

Volunteering in Sierra Leone

A green wooden boat with the words "WORK HARD" painted in white capital letters on its side. The boat is resting on a sandy beach. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees. The boat has a yellow graphic of a person jumping on its side.

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Why Sierra Leone? Why Freetown?



Why Health Poverty Action?



About Health Poverty Action



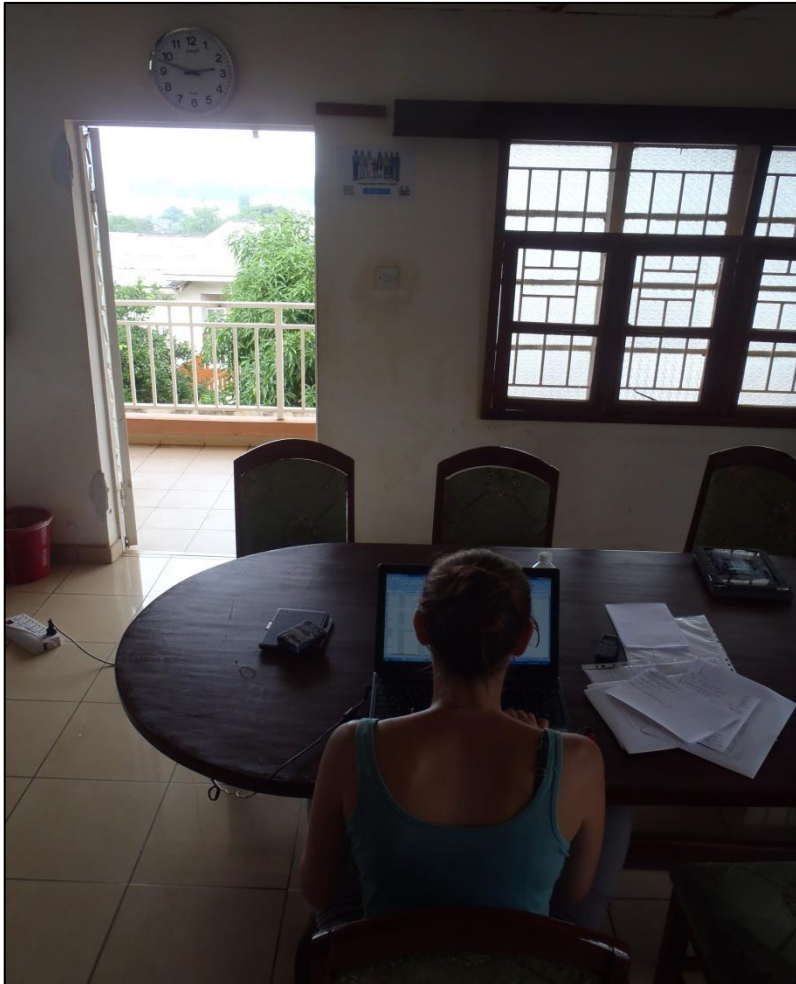
Using My Skills & Experience



My Work

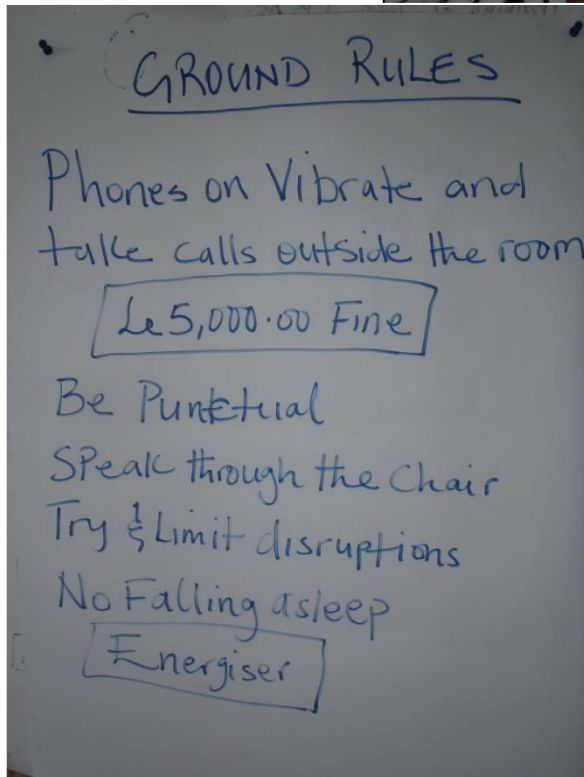


Challenges



- Accounting knowledge
- Organisation
- Appearance of compliance
- Understanding
- Banking system

