

## **REPORT ON SOLAR LIGHT DISTRIBUTION AT MENICURVE**

50 Solar panels arrived from Bintumani DSL for the people of Menicurve as part of their continuous help to Sierra Leone.

These Solar panel were taken to Barefoot Women at Konta-line where they were coupled up and later transported to the final destination at Menicurve. The Bare Foot workers were transported to Mernucurve in two vehicles.

Installation of these panels was on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. 48 panels were installed in the village. The remaining 2, was installed at the hospital and the school (one each).

With the ongoing installation, the people were in high spirit and there was much jubilation for 2 days. Interviews were done by the press from Sierra Leone Broadcasting Cooperation (SLBC). African Young Voice (AYV) and a television coverage was also done by both stations.

Mrs. Kanu of Barefoot Women, workers at Barefoot, people of the township and I were interviewed. Installation was televised and it was aired and played in the SLBC and AYV TV Stations.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April a visit was made by me to Menicurve to see whether the solar installed is in a good working order.

On arrival interviews were held with stakeholders of the community and several issues were raised.

Almost half of the panels installed are not working properly. The community people stated that the light comes on and then goes off at about midnight. It will not come on until after some period, sometime two days.

They stated that when the lights are on they can get access to the charging.

Furthermore interviews held raised by nurses in the hospital revealed that the light is okay but charging accessibility is not possible.

All these problems surrounding the installation of these solar light has been brought to the knowledge of Barefoot Women since they were responsible for the installation of the Solar



panel. Mrs. Kanu and Mr. Edward Anague faithfully promised that a team will be sent to upgrade the system.

### SOLAR PANELS BEFORE THEY WERE COUPLED



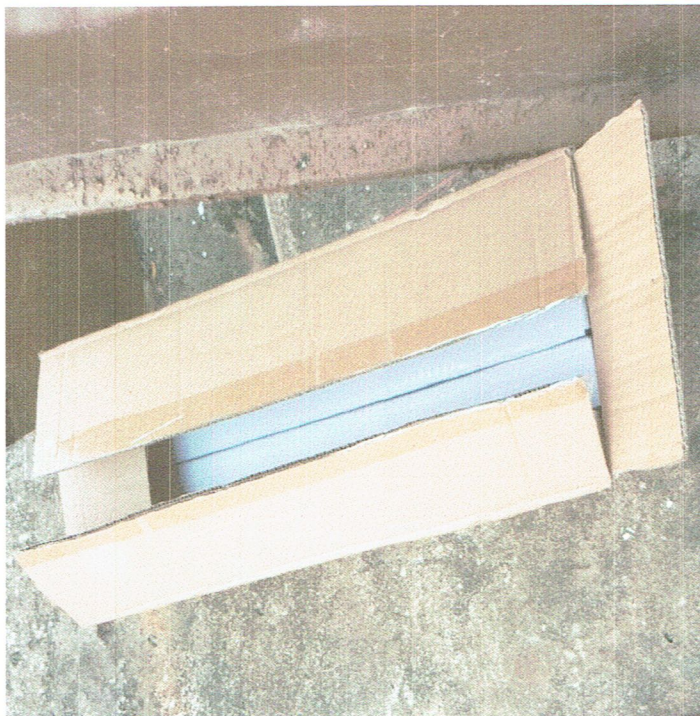
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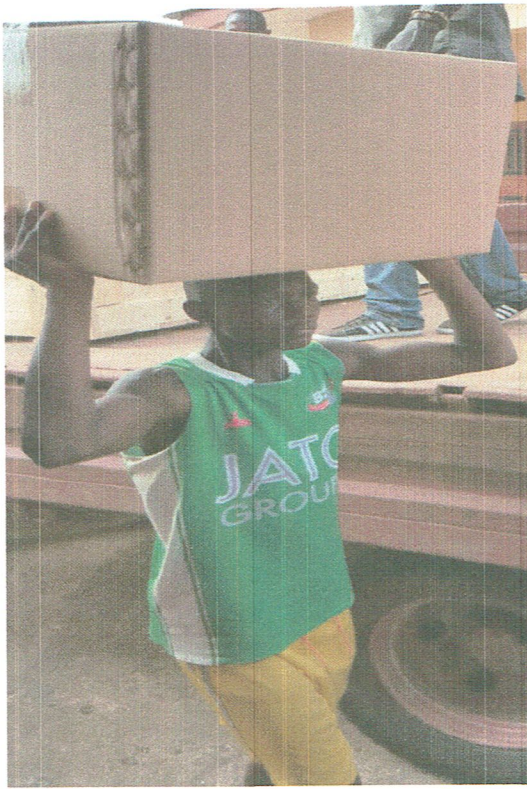


