

Share these photographs about Haja's life growing up in Sierra Leone. Talking about the images will help the children to develop their understanding of families and communities from other parts of the world.

Activity:

- Ask the children to look closely at the images of Haja. You could put them on an interactive whiteboard or print them out to share with the children.
- Use the background information and prompt questions on the next page to help you talk with the children about each image and get them thinking about the similarities and differences between their life and Haja's life in Sierra Leone.

What you will need:

The photographs on the following pages – either print out copies to show the children or display them on an interactive whiteboard.

Early Years Foundation Stage Links

Communication and language

- Listening and attention – listen attentively in a range of situations.
- Speaking – express themselves effectively.

Understanding the world

- People and communities – know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.



1 This is Haja



Haja is 3 years old and lives in Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone.

- Are you younger or older than Haja?
- In what ways is she like you? (e.g. she's a girl, she has brown eyes, she has short hair)
- What other words would you use to describe Haja?

2 Haja's Family



Haja lives with her mum, sister Mary (who is 6) and brothers David and Sheka (9 and 18). Her mum and older brother look after her.

- Who do you think this is in the photograph? (Haja, her mum, sister Mary and brother David)
- Do you have brothers and sisters? How old are they?

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3 Life on a Rubbish Dump



This is the rubbish dump where Haja's family used to live and work. It was smelly, dirty and dangerous. The family used to make money for food by selling things like scrap metal that they found amongst the rubbish.

- What can you see in this photograph?
- What do you think it would be like to have to live and work on a rubbish dump like this?

4 Haja's House



This is Haja's mum standing outside the house where the family lives now. Their home has concrete walls and a tin roof. There's just one room, where all five of the family sleep. Haja shares a mattress with her mum.

- How is Haja's house different to your home?
- Do you think it would be better living in this house than on the dump? Why?

5 Keeping Clean



Haja's house doesn't have a bathroom and the family washes outside using a bucket. Everyone who lives in the street shares an outside toilet.

- What is Haja doing in this photograph?
- Where do you clean your teeth? Is your toothbrush like Haja's?

6 Haja's Favourite Food



Haja's favourite food is rice and chicken (sometimes with tomato ketchup).

- What is your favourite food?
- Do any of you like the same things as Haja?

7 Haja's Favourite Game



Haja used to love playing with her toy doll but it broke and she doesn't have any other toys at the moment. Her favourite game is playing with water.

- What is your favourite game?
- Do you enjoy playing with water like Haja?

8 Playing with Friends



Haja plays with her brother, sister and other children on the street where she lives. When she is older she would like to go to school like her brother.

- Do your friends live near you?
- Are you looking forward to going to school? Why do you think it is important that all children go to school?

1. This is Haja

Haja is 3 years old.



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2. Haja's Family

Haja lives with her mum, sister and two brothers.



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3. Life on a Rubbish Dump

Haja used to live on a rubbish dump.



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4. Haja's House

Now Haja lives in a small house with one room.

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5. Keeping Clean

Haja washes and cleans her teeth outside the house.



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6. Haja's Favourite Food

Haja's favourite food is rice and chicken.



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7. Haja's Favourite Game

Haja's favourite game is playing with water.

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8. Playing with Friends

Haja plays with children on the street where she lives.



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