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CELEBRATING WIDOWS' RESILIENCE IN SEVEN FREETOWN COMMUNITIES

The Jamil and Nyanga Jaward Foundation holds a joyous celebration to honour the resilience of widows in seven communities around Freetown. Over 200 widows and their children gathered in their various communities to mark the holidays together and participate in sensitization on legal rights and accessing benefits.

For many widows, it was a welcome respite from daily struggles and a chance to connect with others facing similar hardships. "We are very happy and grateful for this event," said Isatu Koroma from the Red Pump community. "It brings us together and helps us cope with our losses."

Sitta Boima from Dwarzark echoed those sentiments. "These are the things we need during difficult times," she said. The festivities, which included dancing, singing, and a traditional meal, brought smiles and cheer to their faces during this festive season.

The foundation, which advocates for equal inheritance rights for widows and children, organized the event as part of its ongoing efforts to support underprivileged communities. "This program is very timely as many widows face challenges celebrating the holidays," field staff Aruna A Kamara explained. "We want them to feel a sense of belonging in their communities."



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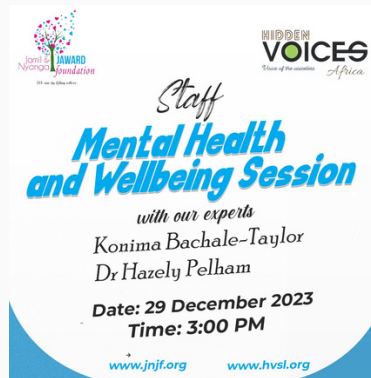




Experts were on the ground to educate attendees about accessing their late spouses' benefits through institutions like NASSIT and exploring their legal inheritance rights.

JNLF & HVA TRAINS STAFFS ON MENTAL HEALTH

JNLF & Hidden Voices staff recently attended mental health and wellbeing training. The goal of the training was to provide employees with the knowledge and the mental health of others. The training covered topics such as stress management, recognizing the signs of mental illness, and how to help someone who is struggling with their mental health. The staff found the training informative and helpful and look forward to practising what they learnt.



OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS



CATHRINE MONAGRAMBI
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JNLF CAPACITATES STAFF WITH SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

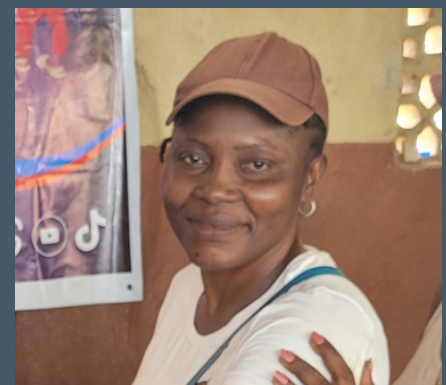
Our end of year staff capacity building training was highly successful! We extend a special appreciation to Hamza Koroma, widely recognized as Hamza4SL, an outstanding blogger, writer, and content creator. Hamza4SL led a two-day social media training session with our team, providing valuable insights, strategic guidance, and hands-on learning experiences.



The sessions was filled with enriching content, our staffs are now well-prepared to enhance our digital presence and convey our stories more effectively. We express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a triumph



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Fun activities with the widows

In a heartwarming initiative to spread cheer and support the widows in less privileged community, the Jamil and Nyanga Jaward Foundation organized a series of delightful activities during this festive season. The foundation, renowned for its philanthropic endeavors, brought smiles to the faces of these resilient women by hosting a memorable event filled with games and dance.



ISATU KOROMA
CHAIRLADY RED PUMP



The event was a resounding success, as widows from all walks of life gathered together to participate in a range of engaging activities. Laughter and camaraderie filled the air as the widows engaged in friendly competitions, showcasing their skills in various games. The foundation ensured that everyone had a chance to participate and enjoy the festivities.



CITTA FATORMA
CHAIRLADY DOWAZARK

The Foundation's commitment to supporting widows and spreading joy during the festive season has not only brightened the lives of these remarkable women but also served as a testament to the power of compassion and community spirit. The foundation has demonstrated that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among the widows.



YEALIE T KARGBO
CHAIRLADY KROO BAY

Fun activities with the children of widows'



The foundation strives to bring joy to communities in need during festive seasons. In December, while celebrating alongside widows and their families, the foundation arranged fun activities for the children to take part in. Games of egg and spoon, musical chairs, and sack races brought laughter and cheers.

Small gifts were offered for participation as the children played with bright smiles. Bags filled with sweets, chocolates, and candies were handed out to all participating in the lively field competitions. Widows watched happily as their young ones enthusiastically competed. Some children even shared portions of their treats, demonstrating compassion even when receiving small tokens.

The foundation recognizes how a few small gestures can lift spirits immensely. By focusing programs on both widows and their offspring, communities are uplifted as a whole. During challenging times, such smiles remind everyone that joy can be found even in simplicity. With caring organization and camaraderie between neighbours, festivals sparkle with new light each year.



Meet Sayon Jabbie, a widow at Regent

Sayon Jabbie is a true example of resilience and determination. After the loss of her husband seven years ago, she suffered numerous challenges, including financial insecurity and discrimination. But despite these hardships, she has persevered and found a way to provide for her children through her "fannah market (micro business)." Her courage and strength have enabled her to overcome difficult circumstances and create a better life for herself and her children. Sayon's story is a testament to the power of resilience and inspires others.



Announcements, Events, and Updates

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming events. Commencing January 2024, we will continue expanding our community registration to other communities in Freetown and the provinces. Our monthly community sensitization will also continue in January 2024.

We are also pleased to announce the election of our new Board of Trustees. Our new board will take over the foundation's steering starting January 2024. In our next issue, we will introduce the new board of Trustees.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Community Sensitisation.
- Village Savings Loan Association.
- Micro Loans Facility.
- Vocation Skills and basic business training.
- Advocacy, Legal and Benefits Workshops.



We rise by lifting others