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Using aquaponics to fight against hunger

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Abstract

The joint effort to address malnutrition amongst school children in Liberia through Aquaponics particularly at the More Than Me Academy by the social work students at the AME University and the Extra curriculum Lead at Hilltop Schools came about when the nurse at the Academy started her regular malnutrition and deworming assessment where she discovered that 20% of the students in the elementary section were malnourished. Students of Social Work department doing Internship at the MTMA came together and brainstormed on ways of addressing this health deficiency crisis. The interns finalized that in order to address the malnutrition issues among the students, they will provide nutritious meal highlighted from the food pyramid. This effort aligns with goal two of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) which envision a zero hunger world, we later discussed about a more sustainable methods of ensuring that all the kids including the ones with malnutrition at the Academy continue having a healthy diet during their days in schools. From this discussion, we as students decided to embark on a garden project which will serve as the main source of nutrients that will matched that of the pyramid.

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