

Access to basic healthcare will benefit these people from the Yiben community along with hundreds more from 13 villages in the Diang and Kasunko Chiefdoms: Yiben, Kamagbama, Kاهرima, Kapanpanfeh, Kamaweiwei, Kungbania, Kassasie, Kagbamhu, Konsulima, Kasoriententoka, Kamaninky, Sawulay and Fogo Danka..



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**SET4LIFE Australia** was established in April, 2015 to support communities in a remote and disadvantaged area of Sierra Leone, one of the poorest countries with among the lowest life expectancy and highest maternal and infant mortality in the world.

Our goal is to support access to services that will improve health outcomes for all, with a focus on maternal and reproductive care and children's health. Community goals, partnerships, capacity building and sustainability are the basis of the project.

In-country Manager, Minkailu Bantama (Mallam), works with community leaders to prioritise the needs and organise the work required. He oversees our contribution and ensures accountability for the use of funds.

Our work is completely voluntary and every dollar donated goes directly to support the provision of facilities and services.

SET4LIFE Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ABN: 73323743642) and donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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## YIBEN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROJECT



## HEALTHCARE for YIBEN



Kayiben (the village of Yiben, pronounced 'Ee-ben') lies south-east of Fadugu in the Koinadugu District of Sierra Leone, one of the poorest areas in the country. The village consists of approximately 40 traditional mud-brick houses and is surrounded by numerous smaller villages with a combined population of more than 1000.

The people of these communities are subsistence farmers relying entirely on the seasons and hard work to survive. They are disadvantaged by isolation and poverty and lack access to basic services. Their most urgent needs have always been for healthcare and education.

Thanks to the friendship and dedication of a local visionary Minkailu Bantama (Mallam), and funding from friends in the UK and Australia, the Yiben community built a school to bring education and opportunity to their children. The school serves a number of other villages and places Yiben as a 'hub' for the area.

Now they have built a healthcare facility so they can access national health programs, maternal and child services, basic treatments for common ailments and health education.



A chief in his own community near Fadugu, Mallam has strived for education and healthcare for the people of this remote area since 2006. Working closely with Yiben's Chief Bangalie and Mammy Queen Serah, Mallam has brought their dreams of a school and health clinic to reality.

It's an inspiring story!



Top: The tiny schoolroom in 2011 with 30 children. Above: Their new school which opened in Sept 2012 now has 60 students and 4 teachers.



Above: Stage 1 of the Health Centre is completed and two full-time government nurses appointed. S4LA is supporting ongoing development through expanded facilities, extended services and community education.

## SET4LIFE Australia

SET4LIFE Australia is a small fundraising group based in the regional Queensland city of Gympie. Our members began working with Mallam to support the development of the Yiben School in 2011. Our involvement helped to establish the UK-based charity, Set4Life, in 2013; and in 2015 our group established Set4Life Australia to increase the support we could give. Our first project as Set4Life Australia was to fund a modern, equipped well near the school to provide clean water for the whole community.

With access to education achieved, healthcare became their priority. Set4Life UK continues to support the school, while Set4Life Australia has committed to fund and facilitate healthcare. We are working with Mallam and the local Healthcare Committee, the Fadugu Community Health Officer, the Ministry of Health and in-country NGOs for Women's health. With Mallam's expert management, the construction of a Maternal and Child Health Post that is part of the national health system is complete. Our website provides more information about our organisation, and the conditions, lifestyle and needs of the communities we are helping.

The Gympie connection with Yiben began when hometown nurse and midwife, Amy Coates volunteered her skills in Sierra Leone in 2009. She worked there over several years in different areas of health development and her mum Jude, a Gympie teacher, visited twice. In 2011, with Mallam as guide, Jude spent a week in Yiben helping in the fledgling school. Inspired by the needs of the village and Mallam's compassion, Jude and friends began their fundraising. Amy now works for World Health Org. and brings to the team her passion for health development and her wealth of connections and experience in Sierra Leone.

Below: S4LA members, Karen, Amy and Jude were welcomed by the community for the clinic opening in Sept 2017.

