

Blind Academy Gets 500 Gallon Poly Tank

-To Store Safe Drinking Water

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The United Blind Training Academy in the LPRC/Glass Factory community in Gardnersville, Thursday received a 500 gallon-reservoir-poly tank to store safe drinking water.

The donation brings to four the number of schools that have received poly tanks from Project Kind Initiative for Kids Shoes (PKIKS) in anticipation of providing safe drinking water to students and the vulnerable community in the Montserrado County. The LPRC/Glass Factory

community in Gardnersville is among several others that is increasingly difficult to access safe drinking water before and after the Ebola virus disease struck the country which led to deaths of more than 4,000 people.

The ground water in the area is seemingly contaminated with other properties and particles that made unsafe for drinking and cooking except when it is filtered in sand bags hanged on to a stick crossing over two pegs. The filtration process takes several minutes.

In a statement, the Country Director of Project Kind Initiative for Kids Shoes



(PKIKS), Sekou S. Dukuly said the donation seeks to address challenge faced by people living with disabilities in accessing clean and safe drinking at the training academy.

"We provide 500 gallon of safe drinking water to people in need. We donate to the process to support our clean water initiative for schools," he said.

He promised to work with academy to ensure that the facility will serve the purpose for which it was donated.

Turning over the poly tank to academy, Madam Elizabeth Mary Larzi Mazzocchim, Program Manager for International Education and social Services of the European Union delegation to Liberia, said she is very concern about sanitation in Liberia. "Safe drinking water is very essential to post-Ebola Liberia. Water which

is life, is important for the prevention of not only Ebola but cholera and other diseases as well."

According to the EU delegate who father lost his sight when she was 10, she was deeply touched to have heard that all the teachers at the academy were volunteers.

She promised that the EU will study the condition of children and people with special needs to respond at the appropriate time.

In a statement of appreciation, the Principal of the United Blind Training Academy, Rev. Wilfred Gedwon lauded the organization for the gesture and promised that poly tank will make safe drinking water available.