everyone involved have allowed us to make a real, lasting difference in our work areas. Through education, innovation, and a commitment to sustainability, we've laid the foundation for long-term growth and resilience.

This year also brought new opportunities for collaboration and growth. We've expanded our partnerships and work relations with organizations like Njala University, Chatham House, Youth Climate Council Sierra Leone, the READS, and the U.S. Embassy, Freetown, which have helped amplify our efforts. These collaborations are not just about resources—they're about shared values and a collective vision for a more resilient future. As we continue to expand our reach, we are focused on building stronger, more sustainable relationships within the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, ACRG is committed to scaling our efforts and creating lasting change. We'll continue to innovate and adapt, ensuring our projects remain relevant and impactful. Thank you for being part of this journey – together, we'll continue to make a difference, building a future where communities are healthier, more resilient, and empowered to shape their own destinies.

Allieu Christopher Moiwa
Co-founder & President
December 30, 2024



**U.S. Government: Ambassador Special Self-Help Fund: Promoting Healthy Communities through Community-Led Sanitation, Biosand Filtration, and Behavior Change Initiative
Peje Baoma Kaolahun District**

From stakeholder engagement to feasibility studies, and now with the infrastructure setup fully completed, the journey has been remarkable. The bio-sand water filtration and solar-powered pump systems are fully installed, providing reliable access to clean water in the community.

This initiative has significantly improved water access for school-going children and the broader community, reduced the incidence of waterborne diseases, and fostered increased knowledge and practices around sanitation and environmental stewardship. But our impact doesn't stop here. Through community-led sanitation and behavior change initiatives, the people of Peje Baoma are empowered to sustain these gains, ensuring a healthier future for all. Our deepest gratitude goes to the American and Sierra Leonean people, and the U.S. Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund, for making this transformation possible. Together, we've made a lasting difference. 💧

#CleanWaterSuccess #CommunityEmpowerment #HealthierCommunities #Sustainability



**Chatham House: Royal Institute of International Affairs Sustainability Accelerator
Microgrant: Ecobrick Transforming Plastic Waste to Sustainable Pavement Bricks**

We have made incredible strides at the Ecobrick Research Assistants Training, funded by the Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator! Participants engaged in hands-on activities to develop and test sustainable solutions for transforming plastic waste into resilient pavement bricks.

Using innovative materials like seaweed, sawdust, rice husk, clay, and sand, we explored models that prioritize eco-friendly production, reduce harmful emissions, and minimize microplastic pollution. These efforts are critical as we work toward a cleaner, greener future for all.

In partnership with The READS, Njala University Volunteers (NUV), Sierra Leone Debating Council (SLDC), Independent Students Movement (ISM), and SUG-NUNC Ministry of Environment and Education, we're taking a bold step to refine these models, turning ideas into action.

We encourage everyone to join this movement—reduce single-use plastics, educate your communities, and take part in creating innovative solutions. Together, we can make a significant impact!



U.S. Embassy Freetown, Public Diplomacy Grant: U.S. Sierra Leone Harmony Exchange: Nutring Futures through Cross-Cultural Collaboration

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As a U.S. Department of State Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program alumnus, I believe in the power of cross-cultural collaboration and understanding. I'm proud to lead Action for Community Resilience Group in implementing a project funded by the U.S. Embassy Sierra Leone's Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program. This initiative fosters the exchange of ideas, perspectives, and collaboration between students in Sierra Leone and the United States, creating a platform for meaningful connections and shared learning.

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Action for Community Resilience Group led by our President signed an agreement to implement the U.S. Embassy Freetown Public Diplomacy Small Grant project. The event marked the second grant agreement signed with Embassy a testament to our growth and partnership strengthening



Action for Community Resilience Group partnership and support to Sierra Leone Sustainable Harvest Project. Karene District Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone Sustainable Harvest Project focused on Agribusiness initiatives, introducing a brand-new concept to our local farmers, which they embraced enthusiastically. While many of them have experience in farming, they had limited knowledge of how to generate profit from their crops. As a result, much of their harvest is either sold at low prices or goes to waste. Most of the farmers end up empowering middlemen, who buy their produce cheaply and resell it at a higher price during times of scarcity. This cycle has kept them in poverty, a point highlighted by one farmer who expressed this realization after learning about Agribusiness.