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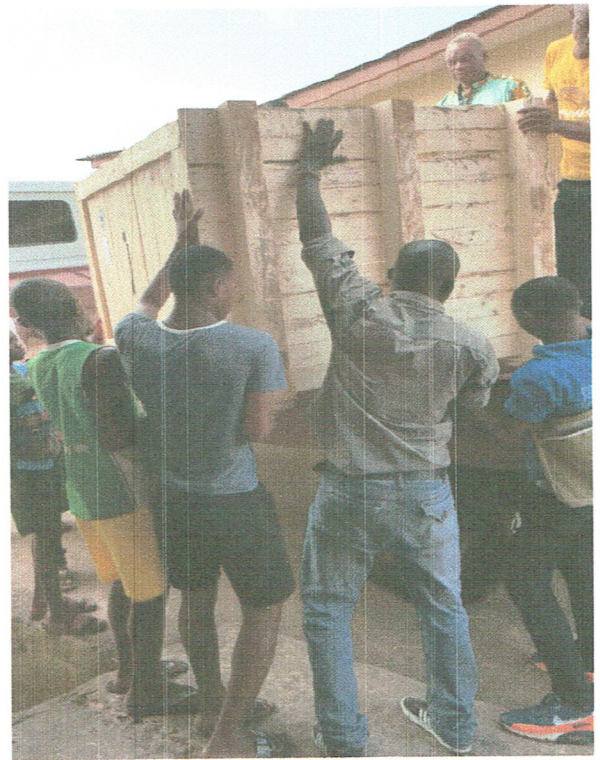


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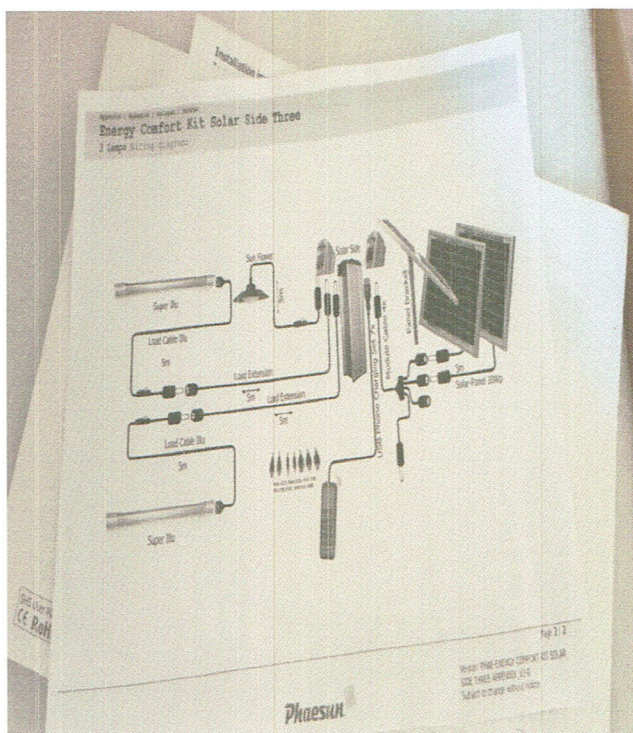


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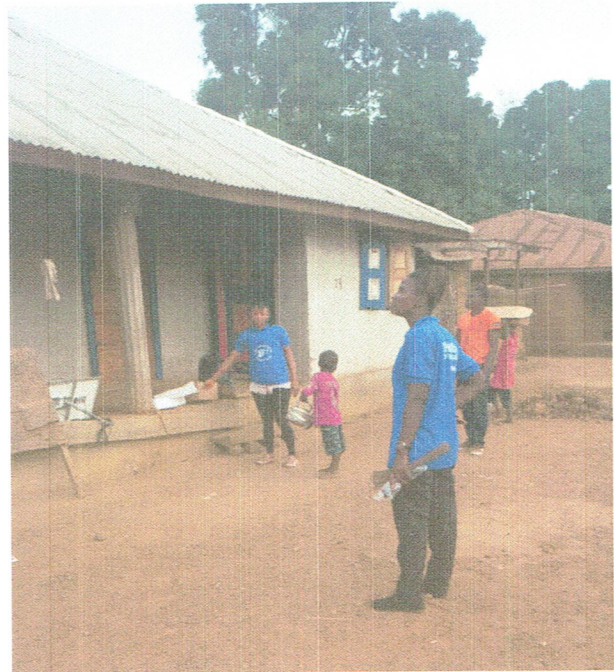
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## Ongoing Installation of Solar Light in Menicurve



