



ANNUAL REPORT 2025  
Lena Marshall Foundation

## Lena Marshall Foundation (LMF)

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

*Every year tells a story but 2025 stands apart as a testament to what becomes possible when people choose courage over comfort, collaboration over competition, and hope over hesitation. This year, we witnessed the extraordinary power of individuals and communities rising together with a shared belief: that meaningful change is not only necessary, but achievable.*

*Our journey in 2025 was guided by a simple yet profound truth when we invest in people, we ignite possibility. Across every programme, partnership, and initiative, we saw lives transformed, voices strengthened, and dreams reignited. We saw women step boldly into leadership, young people discover their potential, and communities build bridges where barriers once stood. These moments remind us that progress is not measured only in numbers, but in the renewed confidence, dignity, and opportunity we help create.*

*What inspires me most is the resilience of those we serve. Their determination fuels our mission. Their stories shape our purpose. Their victories big and small affirm why we must continue to push boundaries and reimagine what empowerment can look like. They remind us that change is not an abstract idea; it is a lived experience, unfolding every day in the lives of real people.*

*This year, our team, partners, and supporters demonstrated extraordinary commitment. You showed up with generosity, with vision, and with an unshakeable belief in what we can accomplish together. For that, I am deeply grateful. Your trust strengthens our resolve. Your partnership expands our reach. Your passion accelerates our impact.*

*As we look toward 2026, we do so with renewed purpose and bold ambition. We are stepping into the future with clarity, courage, and a commitment to innovation that will carry our mission even further. There is still much work to be done but we are ready. Together, we will continue to champion equity, unlock opportunity, and build a future where every person has the chance to rise.*

*Thank you for walking this journey with us. Thank you for believing in the power of community. And thank you for helping us turn vision into reality. The next chapter is calling and with your support, it will be our most impactful yet*



**Let us celebrate our achievements for 2025.**

*Lena Thomas-Marshall*

**Executive Director**

Lena Marshall Foundation

**2025**

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Annual Report

Period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Lena Marshall Foundation have pleasure in presenting their report for the period ended on 31 December 2025.

1 Structure, Governance and Management

1.1 Status

Lena Marshall Foundation was incorporated by Liberia Business Registry on 27 August 2019 under the TIN number 501010032, registered in Liberia, West Africa. 12 April 2022 Lena Marshall Foundation INC, TIN number 2000078737 registered Grenada, West Indies.

1.2 Trustees

The trustees (who are also board directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law.

Company law requires the board of trustees to prepare the annual report and financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.



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The board who served during the reporting period were:

Mrs. Charlesetta Williams (Chairman)

Mrs. Victoria Rennie

Mrs. Lucy J Bondo

### 1.3 Charitable Objects

Lena Marshall Foundation for Women and Children is formed for any charitable purposes that will make women and children lives better whoever and wherever they are. The purposes may include but are not limited to, purposes related to education, relieving poverty, health, human rights, financial independence, promote social inclusion, relieving unemployment, providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare.

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of [30] by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational, and other activities as a means of:

- (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature, and responsible individuals.
- (b) advancing education.
- (c) relieving unemployment.
- (d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty, or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. Management support, technical advice, quality control and impact assessment support as well as networks and visibility. The Foundation chooses partners which are non-political, have the capacity to deliver the envisaged activities and have a similar vision to the Foundation.

**Foundation's Vision:**

The Foundation's vision is for a world where women have equal access to the tools and support needed to establish and grow successful businesses. By supporting women entrepreneurs, we are building a brighter future for families, communities, and economies.

LMF aims to inspire and empower girls from the least advantaged communities.

**Foundation's Mission:**

Lena Marshall Foundation (LMF) mission is to empower women and children to enhance health, end hunger, educate and overcome hardship.

The Foundation's mission is to strengthen the capacity of women entrepreneurs in countries where they lack equal opportunities so that they can start and grow their business and become greater contributors to their societies and economies. The Foundation accomplishes this by working with local partners to provide women with access to business tools, networks, and finance.

A cornerstone of the work of the Foundation is bringing together stakeholders who work on economic empowerment for women and forming knowledge and/or funding partnerships to create a more coherent support network. These stakeholders include partners such as other philanthropic organisations, private and public sector institutions, academia, and community-based organisations. An underlying principle of the Foundation is that projects will be implemented on a small scale and/or limited timeframe first but then rolled out on a larger scale/longer timeframe subject to successful completion of the initial testing period.



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1.4 Organisational Structure and Staffing

Board Team

Mrs. Charlesetta Williams (Chairman)

Mrs. Victoria Rennie

Mrs. Lucy J Bondo

Operations Team

Operations Volunteer:

Mrs. Marjorie Wright

Day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the director and a small team.

The trustees provide guidance to the Foundation.

The Foundation relies on volunteers and pro-bono advisors who generously give their time when required.





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### Activities January 2025 – December 2025

#### About the Lena Marshall Foundation

The Lena Marshall Foundation (LMF) is committed to empowering communities across Africa and the Caribbean through education, clean energy access, women's empowerment, and community development. In 2025, LMF expanded its reach, strengthened global partnerships, and delivered impactful programs that touched thousands of lives.

#### January 2025 Highlights

##### LMF & SolarBuddy Partnership – Liberia & Sierra Leone

LMF partnered with SolarBuddy to distribute mini solar lights to school children in Liberia and Sierra Leone, supporting the fight against energy poverty.

