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# Building Stronger Communities: Fostering Growth & Empowerment



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# FOREWORD



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Liberia has made significant strides in its economic and human development during the last two decades of peace. However, Liberia faces the critical task of consolidating these achievements toward sustainable and resilient development. Despite a remarkably peaceful democratic transition, Liberia contends numerous developmental challenges to achieving lower middle-income status, as outlined in the National Vision 2030 and the SDGs.

In response to these pressing issues, the newly elected Government has formulated the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) to address factors such as low human capital development, a high poverty rate, gender inequality, limited fiscal capacity, corruption, food insecurity, and significant external dependency coupled with trade imbalances.

UNDP's support to the government through the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) highlights our dedication to creating a more inclusive and prosperous future for all Liberians.

Through our unwavering commitment to sustainable development, we have witnessed tangible improvements in the lives of individuals and communities across Liberia during the year 2024.

The Drivers of Development Study, spearheaded by UNDP, sets the groundwork for the country office to support the UNDP Global Strategic Plan for 2026-

2029 and the development of its Country Programme Document for 2026-2030.

This comprehensive study identified three key pillars: Human Development, Governance and Peace, and Inclusive Economic Transformation. The insights gathered will be instrumental in shaping UNDP's future developmental assistance strategies to effectively support the government and the people of Liberia over the next five years. By focusing on these critical areas, UNDP aims to foster sustainable growth and enhance the overall well-being of the population in Liberia.

The Performance Management and Compliance System (PMCS) launched on October 30, 2024, marks a significant milestone in Liberia's commitment to enhancing public service accountability. The performance-based management and compliance system championed by the President of Liberia and supported by UNDP will improve performance through transparency and accountability for good governance. This initiative aims to foster a performance culture within government by ensuring that all Ministries, Agencies, and Commissions (MACs) are engaged in a structured performance management process. With technical assistance from UNDP, the Cabinet Secretariat will implement a comprehensive roadmap that includes stakeholders' engagement, capacity building, and clear performance targets.

In addition, annual performance reviews and robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms will be developed, ensuring ongoing support and expert guidance. This strategic approach seeks to improve the government's effectiveness and empower individuals and institutions to deliver better services to the public.

As we reflect on the progress and impact of UNDP Liberia programmes in 2024, community development remains at the core of our initiatives, aligning with the ambitious goals set by Agenda 2030.

At the heart of our endeavors is fostering socio-economic growth and sustainable progress among Liberia's diverse populations. As we progress towards realizing the ambitious Agenda 2030, with its universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all, the government-funded

Accelerated Community Development Programme managed by UNDP, stands as one of the beacons of hope and opportunity for the people of Liberia.

Through UNDP's support, small-scale farmers are significantly shifting from low-yield, labor-intensive farming to mechanized agriculture. This transformation has impacted fourteen farming cooperatives involving over two thousand farmers using modern agricultural tools and post-harvest processing equipment, including farm tractors and mills for rice, cassava, and sugar cane under the **Accelerated Community Development Programme (ACDP)**. This change has not only modernized the farming practices of beneficiaries but also boosted productivity contributing to Liberia's goal of achieving food security.

Through innovative strategies, inclusive partnerships, and unwavering dedication, UNDP Liberia continues to empower communities, amplify local voices, and catalyze positive change that resonates throughout the nation.

2024 was a milestone in advancing sustainable conservation practices while supporting local communities and strengthening partnerships and Liberia's natural heritage. Collaborative efforts with communities, local authorities, and implementing partners have achieved significant progress in protecting forests and biodiversity in Liberia and enhancing the livelihoods of local communities.

The joint project implemented by UNDP and UNFAO in collaboration with the Forestry Development Authority (FDA), with funding from Sweden, is laying the groundwork for improved governance of community forest management bodies, capacity building of forest regulatory institutions, empowerment of national CSOs/NGOs and Forest and Farm Producer Organizations, integrated natural resources management and the promotion of sustainable livelihood incentives for forest fringe communities.

Also, as the biggest consumers and creators of content, Liberian youth now have an opportunity to be at the forefront of the digital revolution using their energy, creativity, and talent to drive economic growth with the launch of the University Innovation Pod (UniPod) – Liberia. It is UNDP's new Pan-African financing initiative involving more than 10 African countries, including Liberia to transform learning and innovation.

