Request for partnership

The Foundation

The Community Enhancement Educational Foundation (CEEF) is a not-for-profit and nongovernmental organization with a mandate to provide sustainable development models that enable rural communities’ use their human, natural and social assets to build capacity, develop institutions, reduce poverty, and become self-reliant; have increased access to basic social services and basic human rights. The outcome is for rural communities to live improved and dignified lives while pursuing productive initiatives and enjoying fundamental liberties, unmolested.

Why We Exist?

The Manor River Union (MRU) region is among the worst affected regions in Africa that is disproportionately affected by problems such as poverty, poor health and lack of economic opportunities. They are consistently due to poor decision-making processes and bad governance that affect the vast majority of the population.

CEEF believes that the MRU region has vast natural and human resources capacity to do things differently for the improvement of their socio-Political and Economic conditions. The Citizens or people in this region are an asset to the development of their countries and communities and with the right guidance and support can become influential leaders of positive change.

The Vision

Empowered local communities in Mano River Union countries are relevant actors taking effective ownership of outputs and outcomes of sustainable development initiatives and fostering democratic good governance

The Mission

Empowering rural communities and individuals with sustainable development models through capacity building to help them use their natural, human, social assets to reduce poverty and become self-reliant; promote gender equity in health, education and good governance through advocacy.
The Goal
The goal is to strengthen the capacity of rural communities and individuals to take ownership and lead sustainable development programs and democratic governance in their communities.

Chief Priority
The priority is to support rural communities develop the capacity to ensure they have fair shares of the resource generated from their communities and enjoy the social, political and economic opportunities accruing to the Country.

Core value
Leadership, Equity, Inclusiveness and Accountability

Strategic Program Focus
The Foundation runs three major programs with focus on rights and sustainable capacity building for progressive social change:

1. Community Empowerment Program (CEP)
   This Program mobilizes resources and provides technical support to CBOs for effective and efficient service delivery in rural communities. The technical support covers three major areas:
   - Institutional capacity development for system building, policy making, project planning and implementation management and community relations;
   - Strengthening the capacity of CBOs in Result Based Program Management (RBPM), Community Development Strategies (CDS), Advocacy Initiatives (AI) and Resources Mobilization (RM) through training and
   - Providing support for Networking, coordination meeting, advocacy initiatives, and marketing local initiatives

2. Advocacy Program
   This Program is about promoting policy implementation, good governance; the rule of law and the administration of justice through engaging state actors and development partners to ensure gender equity in education, health and governance. The program addresses systems and policies that tend to impede the growth and development of communities and ensures nondiscrimination.

3. Leadership Development Program (LDP)
   This is a Professional Training Program (TPT), developing the professional skills of young university and high schools graduates, using innovative and participatory approaches. The Program offers short-term training courses including officers Diploma in leadership with emphases on Critical Decision Making Processes and sustainable Development Management, It offers Diploma in Social Work with emphases on Community Development and Grant Management, Documentation and Reporting, and also a Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy.
The Call for partnership

The Community Enhancement Educational Foundation will like to partner with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to empower rural communities with sustainable development models that enable them to build capacity, become self-reliant and reduce poverty for improved, dignified and quality community live in rural Liberia.

Eligibility Criteria

CEEF will like to partner with Community Based Organizations:

- That are based in rural communities bordering the Manor River Region (Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and La Cote d’Voire);
- That are legally registered and accredited by the Government of Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea;
- That has staff not less than five and with evidence of gender parity;
- That have clear mandate, focus, strategies and plan; and being aware of the community context of issues affecting the lives of the community dwellers on the overall;
- That have track record of working with communities and other partners, including National and Internal NGOs, Government agencies, Companies, Women and Youth Groups) in the communities.

Application process:

Step-1.

The first step in the application process is to submit letter of interest to CEEF through this email: ceefmru@gmail.com.

Step-2

Upon receipt of application(s), CEEF will then conduct integrity and capacity assessment of applicants to ascertain visibility and viability; thereafter, validated CBOs will be given application form to fill and return to CEEF.

Step-3

CEEF will visit successful applicants and conduct rural community acceptability survey.

Step-4

Successful applicants will participate in a three-day capacity building workshop; at the end of the workshop, partnership agreement will be signed between CEEF and the certified CBO(s).