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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age- appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open- source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

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Up the hill, down the hill, Kebbeh came running home from school. "Mama, mama," she called. But her mother had gone to the market to buy some food for the home.



Kebbeh was a bit sad when she entered the house and didn't see her mother. She sat on the porch to wait for her.



While sitting on the porch, Kebbeh saw her mom coming. She woke up and ran to her. She hugged her. "Why are you looking a bit sad?" her mother asked. "Nothing," said Kebbeh.



Kebbeh tried to put a smile on her face, so her mother would not notice anything was wrong.



While her mother was still talking, Kebbeh opened her bag and took out something wrapped in a piece of tissue. "Mama, mama guess what?" "Dear, I am not good at guessing. What is it?" "No mama, please guess."



"Okay, let me guess. You made new friends at school today," her mother said. "No Mama," Kebbeh said. When her mother turned around, Kebbeh showed the white tissue to her mother and said, "My tooth fell out today in class, while having lunch."



"Wow! Make a wish," her mother said. "I wish Dad will have more money to buy a car, so I don't have to walk to school every day."



After she had made her wish, her mother threw the tooth over the zinc and said, "Don't worry, your tooth will soon grow. It is normal for you to lose a tooth."



Kebbeh smiled. This time she knew her mouth was not the same. *One two, one two, I lost my tooth, who next could it be?* Not mama, not papa, I guess it is my best friend Leela.



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Synopsis

Kebbeh, the little girl, loses her tooth for the first time. And she made a wish.

