

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF PROCEDURES WE WOULD IMPLEMENT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY ON THE ISLAND OF NYANGAI

The end result will be to move the community to somewhere on the coast or in the interior of Sierra Leone. To accomplish this would require something like the following steps.

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH INTO THE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE REGION

The first thing is to compile a history of the communities occupying the Turtle Islands and the coastal areas of Sierra Leone. This will require going through existing histories and accounts covering both the physical and social environment. It will also be important to compile a history of the coastal regions and the general history of Sierra Leone. The purpose of this research and compilation will be to give us information on how the community has developed into its present situation. It will also be used in helping determine areas that might be the most conducive for integration.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE ISLANDS

This could be done through satellite data and airborne LiDAR or drone mapping. There are several online databases with information on the physical layout of the regions in question. Airborne lidar or drones would be used to augment the online data. We would fly the islands to gather data on the current environment and physical layout of the community. The flying of the islands would map the offshore reefs and terrain. Mapping of these areas would be used to help in determining how long the community has to survive in its present location. Governmental assessment will also require investigations into existing documents and publications around the environment the assessment will also require fieldwork from skilled professionals.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF REGIONS FOR RELOCATION

We would do the same research and field assessments of areas that might be potential for relocation.

FIELD DATA COLLECTION OF THE TURTLE ISLANDS ESPECIALLY NYANGAI

This would include doing interviews with the population and monitoring the day-to-day active of the community. We would also map the physical layout of the community, the buildings, potentiality both inside and out. We would do this for all the eight islands. There is one island that is only accessible by the male population being used for rituals on coming of age celebrations. Our procedures would include photographic and video studies of the many elements of the society. In all cases our field crews would be as unobtrusive as possible and be concerned with cultural sensitive when doing interviews and be aware of issues of privacy.

FIELD DATA COLLECTION OF THE PROJECTED REGION FOR RELOCATION

This would include doing interviews with the population and monitoring the day to day active of the community. We would also map the physical layout of the community, the buildings, potentiality both inside and out. We would be concerned about collecting data on the physical environment. This would be important to help determine how the immigrant community would be able to integrate into the new region. The integration would focus on rehousing the population and reconstructing and economy. Our procedures would include photographic and video studies of the many elements of the society. In all cases our field crews would be as unobtrusive as possible and be concerned with cultural sensitivity in doing interviews and be aware of issues of privacy.

COORDINATION WITH CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH GROUPS

We would make contact with the appropriate researchers and groups to determine the projected degree of change in the environment. Using these projections we would help the community deal with the migration and integration and help to find ways to help the community develop a sustainable future.

COORDINATION WITH GROUPS THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PHYSICAL ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY

This would be what it would take to rehouse the community. Part of this effort will be interviewing the people about what they consider the ideal housing. The mapping of the existing units will be important to help as part of determining how to design the layout for the new housing. We will also have to rebuild the other aspects of the community, such as schools, commercial and administrating structures. The designs will have to take in account the feelings and opinions of the community being relocated and the community in area of relocation. The rebuilding of the community will require discussions on property issues and zoning and regulation concerns with the government. Here we will use local and regional engineering, surveying and construction firms where possible to provide the need services. We are in the process of forming partnerships with various groups that are using newly developed technologies in building structures.

COORDINATION WITH GROUPS WITH EXPERIENCE IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING OF THE COMMUNITY.

This would include groups operating in microfinance and parts of the financial world experienced in the complexities of investing.