

A SHORT HISTORY OF RASHIDATU BAH

Freetown Centre



Rashidatu Bah was born on the 8th January 1987, in a town called Waterloo. She grew up as a moody child. At a very young age, she lost her parents. Her Aunty who was taking care of her could not afford to pay her School fees because of the many children she had. She therefore started selling cold water in parks and surroundings. During the war, her Aunty who was taking care of her died also. These sad scenarios traumatized Rashidatu and placed her in a state of dilemma.

So at the age of nine her life was with no future. A family friend decided to adopt her and put her in School.

When Rashidatu thought her life was re-gaining strength, she was sexually harassed and got impregnated by her class teacher. By this time she was in form two (Grade 8). The woman she stayed with drove her to the street and said she couldn't take care of pregnant women. The teacher who impregnated her went into hidden. This frustrated Rashidatu so much that she thought of killing herself. Because to her, life was meaningless and helpless. During this period of discouragement, a neighbor she was helping to fetch water counseled her and gave her hope life.

After giving birth to her baby, a friend directed her to Kabor Project. She finally came to register as a student in the Catering programme. When she realised the courses were free. She finally expressed her wish to gain skills training that would help her acquire a job and thus improve her standard of living.

During her training at Kabor, she found love and encouragement. Today she is proud because Kabor Project has given her skills not only on Catering, but Handicrafts, like Bead work, gara – tie - and dye etc. With these skills gained she hopes to have a job as soon as possible to be able to take care of herself and children.

Rashidatu Bah is very grateful to Kabor Project for having given her a hope for self-reliance. All she need to start her life are start – up – kits in tailoring and Catering.