This Annual Report serves as a testament to our collective achievements and a roadmap for the journey ahead, as we strive towards a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable Liberia. It encapsulates collective achievements, challenges, and aspirations toward a prosperous future of dignity, security,



and fulfillment regardless of backgrounds or circumstances.



**Louis Kuukpen**  
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# WELCOMING A NEW RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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**On 16 December 2024**, the country office welcomed the new Resident Representative, Mr. Aliou Mamadou Dia.

Before resuming his duties in the country, Dia presented his accreditation letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sara Beysolow Nyanti at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dia has over 20 years of work experience with the United Nations, working on sustainable development issues in Africa. Before joining UNDP Liberia, he served as UNDP Resident Representative in Togo and Cameroon.

Preceding the role of Resident Representative, he held a senior position as Africa Team Leader on Climate Change, Access to Energy, resilience, and Crisis Prevention at the UNDP Regional Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Previously he worked as a Regional Advisor for Eastern and Southern Africa on Resilience building, Disaster Risk Reduction, Crisis Prevention, and Recovery based at the UNDP Hub in Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition, he was employed by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) as a Regional Advisor for Disaster Risk Reduction in West Africa, based at ECOWAS in Abuja, Nigeria. Additionally, he worked as a Humanitarian Geographic Information Officer in the UNOCHA Regional Office for West and Central Africa, based in Dakar, Senegal.

In previous assignments, he assisted more than 30 UNDP country offices and their governments in Africa, executing their country programs and national development plans through a sustainable development framework.

Mr. Dia holds a Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA) in Geosciences and physical geography from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal.

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## The ACDP Addresses Critical Gaps in Basic Services

The Accelerated Community Development Programme (ACDP) made interventions in the water, agriculture, and health sectors to address critical gaps in basic services while empowering communities economically and socially.

### Key Achievements

**Access to safe water** – Over 2,000 residents in Donfah Community, Bong County can now access potable water to address the issues of waterborne diseases promoting a healthier and safer lifestyle among community residents. It followed the drilling

of five solar-powered boreholes and three water towers in five rural communities across Gbarpolu, Bong, and Rivercess Counties. Four of the kiosks, already operational in Donfah, Bong County, and worth over eighty-three thousand United States Dollars (\$83,711.82), provide clean drinking water, significantly reducing the time and effort residents, particularly women and children spend fetching water, thus improving the overall quality of life. For many rural community dwellers, installing solar-powered water kiosks is life-changing, particularly for women and children who previously walked long distances and faced a risk of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

### Relief for Donfah Residents | United Nations Development Programme



*“We had to walk long distances to fetch unsafe water. Now, with the installation of a solar-powered water facility with water kiosks just a few minutes away, we have access to safe water for drinking and cooking. This facility has saved our women and children from the long walks. It has also reduced the potential risk of attacks our women and girls face at streams outside the town. Moreover, we will no longer worry about hand pumps frequently breaking down or drying out, especially during the dry season. This facility has relieved us from the stress of water scarcity during a time like this in the year. So, we say thank you to UNDP and the Government of Liberia”*

narrates the Chairperson of the  
**Donfah Community in Bong County,**  
**Chief Elder George J. Folley**



**Empowering Agricultural Cooperatives** – Over two thousand (2,000) small-scale farmers are significantly shifting from low-yield, labor-intensive farming to mechanized agriculture with the supply of modern agricultural tools and post-harvest processing equipment, including farm tractors and mills for rice, cassava, and sugar cane, improved rice seeds, fertilizers, and basic farming tools to 14 farmer cooperatives in seven counties. Twelve of the supported farmer cooperatives after acquiring upland and lowland farmland for rice and cassava production and securing office spaces for various activities, are harvesting rice while the other two—Lowomah and Farwheinta are still transplanting on their lowland fields. As of December 20, 2024, the twelve cooperatives have collectively harvested **4,742 bags** (25kg each) of paddy rice. These cooperatives have seen a significant increase in rice production, attributed to the support provided under the ACDP, and have transformed the economic prospects for **725 (435 women, 290 men)** who are shareholders and members. These interventions have created sustainable income-generating opportunities to improve their livelihoods and contribute to the local economy. For most of them, this marks a first-time experience cultivating crops on such a large scale. This change has not only modernized the farming practices of beneficiaries but also boosted productivity.

