

ATTENTION COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CITIZENS

Information on Community Child Labor Index

Education and child labor in Liberia

As Liberia grows, both in terms of population and economically, the need for quality education and elimination of child labor is at an all-time high. Community driven initiatives to build access and quality of education and to monitor child labor are necessary for real change.

Actions to Reduce Child Labor (ARCH) in Liberia, a 3 and a half year project aimed at reducing child labor and providing educational opportunities, has begun work in your community. While ARCH is providing support for children and families, we know that community leaders and citizens must become involved to support children in school and monitoring their work activities. There is a need for citizens to work together on these issues to improve the lives of the community members.

Champion Communities

Each year, community leaders and citizens should complete the Community Child Labor Index (CCLI), which assists communities to know the status of education and child labor the community. The CCLI includes seven standard questions which are consistent across all communities where ARCH is working. The last two questions are questions identified by each individual community. The CCLI will allow communities to set realistic targets and goals, and measure progress on an annual basis. Communities with the most progress will have the opportunity to earn community grants from the ARCH project which can be used for community driven projects to promote quality education and reduce child labor in the community.

Much of the progress in the education system and reduction of child labor relies on community members themselves. The CCLI is a tool which not only provides valuable information about the community, but can be used by communities to raise issues and awareness with politicians and leaders.

The ARCH Local Coordinators will provide support to communities to complete the CCLI if needed. The Local Coordinators will also assist communities in setting realistic targets and goals. The ARCH project looks forward to continuing to work with your community members over the next few years.