

School Rehabilitation Project at Benkia

The meeting that was scheduled for 28th January, 2023 did not materialize due to the sudden death of one of the community stakeholders at Benkia who passed away on the same day. However, it was finally held on 11th February, 2023. The surrounding communities were all invited and there was hug turned out of participants.

During the meeting, Mr. Sesay explained to participants that the project proposal sent had been approved by Friends of Sierra Leone and that Friends of Sierra Leone gave us more than what we asked for. This was followed by loud claps from participants showing their happiness. He emphasized that all the communities have a lot to do in this project. He asked everyone to come on board in the implementation of the project particularly in the provision of local materials and unskilled labour.

All the elders present thanked Mr. Sesay and his team for this timely support that has come to their community and promised to give their fullest support in the implementation of the project.

Since it was difficult to get cabinet workers in the communities, the benches were constructed in Makeni. To minimize transportation cost, the benches were prepared according to their different sizes and were assembled at Benkia in the school compound.

On the 26th February, 2023, the school building was unroofed and all the rotten sticks and pieces of board have been removed. The rehabilitation work is currently ongoing; we will keep you informed as we progress.

Attached to this report are pictures of activities carried out.



General meeting for project to start



Benches prepared according to sizes



Construction of benches



Bench parts conveyed to Benkia



Benches Assembled



The old school building



The old school building unroofed



The old zinc totally removed