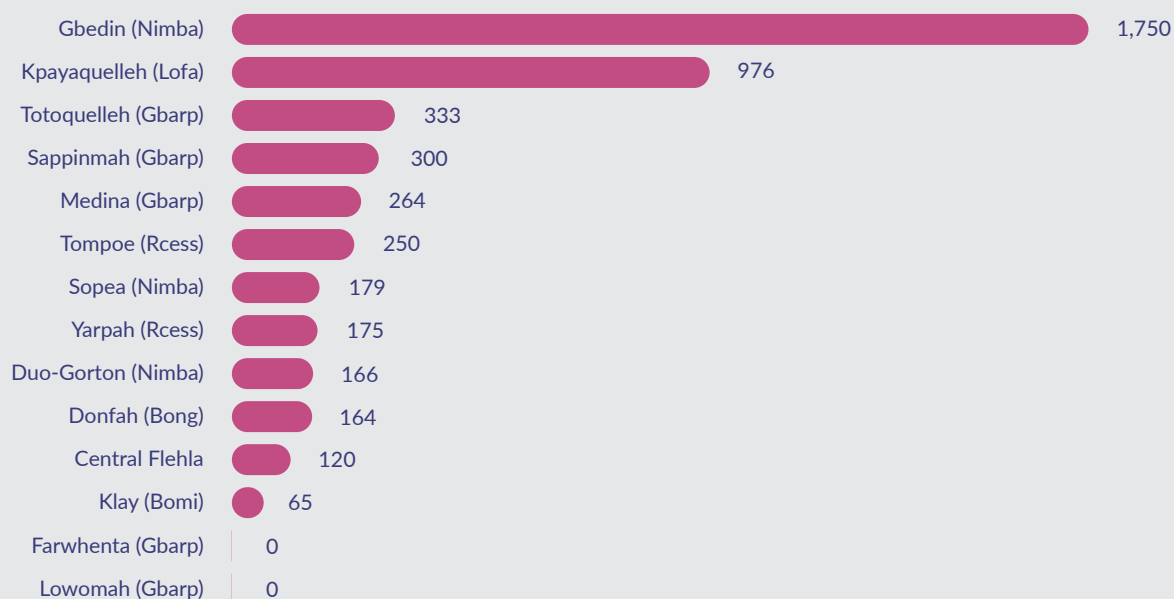


Jefferson Mealor, Co-chairperson of Dokodan Farmer Cooperative in Gbedin, Nimba County says, “*The use of equipment has reduced the time and stress in clearing the field which is labor intensive and contributed to higher yields than the year before*”. Before Liberia’s civil crisis, Gbedin was considered a seed bank. Mealor narrates that the post-war intervention by the ACDP has seen farmers in Gbedin, Nimba County move from 73 acres of farmland to 247 acres. “*We have seen a huge increase in our production this year than in the last few years. We just started harvesting our rice and have produced 1,750 bags, with about 80% of the fields still to be harvested. ACDP has been a game-changer for us. I believe we are fast becoming the Gbedin we used to be before the war. Back then, we supplied seed rice to smallholder farmers across Liberia,*”

Mealor emphasized. “***Gbedin is gradually returning to pre-war status as a seed bank***”  
— says Norhn Wilson | United Nations Development Programme



**FIGURE 1:** Quantity of produce harvested by each farmers’ cooperative



## Other Highlights



Extension officers can travel more frequently, ensuring timely intervention, supervision, and monitoring using 16 YAMAHA motorbikes handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) across targeted counties to enhance the capacity of smallholder farmers, ensure the adoption of best farming practices, and address critical logistical challenges extension workers face in reaching remote farming communities.

