

## **Exploring Success Stories in Sierra Leone.**

### **MDG 2 – Universal Education**



John visited Pamaronkor School to find out about the progress made in education. This is what he found:



This is a Year 6 class at a Primary School in a slum area of Eastern Freetown. The school has 1,000 students studying in 2 shifts, where half the school attends in the morning, and half in the afternoon. There are between 60 and 70 students in each class which makes the classrooms very cramped. The whole school shares 2 overflowing toilets.

Free primary education was introduced in Sierra Leone in 2003 and enrolment (the number of children on the register) has increased. However, in 2008 only 13% of children passed primary school exams. Things that stop children going to school are a lack of school resources, hidden costs (eg: uniform) for parents and children working (child labour).

These are big challenges in achieving MDG2 in the country.

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#### **BEFORE**

- What might pupils of the same age have been doing before free primary education was introduced in Sierra Leone if they were not at school?
- How do you think children who couldn't go to school might have felt?
- What might they have hoped for?

#### **AFTER`**

- What do you think are the advantages for children in Sierra Leone of going to school?
- What challenges do children and schools in Sierra Leone continue to face?
- Why is it good for Sierra Leone if children there go to school?