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LOAN

Great Women Group

Freetown Central, Sierra Leone

Kadiatu is 55 years old, widowed and has two children, 20 and 15. Kadiatu runs a food business. She started the business to be independent and financially support her children. She requested a loan of \$3,575, which she will use to buy more evaporated milk, cartons of butter, coffee, ovaltine, bags of rice, cartons of luncheon meat and bags of sugar.

The profits will help her to pay for food, water and the children's welfare. Kadiatu hopes to generate more profit, which she will use for her children's schooling.

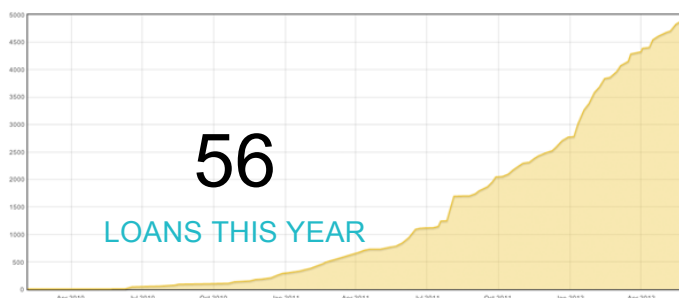
ABOUT SIERRA LEONE

AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME: \$684

CURRENCY: LEONE

LIFE EXPECTANCY: 48.5 YEARS

IN SIERRA LEONE 60% OF PEOPLE LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE



This month, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its efforts on an all-women group in Western Africa...

Despite being ravaged by many years of a brutal civil war that ended in 2002, Sierra Leone has experienced substantial economic growth in recent years. We hope that by lending to women like Kadiatu and her Great Women Group in Sierra Leone, we might be able to help to diminish that country's ballooning youth unemployment and underemployment rate, which currently stands around 70%. We made our loan this month to celebrate women in a country where life isn't always so easy.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in assisting developing world entrepreneurs by joining our Kiva team at Kiva.org. We welcome and support your efforts!

Quick Fact // 13.2% of Parliamentary Seats in Sierra Leone are Held by Women