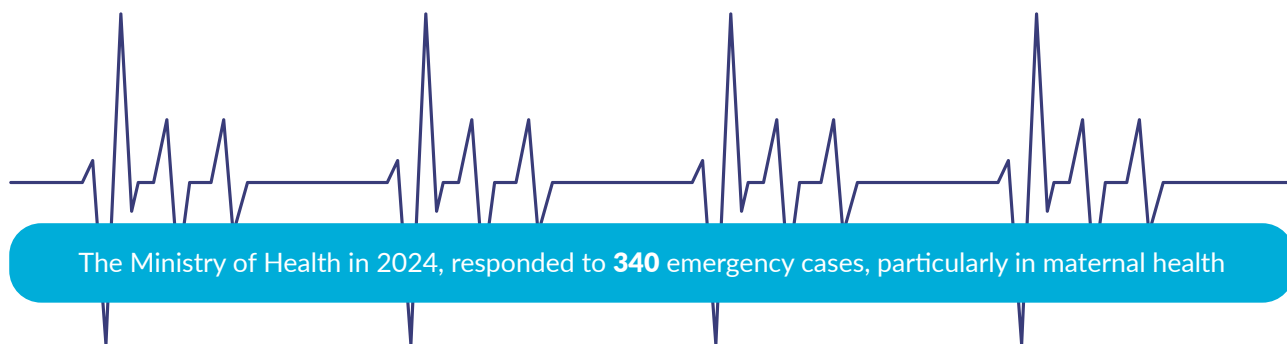


The Ministry of Health (MOH) is responding to emergency medical cases in hard-to-reach catchment communities, with the handover and deployment of seven ambulances at selected rural health centers in Bomi, Lofa, Margibi, Maryland, Nimba, Rivercess, and River Gee Counties thus improving access to basic and essential healthcare services in rural poor communities. This intervention has facilitated timely transfers and referrals of critical emergency cases, reducing referral time, enabling quicker response to emergencies, particularly in obstetric (OB) cases, and contributing to safer maternal deliveries.

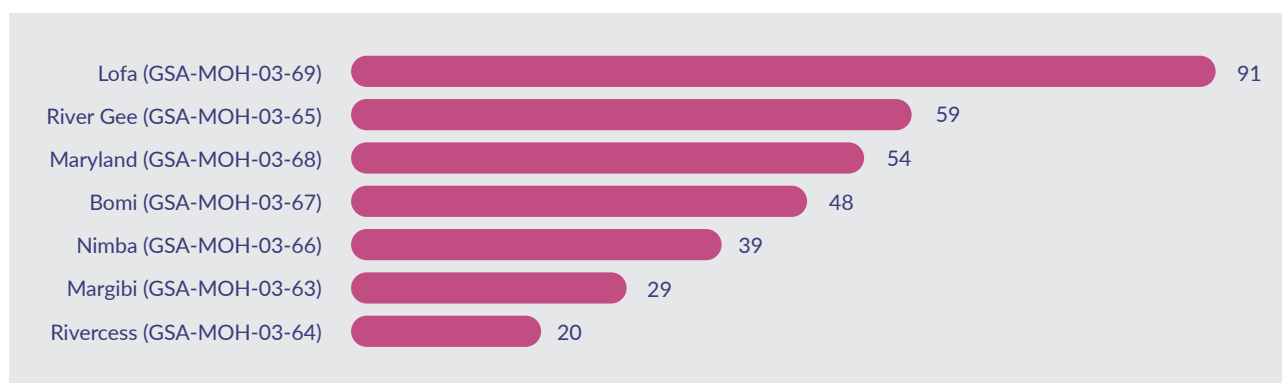


*"The ambulance has been a great help for Foya Health District. For over a year, we had no ambulance, making it hard to respond to emergencies on time, especially for pregnant women. Before, we relied on motorbikes without nurses accompanying patients, putting lives at risk. With the ambulance, referrals are faster, maternal, and neonatal complications have been reduced, and patient care has improved. This ambulance arrived when we needed it most and is making a real difference,"*

says Dr. John T. Yarkpawolo, Medical Director of Foya Bormah Hospital in Lofa County



**FIGURE 2:** Number of Emergency Cases Responded to by the Ambulances





## Partnership

The ACDP partnered with the Ministries of Public Works, Agriculture, Finance and Development Planning, the Cooperative Development Agency (CDA), and the WASH Commission to coordinate ACDP's initiatives in the respective sectors. The team worked closely with the Water Supply and Sanitation Division of the Ministry of Public Works and the WASH Commission to conduct a technical assessment of non-functional hand pumps within target communities. The goal was to determine the specific causes of defects and plan for the necessary repairs to restore access to water for these communities. The Ministry of Public Works was responsible for reviewing, approving, and assessing designs and drawings of completed community structures. In collaboration with the Cooperative Development Agency (CDA), the project successfully facilitated the training, election, and installation of leadership structures for the supported agricultural cooperatives through a democratic election process. Following the elections, the newly elected cooperative leaders were trained in leadership, good governance, cooperation, and financial management, marking the formalization and transformation of the 14 farmer groups into fully recognized agricultural cooperatives. These partnerships ensured the seamless implementation of project activities.

