Caritas
Sierra Leone
MAKENI

WHO WE ARE

INTRODUCTION

Caritas SL Makeni (CSLM) is the relief and development agency of the Catholic Church, established in 1979.

CSLM networks with donor agencies for potential funding to support and complement the efforts of the Church and the government in terms of development and partners with several organizations for effective implementation.

In 2023, Caritas SL Makeni expanded to established an office space in Port Loko town to implement a project on “Youth in Politics and Peacebuilding”, and in early 2024, the Kabala office was strengthened due to the expansion of the Food for Education projects in the Koinadugu and Falaba districts.

Vision Statement

"Inspired by the Gospel and the Catholic social teachings, CSLM envisions a society where everyone exercise their fundamental human rights and live in dignity, free from poverty and social injustice irrespective of class status, gender, religion or social orientation."

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to empower men, women and children to fight poverty, social injustice, through advocacy, social mobilization and through provision of services for long-term development for vulnerable communities based on the Catholic Social teachings."

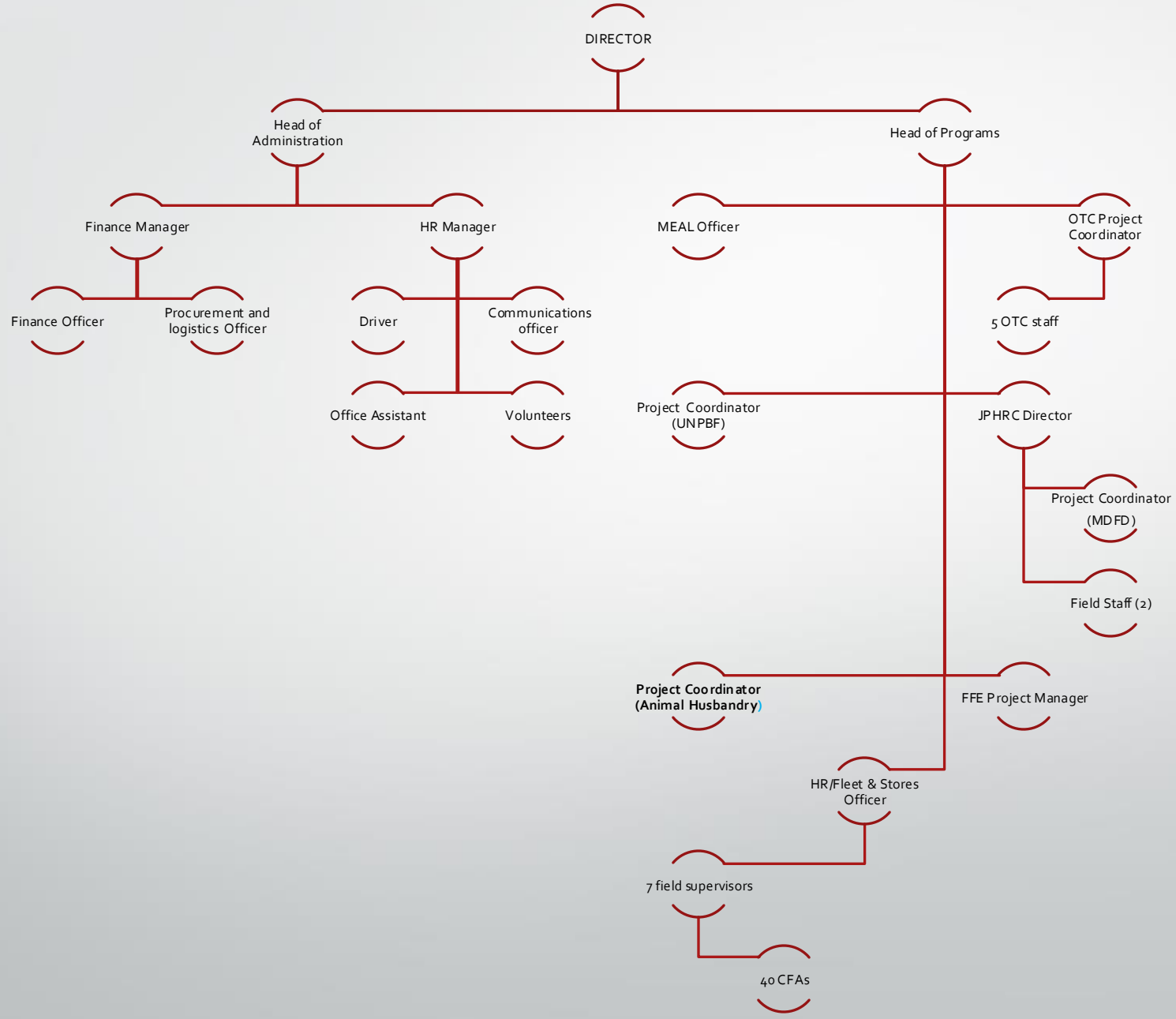
STRATEGIC PILLARS

- Institutional Capacity, Strengthening, Sustainability and Viability
- Integral and Human Capital Development
- Advocacy and Influencing
- Climate Resilience, Emergency, and Humanitarian Crisis Response
- Governance and Development
- Migration, Human Trafficking & Vulnerability

SPECIFIC AREAS OF FOCUS

- Education
- Health
- Agriculture
- Social protection
- Migration
- Good Governance
- Emergency Response

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



STAFFING

- At the moment, our current staff base is around 30 and this includes community field officers, administrative staff, project staff, orthopaedic technicians, volunteers, and interns.

- Over the years, the organization has seen consistent growth in the staff. Some of whom have attained academic excellence, changed their civil status, and some have also travelled out of the country for further studies.

PAST AND CURRENT PROJECTS

- Food for Education (FFE) Project “LAN 4 U FUTURE” Phase V
- Advancing Local Leadership the Right Way (AllRight) Fund Project
- Youth in Politics and Peacebuilding
- Give me a hand – introducing 3D printed lower arm prostheses in Sierra Leone.
- Reintegration and Empowerment of Returnees in the Bombali and Koinadugu districts (Migration Desk for Freedom and Dignity (MDFD)
- Educational Support to Vulnerable Pupils in School Project
- Tackling malnutrition in children in Bombali District

CSLM APPROACH TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Partnership
- Empowerment
- Accompaniment

Where the focus is on supporting and building on the exiting strengthens within a community rather imposing external solutions.

OUR CORE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS

- Partnership and Trust
- Strengths-based approach
- Accompaniment
- Community participation
- Advocacy and Empowerment
- Long-term and sustainable change

SOUND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- CSLM ensure that people are involved in the community's actions as it is the work of every one and not run by an elite leadership.
- Participating communities/people/groups are open to involvement by many groups.
- Open to all ideas. In community engagement, there is nothing like bad idea as all ideas are welcomed and treated with respect.
- In doing our community engagement, participating communities/people conduct their business openly and publicize it widely.
- In all our projects and when engaging communities, we ensure that there is no distinctions among various groups that is, it inclusive and diverse. All persons are actively welcomed into useful roles.
- Doing our community engagement sessions, participating communities/people/groups operate openly and with an open mind

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- People welcomed it and feel like they owned the program.
- Having opportunities to developed.
- Offer Volunteer Opportunity so that new comers can find roles that fit their talents and interests.
- Take new comer's ideas seriously and be patient.
- Make themselves ready and endeavour to attend activities and make decisions together for the benefits of everyone.

THANK YOU