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Esperança and BeaVan Charities, a local nonprofit that provides comprehensive solution to the grave problem of malnutrition in Sierra Leone, West Africa, have joined forces to collect hygiene supplies for the people of Sierra Leone.

"The Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone and particularly the capital Freetown is getting worse," says Tom Egan, president and CEO of Esperança. "The once commercial center of the country is being hit incredibly hard. Basic hygiene supplies are desperately needed. We're coming together with BeaVan Charities to collect hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and basic cleaning supplies. Our goal is to send care packages weekly to the areas hardest hit."

For a complete list of items needed, visit: http://www.esperanca.org/sanitize/.

Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., at Esperanca's office, located at 1911 W. Earll Dr. in Phoenix or you can make a donation online at www.WeTransformLives.org and 100 percent of your donation will go directly to help those people in Sierra Leone.