### Access to water



Determine the specific causes of defects

Plan for the necessary repairs

Restore access to water

[UNDP Leads Joint Monitoring Team to Assess Farmer Cooperatives' Progress | United Nations Development Programme](#)

[UNDP Hands Over Motorbikes and Accessories to Agriculture Ministry | United Nations Development Programme](#)

[UNDP/ACDP Offers Technical Training to Farmer Cooperatives in Six Counties | United Nations Development Programme](#)

[Ministry of Health receives seven ambulances from UNDP | United Nations Development Programme](#)

## Strengthening Community Forest Management



The “Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management (CBFM)” project funded by Sweden and implemented by UNDP and the FAO in partnership with the Forestry Development Authority is making significant strides toward protecting Liberia’s forest resources and enhancing the livelihoods of more than 20 forest communities in Lofa, Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu, Grand Gedeh, River Gee, Sinoe, and Rivercess which rely heavily on forest resources. These socioeconomic initiatives are essential to reducing dependencies on the local forests thereby preserving the environment and habitat.

About 450 forest-dependent community members across four Southeastern counties of Liberia have raised an astounding income totaling 2.2 million Liberian Dollars (over \$400) under eleven months, after receiving needed capacity-building support to improve their livelihood, boost their income, and elevate their standard of living by the project.

In early April 2024, about 200 local farmers signed up and received site-based training in climate-smart agriculture. The project supplied local seeds of hot pepper, cowpeas, and assorted farming tools to each farming group comprising ten farmers per site. Guided by extension service providers, the farmers grew the crops and harvested late 2024.

The money was raised by farmers, hunters, fishers, miners, vulnerable women, youth, and other forest users, who received practical, site-based training in climate-smart agriculture, Village Savings Loan Associations (VSLAs), and a variety of other income-driven activities such as cane rat raring, handicraft, and other small-scale merchandise businesses.

About 8.4% or 191,000 Liberian Dollars of all the money raised was generated from selling local cowpeas and hot pepper.

[Communities Raise Millions from Sweden Embassy, UNDP Supported Project – The News Newspaper Liberia](#)



## Key Achievements



One thousand five hundred (1,500) rural community dwellers in targeted areas are benefitting from investments made in over ten (10) income-generation livelihood initiatives, including cocoa, plantain, low-land SRI rice, cane rats, VSLAs, beekeeping, pepper farming, ground nuts, cowpeas, cassava value chain, and vegetables. Over thirty thousand (30,598) cocoa seedlings spanning 30 hectares of land within Lofa County are planted and distributed to farmers. Additional 118,402 cocoa seedlings on nurseries are ready for transplant in approved farming locations in 2025 during the rainy season. The aim is to mitigate deforestation caused by shifting cultivation practices.



The 20 targeted forest communities are actively working across targeted areas to improve the governance of community forest management bodies and increase local ownership and responsibility for the protection of forest resources. It followed the participation of over six thousand (6,000) household heads or direct beneficiaries in training activities, livelihood activities that illustrate sustainable forestry management, community engagements, awareness campaigns, and establishing governance structures that enhance their bargaining power through collective marketing strategies, financial management systems, and group dynamics in forest-dependent communities.



The project established twenty (20) agriculture demonstration sites in five (5) forest communities in Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties. Each site is one hectare and managed by 10 farmers with 200 farmers across all 20 sites.



The project supports a cane rat project with selected community members which aims to reduce hunting in protected areas. Increasing Financial Access through Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) has empowered members to invest in small-scale businesses, including gasoline and lubricants, general merchandise, and food items such as vegetables, seasoning, fish, and red palm oil.



*“The project is helping us to increase our income, and the VSLA keeps members busy to ensure they pay back,” says Community Member and beneficiary. We are happy because we got food from the rice, we planted.... We gave every community member some food in August 2024 and have expanded our farm to 5 hectares from 3 hectares last year. “We have also given seeds to 50 members from the neighboring Kamatahun community”, says Wallace Boakai, the Chairperson of the rice group in Yandohun. “We are happy with the cocoa and want to plant more because it will help us in the future,”*

*says Abdul Kawah, an Eco-guard from the Yorumbu community who has planted 45 cocoa seedlings*



## Key Achievements



To promote legal community forestry management and motivate communities to participate in biodiversity conservation, the project facilitated good governance training for leaders and cooperative members. The training covered modules on business plan & market information systems, financial management, aggregation of farmer products, value-chain, and collective marketing strategies.



Two Authorized Forest Communities (AFCs) elected new leaders within their Community Forest Management Bodies (CFMBs), trained beneficiaries in forest governance, set up community-based structures, supported revision of bylaws, constitutions, and ToRs of management bodies, and reviewed Community Forest Management Plans.



