

# Project KIKS Joins Ebola Fight

*-Identifies With Vulnerable Households*

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In an effort to scale up the fight against the spread of the Ebola virus, a charity organization catering to the welfare of children has joined the awareness campaign by providing disinfectants and anti-Ebola materials to the homes of 37 kids captured under its program including vulnerable homes.

In an interview with the New Republic, the Executive Director of Kind Initiative for Kids Shoes (KIKS), Sekou (Duke) Dukuly said the distribution of items and awareness exercise is aimed at providing first hand information on the danger of

the virus and ways in which children and their families can be prevented from contracting the disease.

Mr. Dukuly said as part of the launch, the group distributed the items to 37 children at has been working with over the years in the LPRC Block Factory Community.

The group has also identified four children from the home of a woman who was confirmed to have died from the Ebola virus in the community and they were given bucket and disinfectant to continuously wash their hands and keep safe.

“More assistance is expected from us to the vulnerable home shortly.”

He added that since the deadly virus can be transmitted through contact, buckets and disinfectants were made available for the children to wash their hands especially when they return from playing in the dirt and with one another.

During the exercise, he called on the children and their parents to report to their respective community leaders about any sick person in their families and homes that has signs and symptoms of the virus

“The message for the prevention of the virus is cardinal in the fight against the human killer disease that has plagued the country with such an alarming and unimaginable death toll since the civil crisis ended

in 2003, the KIKS Executive Director maintained.

According to him, since the establishment of KIKS in Liberia in December 2011, it has been providing shoes and other relief items to 37 needy children in Gardnersville, the suburb of Monrovia. The Liberia program is sponsored by Paul Cheatham II, who is the founder of Kind Initiatives for Kids Shoes in the United States of America.

“Our office in Liberia has been informed that a shipment of shoes and other relief items are to soon be on its way to Liberia to provide shoes to children who do not have shoes to wear,” Mr. Dukuly said.

He added that the simple goal of the program is to give hope to the children who do not have hope. “The simple goal is to shoe children who do not have shoes to wear”.

Mr. Dukuly used the occasion to call on the government to recognize the community Ebola taskforce and should provide empowerment and pay regularly visits to the communities so as to acquaint themselves with the status of their interventions in the fight against the virus.

He added that communities visited in the conduct of awareness and prevention of the Ebola virus include River View, Swaggart Island, Maryland Center, LPRC/Glass Factory, Karduma, Shoes Factory, JJY, Palm Hill, Chicken Soup Factory, Chicken soup Factory/Gulf, Stephen Tolbert Estate, Kesselly Boulevard, Day-Break-Mouth-Open, Snow Hill and NTA.

