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Fayia Foday – my “main man on the ground in Sierra Leone”

I am sad to report that on Friday morning I received the news that Fayia had passed away during the night. I have known him since 2006, and since 2007 he has worked tirelessly with me, as a volunteer project manager, overseeing and co-ordinating many of my projects in the Freetown area. What has been achieved over the past 15 years was only made possible due to his dedication to his communities and his support and advice to me. He was my eyes and ears on the ground, my photographer, my project co-ordinator, my translator, my taxi driver/my minder on my trips, BUT most importantly, a true friend, who I regarded as a brother. He was 46 and leaves a wife and 5 children. He is a great loss to his community and will be sadly missed by all of us. I had spoken to him, via e-mail, on Tuesday, as he had sent an estimate for another two classrooms at the Banbury International Community School which was to be our next project when the Port Loko project ends. I plan to continue with that project and will suggest that we name the classrooms in Fayia’s memory. At 2pm this Saturday, the burial time, I and several other Rotarians will have a period of reflection for Fayia.

Kankalay School, Port Loko

This is phase 2 and as you can see the second two classrooms are up to lintel height, really great progress. I have been able to forward some of the pledged Crowdfunder donations so that the work can continue.



The Crowdfunder has been running for just 9 days and is just short of **£1,000** of the **£6,000** target. A BIG thank you to all those who have already donated which has made this latest progress possible.

As with everywhere at the moment the cost of building materials is increasing in Sierra Leone

To put things in perspective:

A single block takes just **ONE £** to make (including materials and labour) & a 50 kilo bag of cement is **£10**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kankalay-sierra-leone>

If you are on any social media platforms please feel free to use them to help me spread the word. Many thanks in anticipation of **ANY** support you can offer – together we can **“Make A Real Difference”**.