Three of the seven Applicant Forest Communities have completed the forest demarcation step in the nine-step process.



*"We need authorized status. This project is an opportunity for us to achieve that and to educate our children about conservation and good forestry management,"*

says a community member from Gbarma Lumleh



The FDA now effectively monitors over 30 forest communities after the project provided logistics and equipment such as motorbikes, GPS devices, and carbon monitoring tools. This initiative enhances the capacity of forest rangers and officers and promotes biodiversity monitoring and wildlife conservation using the SMART data collection method. Over 400 km of forest areas are now better managed, with eighty eco-guards (34 women and 46 men) conducting patrols in the Gola National Park and Foya Proposed Protected Area.



The 'Talkay' forestry digital platform, developed with project support, enables citizens to anonymously report corruption in the forestry sector, by uploading evidence. This tool enhances governance and transparency, giving local communities a voice in decision-making and management. Available on Google Play and the Apple Store, it is part of an integrated approach that combines governance reform, transparency, capacity-building, community participation, and technology to combat corruption in community-based forestry.

[Forestry Management Team Monitors Lofa Project Sites | United Nations Development Programme](#)

[Community-Based Forestry Management Project Team Engages Beneficiaries | United Nations Development Programme](#)

[UNDP and partners monitor Forest Management Project | United Nations Development Programme](#)



## Improving Natural Resource Governance



LEH GO GREEN (Let's Go Green) project, is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and other stakeholders. It aims to improve natural resource governance and foster a sustainable business environment around forest-based activities in Liberia. It addresses climate change issues, promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, and improves the livelihoods of forest-fringe communities in Liberia's Grebo-Krahn and Gola forest landscapes by enhancing access to forest-based revenue and livelihood opportunities to improve forestry and conservation mechanisms. Other partners are the Forestry Training Institute and the Society for the Conservation of Nature (SCNL).

### Key Highlights



The project made significant strides to advance sustainable land use, improve livelihoods, and address climate change in Liberia. As part of these efforts, it successfully piloted Community Conservation Agreements (CCAs) in authorized forest communities, engaging beneficiaries and establishing incentive-based frameworks that foster nature-based solutions and sustainable livelihoods. The CCAs encourage the participation of community dwellers in planning and executing interventions earmarked under the project. These include identifying conservation milestones and assessing livelihood needs in exchange for committing to conservation actions that protect the forests from illegal activities. Once signed, the agreement will provide communities with new livelihood and income opportunities, and align conservation targets with community benefits to include support for agriculture, alternative livelihoods, training, and wages for patrolling forests to prevent illegal logging, etc.



Established agroforestry schemes benefiting 500 households, incorporating cocoa, fruit trees, and indigenous species to restore 500 hectares of degraded land.



Piloted innovative livelihood programs, including snail and cane rat farming, benefiting over 100 women and youth from forest-dependent communities.



Set up sustainable charcoal production facilities and energy-efficient cookstove initiatives, reducing deforestation pressures.

Initiated tree nursery enterprises, training 200 youth and women to provide 100,000 high-quality seedlings for commercial and subsistence agriculture.

30 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), formed to benefit 900 members (585 women and 315 men) empowering women and youth to access sustainable financing options.



Trained 300 lowland rice farmers, over two hundred (273) beekeepers, and 20 women in snail farming.

Five (5) free-range snail facilities were constructed, and three cane rat training sites were established.



Engaged communities in carbon market dialogues and readiness activities, enhancing their ability to participate in global carbon trading mechanisms.



Developed and piloted a reduced-impact logging model in targeted forest zones, guided by internationally recognized best practices.



Supported communities in mapping, validation, inventorying, and creating operational plans for sustainable timber extraction.

Facilitated knowledge-sharing sessions with communities experienced in sustainable forestry and trained and deployed Eco-guards to monitor and enforce conservation efforts, and to ensure adherence to agreed-upon practices.



*“The LEH GO GREEN project has brought transformative change to our community,”*  
said a beneficiary from the Grebo-Krahn landscape

*“We are enthusiastic about the project, recognizing its potential to enhance economic resilience while promoting environmental conservation. Communities have sustainable sources of income, are actively participating in conservation efforts, and are committed to conserving our community forests, acknowledging them as crucial assets for future generations,”* beneficiaries expounded

## Fostering Inclusive Economic Growth

UNDP-funded Livelihood & Employment Creation Project, implemented by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MOCI) and other partners, aims to enhance economic opportunities and improve the livelihoods of vulnerable populations, particularly women and youth. It seeks to foster inclusive economic growth and empower vulnerable groups in Liberia, contributing to long-term stability and development.

