

# OVOC2015

## ‘OurVillageOurChildren’ Ebola Affected Children’s Symposium

Forward planning to secure a better future for Sierra Leone’s Ebola Affected Children

### Event Aims

OVOC2015 is part of EngAyde’s advocacy campaign for Ebola affected children in Sierra Leone. The event seeks to:

- Facilitate a rich dialogue among key stakeholders in the UK, around long term planning for the protection, welfare and psychosocial support of Sierra Leone’s Ebola affected children.
- Create a platform to broker collaborations in support of long term strategies for solutions for Ebola affected children, between Sierra Leoneans in the diaspora and UK based iNGOs working in Sierra Leone.

### Event Agenda

#### Time Programme

**5.00 Registration and snacks**

**5.30 Welcome, *Rugie Wurie-Lamin, EngAyde***

**5.35 Introduction (DFID), Jonathan Tostevin, DFID**

**5.40 Responding to Ebola Affected Children in SL, Oliver Behn, Save the Children**

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**5.50 In depth research into Ebola Orphans situation in SL, John Pryor, Street-Child, UK**

**5.55 ‘OurvillageOurchildren’ Campaign, Alberta Stevens, EngAyde**

**6.05 Q&A**

**6.20 Panel Discussion & Q&A,**

- Ade Daramy, **SLUKDERT**
- PJ Cole, **Lifeline Nehemiah Projects**
- Memuna Janneh, **Lunchbox Gift**
- Robert Cole, **Melqosh Missions**

**7:05 Networking and Coffee break (10mins)**

**7:15 Thematic Workshop focused on long term strategies**

Welfare (Education and Safe Homes, facilitated by *Georgina Awoonor-Gordon, SLUKDERT*

Child Protection: facilitated by *Amanda Weisbaum, START-NETWORK, BOND-UK*

Psycho Social Support, facilitated by *Emma Taylor, STREET-CHILD, UK*

**8.00 Workshop Feedback Plenary, Amanda Thomas, ENGAYDE**

**8.20 Wrap up: Amanda Weisbaum, BOND and Alberta Stevens, EngAyde:**

**8.30 Close**

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### JONATHAN TOSTEVIN, Team Leader, Ebola Crisis Team, DFID

Jonathan Tostevin has been Team Leader for Policy and Communications in DFID's Ebola Crisis Unit, since summer 2014. He is responsible for coordinating policy on Ebola across Whitehall, and managing internal and external information and communications. Prior to this role, he worked on the Africa Desk in DFID, covering Western and Central Africa.

Jonathan will give a short overview of the situation in country and DFID's strategy for responding to the secondary impacts of the crisis, including child protection issues and impacts on vulnerable groups.

### OLIVER BEHN, current Director of the Kerry Town Ebola Treatment Centre, Save the Children Int'l.

Oliver is a Senior Operations Management Adviser at Save the Children International. He was recently deployed to Sierra Leone where he was the Director of the Kerry Town Ebola Treatment Centre and remains closely involved in the senior leadership team working on the response and planning the long-term strategy.

Oliver will be speaking about SC's work to date in Sierra Leone and will outline some of the initial thinking around supporting recovery with a focus on SC core sectors (education, child protection and health).

### ANURADHA CHANDRAN, Senior Programme Specialist, International Programme Advisory, UNICEF

Anuradha is an International Development professional with over 14 years of experience. She has worked with a range of organisations from community based organisations, NGO's, International NGOs like Save the Children, bilateral aid agencies like DFID and multilateral organisations like UNICEF and World Bank. In all these organisations, she has held positions which lead on the organisational strategy, thinking and implementation to achieve its vision. She has experience of managing implementation of large programmes in health and livelihoods and disaster risk reduction and resilience.

### JOHN PRYOR, Press Office and Research Author, Ebola Orphans, Street-Child-UK

John is both the press office of Street Child-UK and the author of an in-depth report on Ebola orphans due to be published in the coming days. The report is based on a recent research trip and assesses the scale and nature of the orphan crisis.

### ALBERTA STEVENS, NGO management consultant and Director, EngAyde

Alberta Stevens is currently directing EngAyde's organisational strategy and implementation of activities to achieve the group's vision. As one of founder members of this newly formed group, she has been instrumental in driving the day to day aspect of EngAyde's work. Prior to joining EngAyde, Alberta spent 6 years in Qatar, working as head of department for 3 of Qatar Foundation's education and community development centres. Alberta is NGO management professional, with 12 years' experience in managing community and youth development programmes both in the UK and the Middle East.

Alberta will present OurvillageOurchildren campaign vision and call to action, drawing on highlights from the diaspora's response to the campaign so far. She will go on to facilitate a panel discussion amongst key UK based SL diaspora organisations currently responding to the campaign.

## Interactive Sessions

The second segment of this event will include two interactive sessions to facilitate a rich discourse around the 3 OVOC campaign themes.

### Panel Discussion and Q&A Session

The panel discussion will include key influencers/role models from 4 notable UK based Sierra Leonean diaspora organisations:

- Ade Daramy, **SLUKDERT**
- PJ Cole, **Lifeline Nehemiah Projects**
- Memuna Jannah, **Lunchbox Gift**
- Robert Cole, **Melqosh Missions**

**Thematic Workshops:** This interactive discussion exploring long term planning for Ebola affected children in SL.

- Welfare (Education and Safe Homes, facilitated by *Georgina Awoonor-Gordon, SLUKDERT*)
- Child Protection: facilitated by *Amanda Weisbaum, START-NETWORK, BOND-UK*
- Psycho Social Support, facilitated by *Emma Taylor, STREET-CHILD, UK*

## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

### About EngAyde

EngAyde is a group of concerned Sierra Leoneans committed to inspiring and mobilising the Sierra Leone diaspora to take a concerted lead in responding to the current and long term impact of the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. The name 'EngAyde' is derived from a well-known Krio saying which means 'let's put our heads together'.

We are committed to advocating for, connecting and influencing decisions and actions that will lead to long term care and psycho-social support for Ebola affected children and local health care workers in Sierra Leone; as part of our commitment to see Sierra Leoneans' taking a lead role in the post Ebola reconstruction of Sierra Leone.

### About #OurvillageOurchildren Campaign

EngAyde's Ebola Orphan campaign: [#OurvillageOurchildren](#) is part of a 5 five part advocacy campaign, aimed at inspiring and mobilising the Sierra Leonean diaspora to take action to support the long term protection and welfare of Ebola affected children. <http://www.engayde.org/#how>

### About BOND

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