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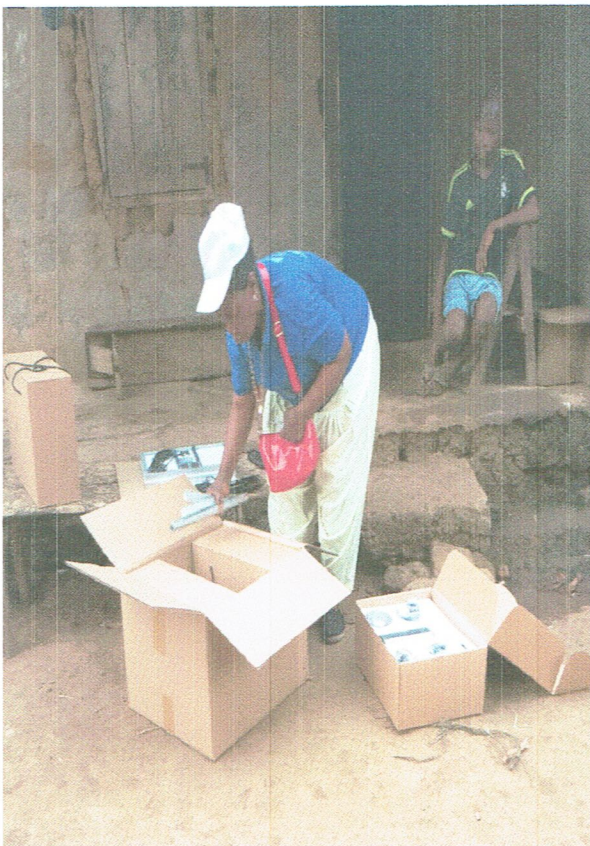




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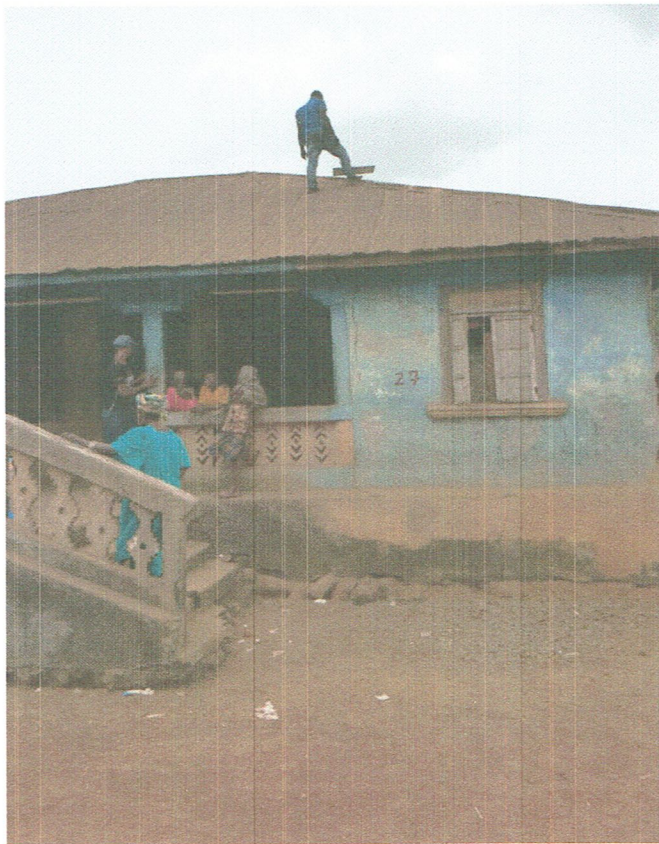


