



Community Service (Liberia) Incorporated

2020 Annual Report

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1.0 Introduction

Community Service (Liberia) Incorporated (COMSLIB) was established to provide socioeconomic services to African migrant communities' residents in Queensland. As a result of demands from many African and non-African communities seeking grass-root services from migrants and refugees backgrounds who are finding it difficult to access most needed services that would enable them to settle faster and adequately in Queensland, our management team had to adopt to Queensland Association for Multicultural Services (QAMS) in order to meet the needs of migrants and refugees residing in Queensland. As result of the adoption of name, our services have been extended to migrant, refugees, and mainstream Australia.

As a way of meeting the socioeconomic needs of low-income earners residing in Queensland, three (3) businesses have been established since its establishment. Those businesses are: Queensland Association of Multicultural Services (QAMS) which provides services to all Australians regardless of their respective cultural backgrounds and origins servicing a total clients of approximately 500 residents in Queensland with not reconditions or absolutely requirements. Queensland African Migrant Services (QAMS) provides special needs services to African migrants and refugees that have stay in Queensland for less than 5 years. And Queensland School Lunch (QSL) provides food relief groceries to approximately 150 to 200 Queenslanders annually.

Who are we

COMSLIB is a Not-For-Profit, Non-Governmental and Charitable organisation. Our organisation is composed of volunteers from a variety of countries who have seen reasons to give back to their communities in these troubling times while settling in their new home called Australia.

Our Mission

COMSLIB' primary Mission is to pick up the pieces that have been left behind by African migrant and refugee peak-body organisations as well as mainstream institutions within the service delivery industries associated with African migrants and refugees' students.

Our Vision

Initially, COMSLIB was convinced that from 2017 to 2027 – within 10 years, African migrant and refugee students and youths residing in Queensland will be fully integrated within Australia's Academic System, especially students and youths from CALD communities. In addition to the academic program, COMSLIB envisages that it is possible for residents of Queensland can pay off the home loan within 10 years by benefiting from its socioeconomic empowerment programs. But due to outbreak of the COVID 19 Pandemic in 2019, our organization has reset its goals and objectives. Therefore, our primary objective is to provide groceries to low income families, the elderly, and unemployed and well as those who have

migrated and resided in Queensland for less than 5 years. This goal has been able to be implemented by partnering with Foodbank Queensland.

Our Value

At COMSLIB, we believe that our collective responsibility to make Queensland a safe and better state for all residents and visitors is not solely a government initiative but the contribution of all Queenslanders, visitors, migrants, refugees and tourists who have decided to make Queensland their first choice of state to reside in Australia upon arrival.

Our Framework

For COMSLIB to achieve its Mission and Vision, the organization has put the well-being, concerns, issues and needs of others above 'itself' by making sure that those migrants, refugees and mainstream Australians we have called upon our services and support to be matter of priority. To achieve our Mission and Vision, COMSLIB has adopted the "*Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)*", "*Locally Exchange Trading Scheme (LETS)*", "*Sustainable Community Development Initiative (SCDI)* and "*Social-Corporate Community-Development Advocacy (SCCDA)* frameworks. By adopting these frameworks, Community Service (Liberia) Incorporated works with communities to empower them but not to work for communities that will encourage the philosophy of 'aid dependency syndromes' among residents of Queensland, especially new comers to the great state of Queensland.

Our Philosophy

COMSLIB is of the conviction that there is lots of goodwill in Queensland that are being untapped. But the difficulties that most organisations of good purpose and good intentions are faced with are – trust that past organizations have created, the misuse of this goodwill in the past which has led to the lack of consensus to give to charitable organisations that are striving to meet the needs of its communities. Not because there are no other organizations in good standing, but simply limited connectivity, networking engagements and resources.

Our Approach

COMSLIB is very much aware of competing demands for scarce resources and that institutions and organisations of goodwill must go through a rigorous selection criterion to extend a helping hand to those mostly in need. Therefore, to safeguard our projects, activities and services for our student and youth communities, COMSLIB has adopted an income generating mechanism by Marketing, Advertising and Promoting African migrant and mainstream businesses in Queensland and beyond. This business approach is adopted to keep our doors open and services uninterrupted when there is a limited goodwill from the public due to circumstances that are beyond our control.

2.0 Management Team

Community Service (Liberia) Incorporated is managed by a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Management Committee is assisted by a Board of Advisors. The following management team members are Simeon Sebastian Kormon (President/CEO and Executive Director), Jacob Hallie Lendin (Board member and Secretary), Abubakarr Tarawally (Treasurer), and Korpo Deddeh Kormon (Board member, Accountant and Administrator).

3.0 Projects

3.1 Elderly & Disabled Domestic Services

Community Service (Liberia) Incorporated is providing domestic services to the elderly and disabled in South-East Brisbane. As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, our financial resources have been affected so COMSLIB is not at pre-COVID 19 service status. The project is a non-funded project. Notwithstanding, the Bunning Warehouse and Officeworks funded our projects via the provision of Sausage Sizzles sales.

3.2 Queensland School Lunch

Initially, COMSLIB decided to provide school lunches to families and caregivers from various suburbs in South East Brisbane. The purpose of the Queensland School Lunch project is to assist families with school going children who are within the category of low income, unemployed and on Centrelink. But due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, COMSLIB has decided to include everyone in need of its food relief program. Notwithstanding, there are more residents of Queensland that need food relief but due to our financial capacity, COMSLIB has been unable to meet the food needs of Queenslanders that are sleeping rough.

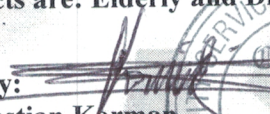
3.3 School Gears

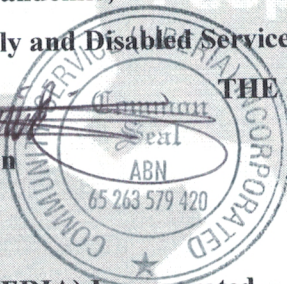
COMSLIB also provided school supplies/gears to families and caregivers from various suburbs in South East Brisbane in 2020. The purpose of the Queensland School Gears project is to assist families with school going children who are within the category of low income, unemployed and on Centrelink. Because it has claimed our attention that many migrant students and families struggled to meet the basic school gears requirements at the very beginning of the school year due to multiple financial requirements that surrounds everyday living expenses.

4.0 Conclusion

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, COMSLIB was able implement three (3) projects in 2020.

Those projects are: Elderly and Disabled Services, Queensland School Lunch and School Gears.

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