

# Mp3 Sorie Kondi - Without Money, No Family



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Sorie Kondi is a blind musician, a musical genius and a cultural treasure able to sing in four different languages, he taught himself how to play a little-known traditional instrument at the age of 15 and developed a unique style of his own. 9 MP3 Songs in this album (48:32) ! Related styles: WORLD: African, WORLD: World Beat People who are interested in Ephat Mujuru Ali Farka Tour should consider this download. Details: SORIE KONDI: Without Money, No Family Released by earthcds partners. Recorded by Luke Wassermann Audio CD: 49 minutes - 9 tracks. This album was recorded in April 2007 at Hot Plate Studio in Tintafor, almost a year after Pa Sorie's live performance there which became "The Music of Sierra Leone, Vol. 3." The idea for recording an album in the studio was proposed by Pa Sorie himself even though he had virtually no experience in a true "recording studio" environment. After some reluctance, Luke Wassermann agreed to build a temporary studio and produce the album for Pa Sorie. There were considerable challenges in the making of the album. For starters, Tintafor has no public electricity supply, so a 3000 watt generator had to be set up and continually refueled with gasoline, which cost US\$4.50 per gallon. Noiseproofing in Sierra Leone is virtually impossible because of a lack of proper materials, so recording times had to be worked around everything from the flight schedule at the international airport, only 1 mile away, to the squawking of chickens. Because Pa Sorie is blind, and can't read or write, it wasn't possible to draw out a diagram of song structures, which in Pa Sorie's music are often assymetrical and not so easily grasped by the recording engineer who must organize all of the tracks on the computer. Everything had to be communicated verbally, and this too was a challenge because Pa Sorie does not speak English, which left Mr. Wassermann with the task of trying to communicate music concepts and technical terms like "overdub" in Krio, a language he only began to speak a few months earlier. But the two men learned to be patient, and laugh when the language barrier

caused delays or misunderstandings. By the end of the sessions, each had developed massive respect and admiration for the other's abilities. The result was an album that stands to become the all-time favorite cassette of any poda-poda driver, and make a huge impact at the annual CSA Music Awards held at the National Stadium in Freetown. Visit the earthcds website to see Sorie Kondi's music video!

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