



# Sierra Leone Relief & Development Outreach

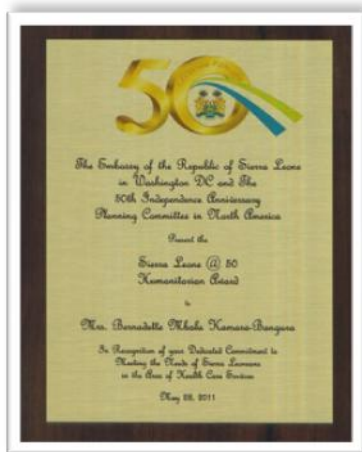


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## *Celebration SLRDO Years of Humanitarian Work*

### SLRDO’s Activities

- Aug – Dec 2011      SLRDO to Re-launch Fundraising Campaign for Clinic and Hospital
- July 2011        Jun Ishikawa, new volunteer joins SLRDO



### SLRDO’s Founder Honored with Humanitarian Award

Founder and CEO of SLRDO, Bernadette Kamara-Bangura was honored by her peers and supporters with the Embassy of Sierra Leone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Humanitarian Awards on Saturday, May 28th. The Embassy of Sierra Leone bestowed the award to her at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet with nearly 200 people in attendance. She was recognized among celebrity awardees, international actor Idris Elba and NFL football player, Madiou Williams. Kamara-Bangura was acknowledged for her ongoing work in providing free health services to the people of Sierra Leone through SLRDO.

Since inception, the organization has served nearly 30,000 people and continues to provide support for Africans in a variety of ways, including access to health care in the U.S, computer and job training, free food and books, free medical treatments, and counseling.

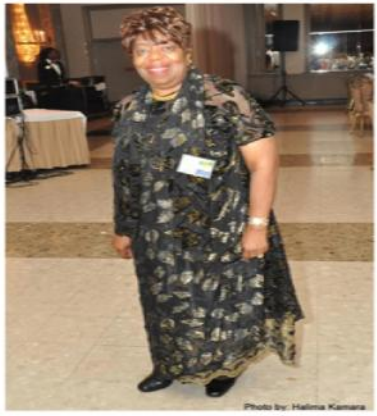
SLRDO is building a new hospital in Freetown, which is under construction. Kamara-Bangura has dedicated the hospital to the people of Sierra Leone, developing a unit that addresses maternal health, a major issue in Sierra Leone.



### SLRDO’s Supporters Corner

*“Mrs. Kamara-Bangura is taking on the challenge of improving her country’s health care system through the construction of a hospital. I commend her for her philanthropic work because she answers the call to help Sierra Leoneans in need.”*

– Dr. Augustine A. Kamara



## SLMTV Recognizes SLRDO's Years of Service

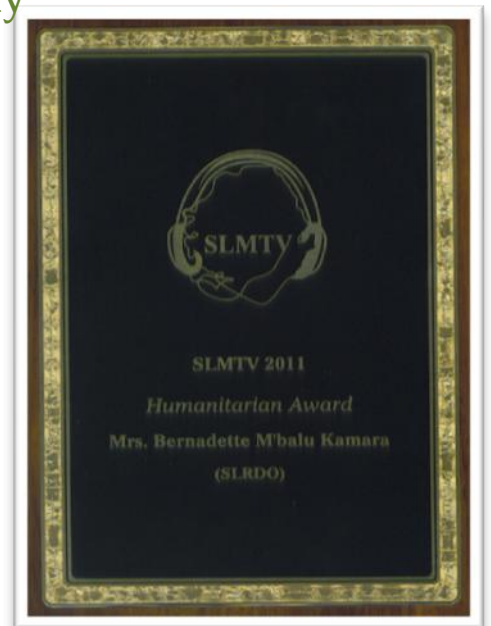
Organization honored for providing free healthcare and services and working with the community

Founder and CEO of SLRDO, Bernadette Kamara-Bangura was awarded in June 2011 with her first Sierra Leone Music Television (SLMTV) Humanitarian Award. The award was a surprise, announced by the Embassy of Sierra Leone, who notified Kamara-Bangura of this prestigious honor.

SLMTV is a nonprofit organization that promotes and showcases Sierra Leoneans in entertainment. Through SLMTV's "Save Our

Music" Foundation, children from Sierra Leone get educated on music and receive help pursuing careers in the industry. Like SLMTV, SLRDO works to ensure children have access to resources and education to help in their development.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by SLMTV, a nonprofit that is raising the profile of Sierra Leonean artists. We at SLRDO are even more motivated to give back to Sierra Leone," said Kamara-Bangura.



## New SLRDO Volunteer in Freetown

In July, SLRDO's medical team in Freetown, Sierra Leone welcomed their newest volunteer, Jun Ishikawa. After learning about SLRDO and the opportunities to provide humanitarian support, Ishikawa traveled from his hometown, Japan to move to Sierra Leone. He will be working closely with SLRDO's Sierra Leone office

manager, Osman Kamara. Ishikawa has shown an interest in working in the SLRDO's clinic and working with children and youth. "We at SLRDO are glad that Ishikawa decided to make Sierra Leone his new home and that he is interested in volunteering at SLRDO's clinic. We are pleased to have his support and hope that he

enjoys his stay." Volunteers of SLRDO help provide support for the medical team in Sierra Leone and provide administrative and outreach support. Anyone interested in volunteering in the Alexandria, VA office should email SLRDO at [srelief@slrdoinc.org](mailto:srelief@slrdoinc.org) or call 703-823-3600.



## Please Support SLRDO's Fundraising Campaign for a New Hospital in Freetown.

SLRDO would like your support in building a new hospital. You can make a donation by visiting our Website: [www.slrdoinc.org](http://www.slrdoinc.org).

You can also provide in-kind support by calling us at (703) 823-3600 or emailing us, [srelief@slrdinc.org](mailto:srelief@slrdinc.org).

Let's work together to bring relief and hope to the Sierra Leone community.



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