**Media Feature:** [FrontPageAfrica](#) – “Lena Marshall Foundation Partners with SolarBuddy to Combat Energy Poverty in Sierra Leone and Liberia.”



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Liberia: Lena Marshall Foundation Partners with SolarBuddy to Combat Energy Poverty in Sierra Leone and Liberia

By Contributing Writer — January 16, 2025 — NEWS

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Together, they aim to distribute solar-powered lights to schoolchildren in Sierra Leone and Liberia, empowering them to pursue education without the burden of inadequate lighting.





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#### **January 2025 Highlights**

##### **SDG Goal 7 – Affordable & Clean Energy**

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

##### **Welcoming Access Liberia LTD as Shipping Partner**

LMF welcomed Access Liberia LTD, a family-owned UK-based shipping company supporting Liberian communities since 2002. Their commitment to community upliftment aligns with LMF's mission.

The Lena Marshall Foundation wishes to welcome and announce Access Liberia LTD as our shipping partner to Liberia. They are a family-owned shipping business operated by Evelyn & Samuel Nimley, based in the UK. Established in 2002, the business was founded out of necessity when shipping services to Liberia were scarce. Starting with just 10 customers, they've grown to serve over 500 loyal clients who trust them for reliable and efficient delivery of the personal goods between the UK and Liberia. Beyond their core services, they are committed to giving back to the Liberian community in the UK. Access Liberia LTD supports charities in Liberia that help underprivileged children and fosters strong connections within the Liberian diaspora in the UK.





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**January 2025 Highlights**

**Partnership with Afrik'Energy Connect Inc.**

A pan-African clean energy startup specializing in Productive Uses of Renewable Energy (PURE). This partnership strengthens LMF's clean energy initiatives.



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### February 2025 Highlights

#### SolarBuddy Announces Partnership with LMF

“Bright Beginnings: Joining Forces with the Lena Marshall Foundation.”

Aligned SDGs:

- **SDG 7:** Affordable & Clean Energy
- **SDG 17:** Partnerships for the Goals

#### Bright Beginnings: Joining Forces with the Lena Marshall Foundation

We're delighted to announce we've joined forces with the Lena Marshall Foundation to address energy poverty in Liberia and Sierra Leone! They will be leading the distribution of SolarBuddy devices, empowering school children to study without the limitations of unreliable lighting.

Lena Marshall also shared

*“The parents we spoke with will not have to keep charging their mobile phones for their children to use at nights for homework, which isn't cost effective for the family.”*

The Lena Marshall Foundation's commitment to advancing education for women and children is inspiring, and we're excited to work together to brighten the futures of these communities!





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**March 2025 Highlights**

**African Caribbean Fair, Grenada**

LMF hosted an Energy Poverty Awareness event with strong community support.

**Special Thanks:**

- Ms. Kim Frederick, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports
- Mr. Cordell Louison, Facility Manager – Grenada Youth Centre
- Vloggers: Ninqi Punch, KRISS MG VLOG, Alieghavisuals



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**March 2025 Highlights**

LMF hosted an Energy Poverty Awareness event at the Grenada Trade Centre with strong community support.

Credit: Alieghavisuals



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**May 2025 Highlights**

**Solar Lights En Route to Liberia & Sierra Leone**

Thanks to Access Liberia and Mrs. Evelyn Duke Nimley for their continued support.



**LMF & Teach for Sierra Leone Meeting**

A productive discussion on distributing solar lights to children across Sierra Leone.





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**May 2025 Highlights**

**Arrival of 3000+ Solar Lights in Grenada**

Lights were transferred to Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

**Special Thanks:**

- Hon. Leanwall Perrotte, Permanent Secretary
- SolarBuddy



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**May 2025 Highlights**

**World Menstrual Day (Liberia)**

LMF hosted a workshop in Gbarnga, Liberia.

**Acknowledgments:**

- Facilitator: Mrs. Marjorie Nenneh Wright
- Mr. Jon Rossman, President/CEO – Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project
- Parents and girls who attended





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**November 2025 Highlights**

**CNN Africa – Global Perspective Africa Event (London)**

LMF attended this powerful gathering of African changemakers.



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**November 2025 Highlights**

**Announcement: Women & Girls Centre – Grenada**

A safe, empowering space dedicated to:

- Empowerment & training
- Cultural programming
- Community support
- Entrepreneurship & innovation

Dedicated in honor of my dad.

**Dr. James C. Thomas**



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**November 2025 Highlights**

**Distribution of SolarBuddy Lights – Liberia**

Rural Communities reached: Bong, Margibi, River Gee, Nimba, Grand Bassa.

**Principal, Mrs. Kaymah S. Massaquoi (New Vision Academy)** shared a powerful testimony on the impact of solar lights.



[Click to view the video](#)



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**December 2025 Highlights**

**Beach Clean-Up, Duquesne Bay (Grenada)**

LMF joined Easy Taxi & Tours and local volunteers to protect Grenada’s ancient petroglyphs and coastal ecosystem.



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Thank you Izzy and Antonio from Easy Taxi & Tours for such a great initiative.



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**Conclusion**

2025 was a year of growth, impact, and strengthened partnerships for the Lena Marshall Foundation. From clean energy initiatives to women's empowerment and community development, LMF continues to illuminate pathways for children, families, and communities across Africa and the Caribbean.





**Together, we are building a future rooted in dignity, opportunity, and hope.**

*Lena Thomas-Marshall*

Executive Director

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