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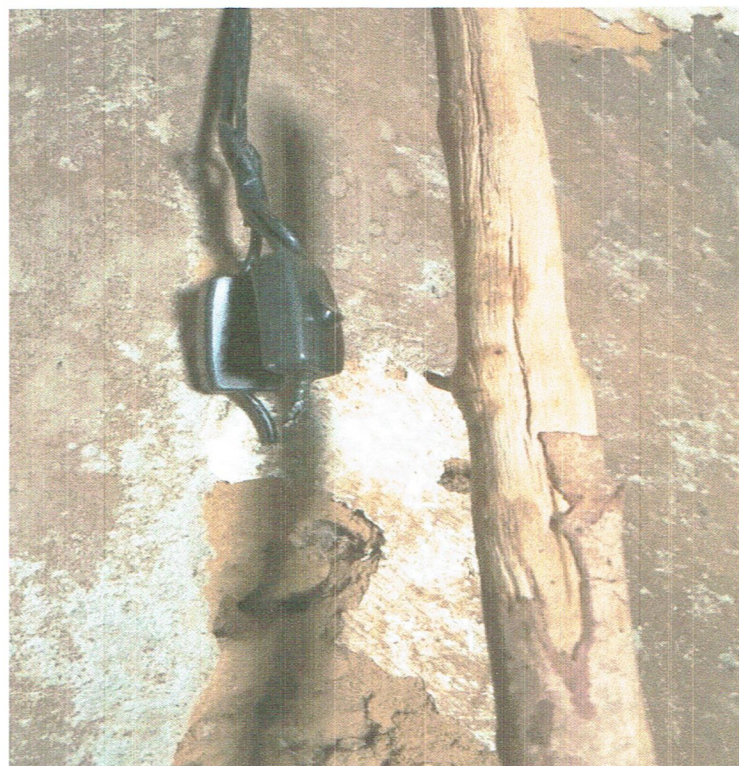
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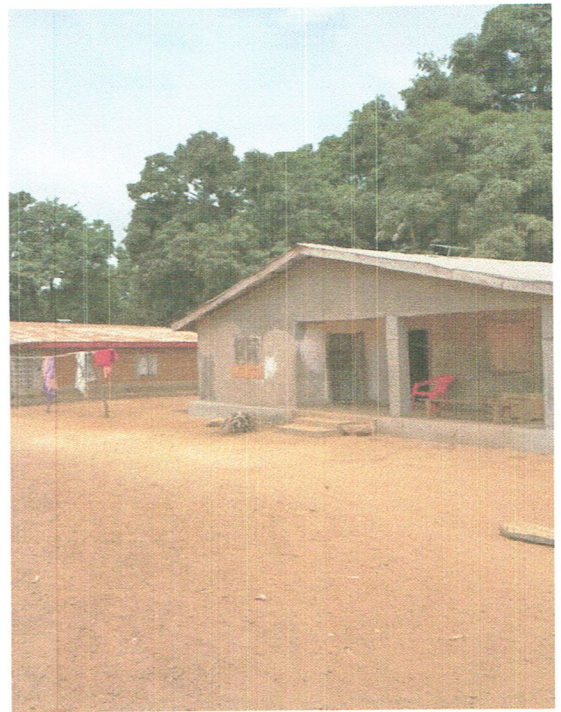


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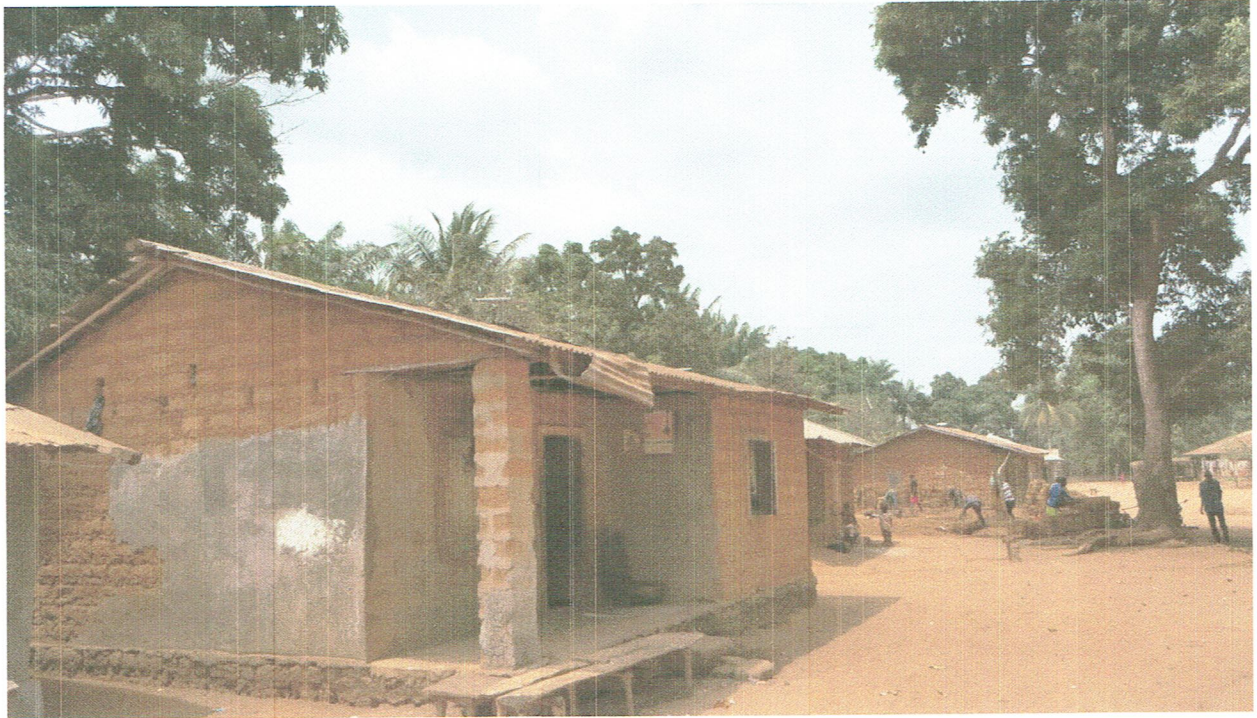


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## Completed Work At House 19



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Community people jubilating during the installation process.

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