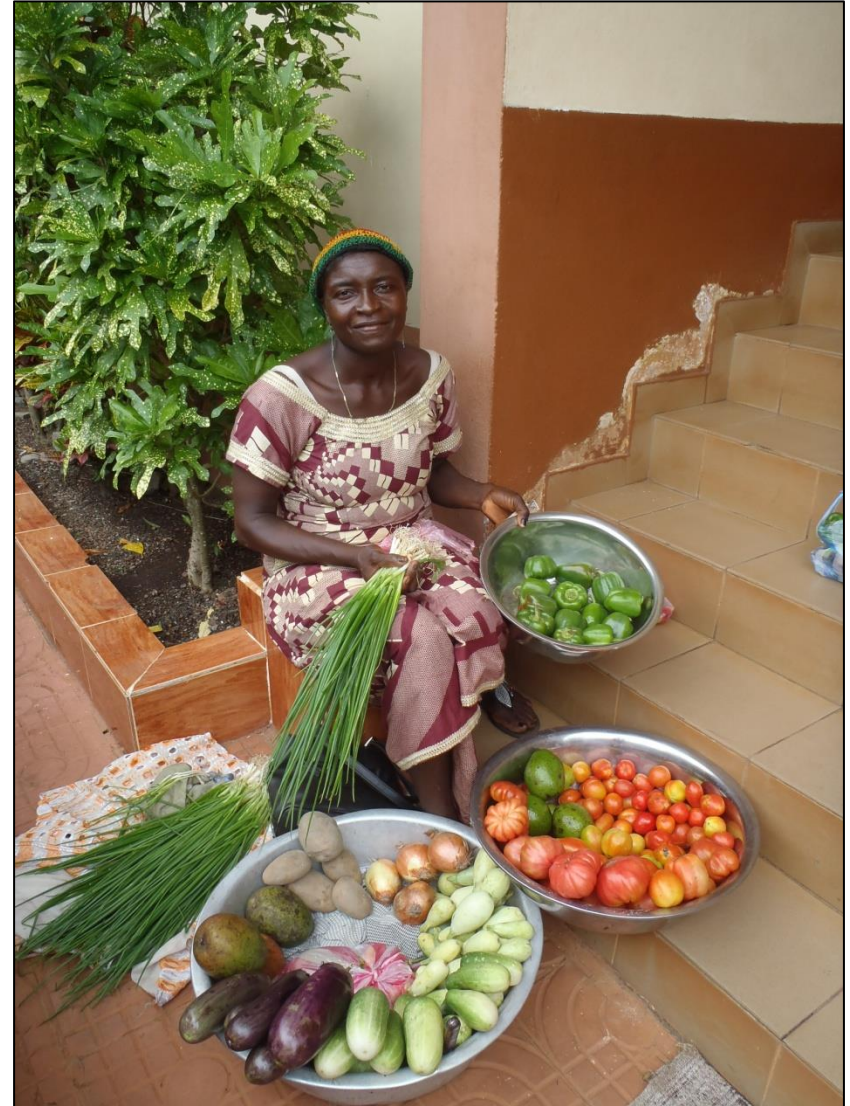
The Office



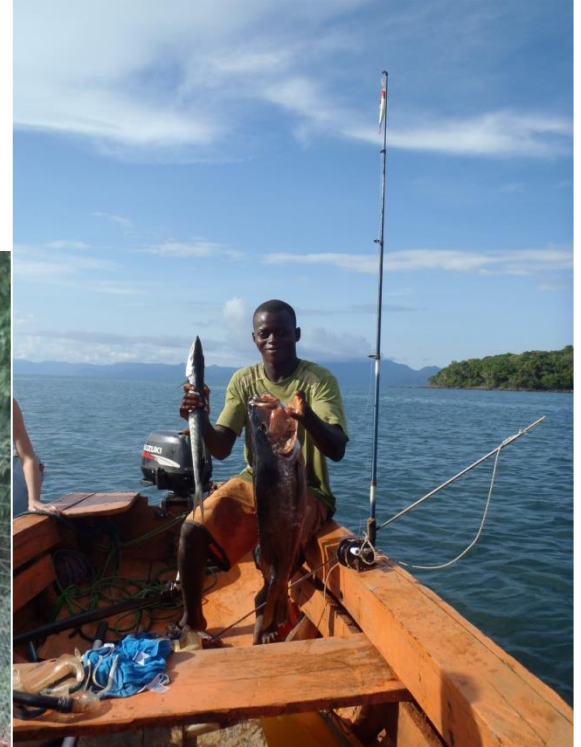
Living in the Office



Typical Day



Life Outside the Office



Life in Freetown



Food



Tips

- Say yes to everything – why not?
- Ask lots of questions
- Learn a few words in the local language: ‘how do you do?’
- Be prepared for the first few days to be tough
- Be realistic about what you can achieve
- Learn as much as you teach
- Be prepared for little or no utilities – electricity, water, internet

HEALTH
POVERTY
ACTION

POLICE CHECK POINT