Interventions support the creation of sustainable, viable, and diversified livelihood opportunities for youths, women, and People Living with Disabilities (PWDs) through investments in community infrastructure, environmental services, vocational/life skills, and digital skills. Also, business and enterprise development services are strengthened by promoting access to finance, capacity building, and innovation.



### Key Achievements



Over 300 young people enlisted across four counties Montserrado, Margibi, Bong, and Nimba serve as environmental stewards while providing them with income opportunities under the Livelihood project supported by UNDP through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI). The eco brigades provide environmental, sanitation/eco-tourism services, protecting and conserving the environment and natural resources to ensure the country builds back its economy better through youth-driven green recovery initiatives. They are engaged in practical exercises, such as clean-up campaigns, tree planting, and community outreach, enabling them to make a tangible impact on their communities. Established as legal bodies with their Articles of Incorporation, Business Registration, and Account numbers, each Eco-Brigade receives \$400 and is empowered to initiate livelihood activities that generate income to establish small enterprises. They are trained in business and financial management, leadership, and Village Savings Loans and Association (VSLA) as established legal bodies with their Articles of Incorporation, Business Registrations, and account numbers. These young people have invested in small businesses like petty trade, transportation, agriculture, etc. They also use a portion of their investment for school fees, medical bills, and the construction of homes.

This brings to ten (10) the number of Eco-brigades established under the project including Grand Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Sinoe, Lofa, and Grand Gedeh. The initiative equips young people with the necessary knowledge and skills as youth Eco-brigades.

County/Cities	Number of youths enlisted in eco-brigades
Montserrado (Monrovia)	100
Montserrado (Paynesville)	60
Nimba (Sanniquellie)	60
Bong (Gbarnga)	40
Margibi (Kakata)	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>

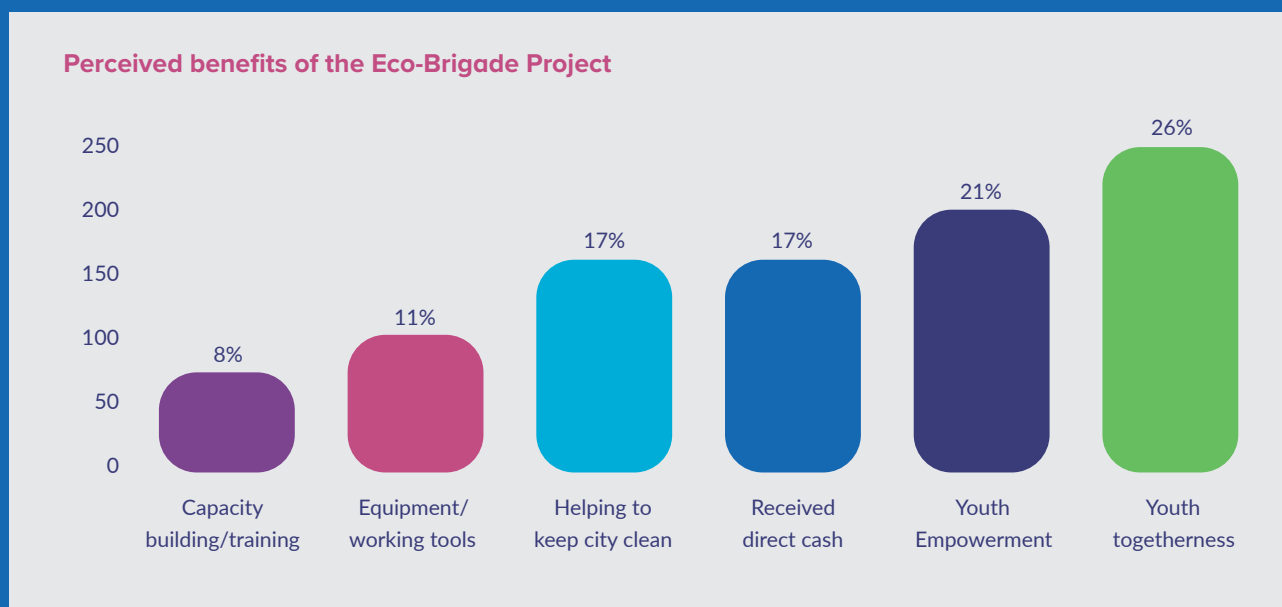
*"This program has been a breakthrough. At first, people laughed at us, but when we received our stipends through MoMo Cash and started our small businesses, more people in Sanniquellie were eager to join,"*

said one of the volunteers.