To know more visit: <https://bit.ly/4gNe3V3>



**ACRG, Allieu Christopher Moiwa served as
Technical Advisor for Kick-off for Peace project at Njala University**

We are thrilled to announce that our project, "Kickoff for Peace: Football, Sustainability & Wellness," has secured a grant through the YES Alumni yearly grant program by the US State Department! 🌍 This achievement highlights our commitment to promoting unionism, peace, sustainability, and community engagement.

As part of this initiative, we will rehabilitate the Bio-society garden, transforming it into a beautiful and functional space for hands-on learning about environmental stewardship.

🌸🌱 The garden will feature new flowers, sitting accommodations, and concrete footpaths, making it a perfect spot for relaxation and community bonding. We are proud to rename this space as the **“Jay & Chris YES-Alumni Recreational Garden for Peace and Sustainability.”** 🌍🌟



YES Alumni Grant WASH for Quality Education & Gender Equality in Kenema

Allieu Moiwa from #SierraLeone led a #YESAlumni Grant project that provided clean drinking water to a school and educated 50 youth on the importance of clean water and a litter-free environment.

Learn more about Allieu's work: <https://bit.ly/4aMpxVY>

#KLYES Exchange Programs - U.S. Department of State Exchange Alumni AFS USA



Action for Community Resilience joined the Official Launch of the
Youth Climate Council Sierra Leone
Visit: yccsierraleone.org



Action for Community Resilience Group met with Vice Chancellor & Principal of
Njala University and Senior Administrative staff to explore partnership and
institutional support for Ecobrick project converting plastic waste to sustainable
pavement bricks



Group photo of youth climate leaders

Allieu Christopher Moiwa, Panelist

Over 60 young leaders, activists, and changemakers came together for the Sierra Leone Youth Climate Adaptation Dialogue, as part of the global Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day organized by Youth Initiative 4 Climate Action in partnership with the Global Center on Adaptation, Green Africa Youth Organization, and Plan International Sierra Leone. But Freetown was just one piece of the puzzle—similar events were happening in over 300 locations across 70 countries, all united by one mission: to drive youth-led solutions for climate adaptation.



Our President, Allieu Christopher Moiwa, a senior YES alumnus, served as an alumni mentor, bringing his expertise and passion for youth empowerment. Action for Community Resilience Group (ACRG) proudly partnered in the project, supporting the establishment of School Anti-Drug and Mental Health Clubs to sustain the fight against drug abuse and promote mental well-being.



Action for Community Resilience Group (ACRG), under the leadership of our dedicated President Allieu Christopher Moiwa—who is also a passionate student—has achieved another milestone in collaboration with Biosociety, Njala University!

Together, we successfully repaired the “main water source—Jackie Body” at Njala University’s Njala Campus, benefiting over 2,000 students and faculty members. This initiative ensures access to clean water, fostering better health, academic performance, and community resilience.



We participated in the UNDP Youth Led Innovation Challenge and were among 22 finalists of 400+ applicants. Our solution: Homemade Hydroponics to ensure a food-sufficient and sustainable farming

We supported the Empower Her Teach Project through our Co-Founder and President who served as Curriculum Coordinator to know more v



Action for Community Resilience Group hosted Students' Climate Cafe as part of U.S. - Sierra Leone Harmony Exchange. In attendance were the Vice Chancellor and Principal of Njala University, Prof Bashiru Koroma, Student Union Leadership and Organisations



ACRG 2025 Goals and Objectives

In 2025, Action for Community Resilience Group (ACRG) will focus on:

- 1. Innovative Farming and Food Security:** Scaling sustainable farming practices and empowering youth through agripreneurship to support FeedSalone goals.
- 2. WASH Expansion:** Extending water, sanitation, and hygiene projects with renewable energy solutions to underserved communities.
- 3. Climate Action and Resilience:** Promoting eco-friendly waste-to-resource models and strengthening grassroots climate adaptation.
- 4. Partnerships and Grants:** Building strategic alliances and securing funding to expand impact in remote communities.
- 5. Youth Empowerment:** Creating opportunities through training, mentorship, and leadership development.
- 6. Fund Mobilization:** Launching a robust fundraising drive to ensure long-term project sustainability and community outreach.



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Many thanks to our partners and supporters for the collective accomplishment in 2024



