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Forwarded message from Sierra Leone



*Extended  
to  
July 31*

**MATCHING GIFT DEADLINE: ~~JUNE 30~~**





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Dear IRC Supporter,

As one of our most generous donors, you are providing both crucial resources and inspiration to all of us at the International Rescue Committee, and your inspiration has never been needed more. In response to the devastating cyclone in Myanmar, IRC response teams are on the ground providing lifesaving assistance to survivors. At the same time we continue to work in 25 other countries giving aid and support to refugees and others uprooted by persecution or conflict. Your gifts are making a profound difference.

I wrote to you recently to announce a major challenge grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). These funds will help expand our Child Survival Program in Sierra Leone, where one of every three children dies from preventable diseases such as malaria, diarrhea, and pneumonia before the age of five.

Our goal was to raise \$300,000 before June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to secure twice that amount — \$600,000 — for a total of \$900,000 to use saving young lives all across Sierra Leone. Thanks to the prompt, generous response of IRC supporters eager to have their contributions tripled in impact, we have made a strong start toward reaching our goal.

We are not quite there yet, however. That is why I am sending you this reminder on the importance of renewing your support and of making the most of CIDA's matching gift opportunity.

**You still have a little more time to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity, because the matching grant deadline has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

That means if you have not yet renewed in response to my previous letter, you can do so today and still have your contribution matched 2-to-1. If you recently sent your gift, please accept my thanks on behalf of the children of Sierra Leone and consider giving again before July 31<sup>st</sup> so your second contribution can also be tripled.

Your contribution of \$50 can become \$150 and help us put that much more into protecting the most vulnerable children in Sierra Leone against life-threatening illnesses. Similarly, your \$100 contribution will turn into \$300 for training, supplying, and supporting community health workers who make our Child Survival program so unique and successful.

As you consider my request, please keep in mind the many challenges the IRC faces in getting medicines and basic health care to Sierra Leonean children and families in greatest need. A decade-long civil war has left the country's limited health care infrastructure in ruins. In the Kono District, where the IRC's Child Survival program began, there are only two doctors for a population of more than 260,000 people.

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Even under such difficult circumstances, IRC child health specialists, working in partnership with community leaders and government health agencies, are proving that we can save children's lives. The greatest challenge facing IRC staff and their local partners in Kono District was finding a way to reach children in the most remote, isolated villages with basic and sustained health services that prevent disease and save lives. Successful IRC Child Survival programs in other African nations pointed us to the solution: community-based health workers.

Community-based health workers come from the villages they serve. They know the children they are treating personally, and they are trusted by the families who count on them when a child's life is in jeopardy. This makes community-based health workers ideal frontline providers of medical care to children threatened by malaria, pneumonia, dehydration, and other common killers.

Our Senior Child Survival Technical Advisor, Dr. Emmanuel d'Harcourt, asked me to forward the enclosed message to you. Having witnessed the lifesaving impact of the IRC's work in Sierra Leone firsthand, he understands the importance of your support better than anyone.

I hope you will take Emmanuel's words to heart, and then take action to help extend the reach of our Child Survival program.

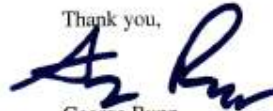
The \$900,000 total we hope to raise through this **matching gift campaign** will have an enormous impact in Sierra Leone because the supplies we provide to community-based health workers there come with very small price tags;

- A bed net to place over a sleeping infant so she is protected from malaria-carrying mosquitoes costs just \$7.00; and a child struck by malaria can be saved with a combination of drugs costing as little as \$1.00.
- A single dollar is all it takes to provide zinc supplements and oral rehydration salts to a child suffering from severe diarrheal dehydration.
- A full course of treatment for pneumonia is least expensive of all — just 50 cents.

That is why I am determined to make the most of this matching gift opportunity — and hopeful that you will help us meet our goal. If we are able to exceed our target funding goal, the additional money will support IRC programs in Sierra Leone and 25 other countries. And, as always, 90 cents of every dollar we spend will go to programs and services that directly benefit refugees.

