

# **EBOLA AWARENESS AND PREVENTATIVE PROJECT (EAPP)**



**PROJECT REPORT**  
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**Name of Organization:** Education First, Inc.

**Project Name:** Ebola Awareness and Preventative Project (EAPP)

**Project Location:** Harper, Liberia

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**Funded By:** Friends of Liberia (FOL) and Education First, Inc.

**Total Project Cost:** \$4,931.75 (United States Dollars)

**Friend of Liberia** \$4,000.00 (United States Dollars)

**Education First, Inc.** \$931.75 (United States Dollars)

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## **Project Overview**

The Ebola Awareness and Prevention Project (EAPP) was funded by Friends of Liberia (FOL), a 501 (C)(3) not-for profit and non-governmental organization that seeks to positively affect Liberia by supporting education, social, economic and humanitarian programs through advocacy efforts. The \$4,000.00 (United States dollars) award was received in November 2014 to help Education First, Inc. provide hand-washing stations to 150 households and 10 public places in 15 communities in Harper, Liberia. The hand-washing station included a container mounted with a faucet, sanitizers, soap, and Clorox disinfectant. Due to logistical reasons the project implementation began on December 31. The total cost of the project was \$4,931.75. Education First, Inc., covered the additional \$931.75. As a result of this project, the intended 150 households and 10 public places were equipped with hand-washing stations.

### **Phase 1: Training of the Team**

The first phase of the project involved the selection and training of the team to carry out the awareness program. The fifteen-member team comprised of ten (10) teachers and staff from Education First Academy and five (5) members from the Rotary Club of Harper. The office of the County Public Health in Harper conducted the three-day training sessions for all members of organizations who were involved in Ebola awareness programs. The training focused on ways to educate the public about the virus, the causes of Ebola, and how to take preventative measures. The community task forces were trained to educate individuals, families, and households on three key areas:

1. Protect yourself: Wash hands frequently and maintain good hygiene
2. Protect your family: Watch for fever and other signs of sickness, don't touch anyone who may be ill or any items they've touched
3. Protect your community: Don't run away or hide, seek medical attention as quickly as possible, and do not handle burials on your own.

### **Phase 2: Implementation Process**

Since it was financially unrealistic to provide a hand-washing station for all the households in the various communities of Harper, a lottery system was used to randomly select 10 households from each of the 15 communities. After the training workshop, the 15 trainees were placed in five groups of three and each group was responsible for 5 communities since there were 15 communities and two public places. Each group was responsible for setting up the hand-washing stations and educating the community about the virus and how to prevent the spread of the virus.

A team comprising of 3 members was assigned to 5 communities. A rigorous awareness was carried out in the communities on how the Ebola virus disease (EVD) is transmitted and how it can be prevented from spreading in the homes of the different communities. The materials (hand washing stations and disinfectants) were distributed to the 150 households and 10 public centers.

The distribution started on December 31, 2014 with Miss Josephine Y. Allison the local Board Chairperson, presenting the first set of hand-washing station materials to two households on Marsh Street and Bassa Communities respectively. Miss Allison encouraged and admonished the beneficiaries to practice the proper hand washing methods to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus in their homes and communities. The leadership of the two communities were delighted and expressed thanks and appreciation to EFA Ebola Team for the donation and education given on the prevention of Ebola.

The table below lists the names of the communities and that received the materials.

<b>Community</b>	<b># Of Households</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b># Of Households</b>
1. Nekangbo	10	9. Old Kru Town	10
2. Barrobo	10	10. Easy Town	10
3. New Kru Town	10	11. Lake Shepherd	10
4. Hance Street	10	12. Kapflo Village	10
5. Marsh Street	10	13. Stadium Road	10
6. Bassa	10	14. Big Town	10
7. Bishop's Hill	10	15. Fanti Town	10
8. Lamax Cox	10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>

The ten (10) public centers that received hand-washing stations are:

1. Baptist House
2. Harper Market
3. Entertainment Center
4. Harper Fire Service
5. Harper Police Station
6. Harper City Hall
7. Harper Radio Station
8. Tubman Palace (houses squatters)
9. African Faith Expression Church
10. Air Field Junction

### **Phase 3: Impact and Sustainability**

The Ebola Awareness Project, which lasted 10 days, impacted 150 homes with each home having an average of 10 occupants. So, approximately 1,500 people, not including the number of people who used the 10 hand washing stations placed in the public places, benefited from this project. Some of the recipients indicated that this was the first time an education institution has identified with a national crisis, especially in the remotest part of Liberia and provided assistance to the community.

Speaking for and on behalf of each of these communities, the leaders thanked God and Education First, Inc. along with the donors for providing them what other NGOs have not in the fight against Ebola. The Ebola preventive measures, especially the hand washing, have come to live and remain with us, they spoke in both English and the various local languages.

Education First, Inc. will continue to support each of the households and monitor and maintain the washing stations in the public places. The organization plans to visit households to follow up on how they are using the stations and provide them with disinfecting material for a period of time.

### Financial Breakdown

Targeted Groups	Estimated Population
Number of households	150
Number of public centers	10
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>160</b>

Item Description	Quantity	U/Price (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
Hand washing buckets	160	10.00	1,600.00
Faucets	160	5.00	800.00
Sanitizers	200	4.00	800.00
Clorox	200 bottles	1.50	300.00
Soap (Klim)	2 cartoons (100 in each)	30.00	60.00
Paper	1 ream	5.75	5.75
Poster sheets	10 pcs	1.10	11.00
Communication	-	50.00	50.00
Training of Staff	3 days	15	105.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>3,731.75</b>
<b>Transportation</b>			
Transportation	10 days	30.00	300.00
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>300.00</b>
<b>Compensation</b>			
Driver	10 days	15	150.00
Staff	15	50.00	750.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>900.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>4,931.75</b>

FOL Grant	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Education First, Inc.	<b>\$931.75</b>
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$4,931.75</b>

## Some Pictures of the Ebola Awareness Project





Submitted by:

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