

Community Charging Station



In January, Energy For Opportunity will be starting work on the establishment of two Community Charging Stations, one in Matru Jong, Bonthe District and the second in Kamabai, Bombali District. The project is being supported through funding from Christian Aid in Sierra Leone.

The site in Matru jong will be managed by one of Christian Aid's local partners MCSL. The station will allow for the introduction of rechargeable lights and other home energy systems that can replace costly and polluting kerosene lanterns. In addition, the station will provide a reliable, low maintenance source of revenue for the organisation and their programmes.

The establishment of the station in Kamabai is a result of the recent planning trip and ongoing discussions with community representatives. A kiosk will be built adjacent to the market, with lighting being provided to the building and the surrounding communal area. The site will be managed by the local Village Development Committee and the revenue will be used to fund future solar electricity projects in Kamabai and the Biriwa Chiefdom.

EFO is promoting a unique model of development with the Kamabai community, with the establishment of the Charging Station as the first of many installations. By generating revenue within the community, it allows them to direct the development process, through their own project work or by creating funds that can be used as co-funding with donor support. EFO will also commit to a long term partnership with the community, providing technical support, assistance in finding co-funding and long-term maintenance.

To compliment the funding from Christian Aid and give a strong start to our work with the Community Charging Concept, EFO is trying to raise \$3000 over the Christmas period. All funds will go direct to this project and be visible in the field within a month.

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Kamabai Market