So, please be as generous as you can and return your annual renewal contribution along with your completed Matching Gift Confirmation Document to the IRC no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you,



George Rupp  
President

P.S. Our matching gift deadline cannot be extended again. That means this is your final opportunity to have your renewal contribution matched 2-to-1 for triple the impact. Please respond as quickly and generous as you can. Thank you.

## Dr. Emmanuel d'Harcourt

Dear IRC Supporter,

As if the mother's beaming face wasn't proof enough, the smile her healthy baby boy gave me confirmed that the International Rescue Committee's Child Survival program had once again worked a miracle.

During a recent trip to Africa, a mother placed her baby in my arms with words confirming the impact of our Child Survival program: "*You saved my child's life.*"

While it was the medicine provided by an IRC-trained community health worker that helped the baby fully recover from a potentially deadly bout of pneumonia, the mother's heartfelt thank-you does not belong to me alone.

In fact, you played a role in saving that child's life just as surely as the medicine and the health worker did.

While IRC supporters like you are helping us reach thousands of children in Sierra Leone each month, I trust you will appreciate the need to reach *hundreds* of thousands. We can reach that vital goal by securing the full \$900,000 available through CIDA's matching gift grant.

I want to join Dr. Rupp in appealing to your best humanitarian instincts and asking you to send an especially generous contribution to the IRC today.

The fact that your donation will be matched 2-to-1 is a fine reason to help out all you can. But even an opportunity to *triple the impact of your support* pales in comparison to the motivation I hope you will find in the knowledge that your contribution will save young lives.

Please ensure that the IRC, and all the mothers of Sierra Leone, can continue to count on your help by responding today.

Thank you,





# MATCHING GIFT CONFIRMATION DOCUMENT

## Matching Gift Deadline:

~~June 30, 2008~~

July 31

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Document #: R86SBB1A

Supporter ID: 426803

Gift Received: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_



Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to the IRC and return it with this document in the envelope provided, or to: IRC, PO Box 98152, Washington, DC 20090-8152. **Thank you!**

## AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

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Yes! I will help the International Rescue Committee save the lives of children throughout all of Sierra Leone by expanding the reach of community-based health programs. To make the most of this opportunity to have my contribution matched 2-to-1, I am enclosing:

- \$20 to be matched and become \$60
- \$30 to be matched and become \$90
- \$40 to be matched and become \$120
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which will be tripled in amount and impact!

## PAYMENT METHOD

- I have enclosed a check payable to the IRC in the amount indicated above.
- I prefer to charge my contribution. (See reverse side for credit card options.)

## CONFIRMING SIGNATURE

I confirm that I am a supporter of the International Rescue Committee, and that I wish my enclosed contribution to be in accordance with the terms of the CIDA Grant and put to work in the IRC child survival programs in Sierra Leone.\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
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\* The IRC is committed to raising \$300,000 to support our Sierra Leone child survival programs (providing a total of \$900,000 after matching funding). Any funds raised in excess of that goal will be devoted to other vital IRC efforts around the world that help bring refugees from harm to home.



I would like to receive periodic e-mail updates on the IRC's lifesaving programs to assist refugees.

My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my gift to my:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Most credit cards have 16 digits. American Express has 15.) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Amount

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

### I Am Committed to Protecting Refugees.

- I have enclosed my corporate matching gift form. (Many companies match their employees' and retirees' donations to non-profit organizations. Ask your human resources office if your employer will match your generosity.)

Please send me information about:

- donating shares of stock or mutual funds to the IRC.
- joining the IRC's monthly giving program — **Rescue Partners**.
- ways to include the IRC in my will and other estate plans.




Administration and Fundraising  
10c

Refugee Programs and Services  
90c

The IRC's commitment to refugees and displaced people is demonstrated by the careful way we make use of your donations. 90 cents of every dollar the IRC spends goes directly to programs and services for refugees. 10 cents is spent on administration and fundraising.

Issues of *Newsweek*, *SmartMoney*, *Forbes*, and *Worth* magazines cite the IRC's fiscal responsibility. When you give to the IRC, you are supporting an efficient, effective, deeply committed organization.

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