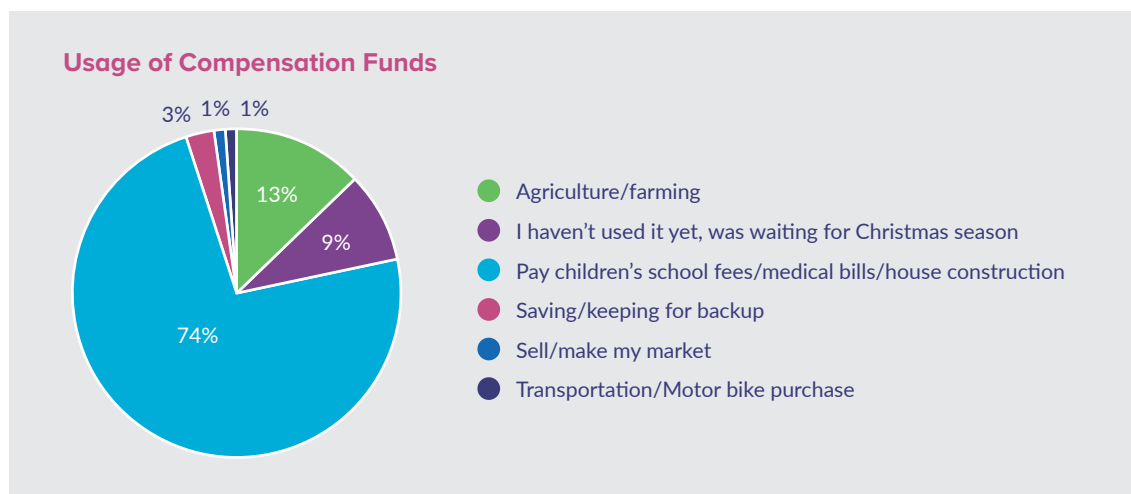
Another volunteer admitted,

*"The intervention of TELEH-Eco-Brigade in the community is helping to change the mindset of people who used to throw dirt in the streets and community. I also did the same, but since the Teleh Eco-brigade came into being, I've learned so much about waste management and don't throw trash around anymore. Community dwellers are now properly disposing of their dirt rather than throwing it in the streets".*

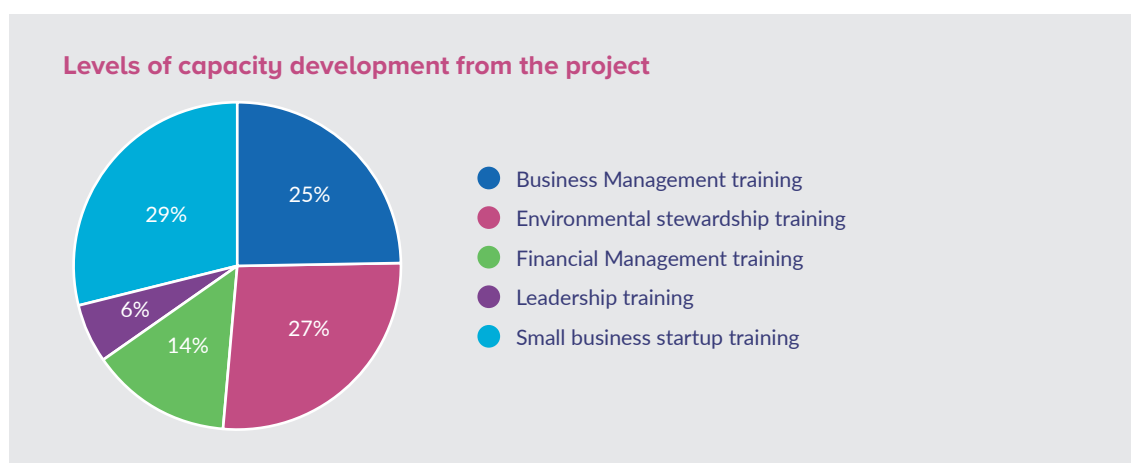
**FIGURE 3:** Highlights the various ways the beneficiaries perceive the program



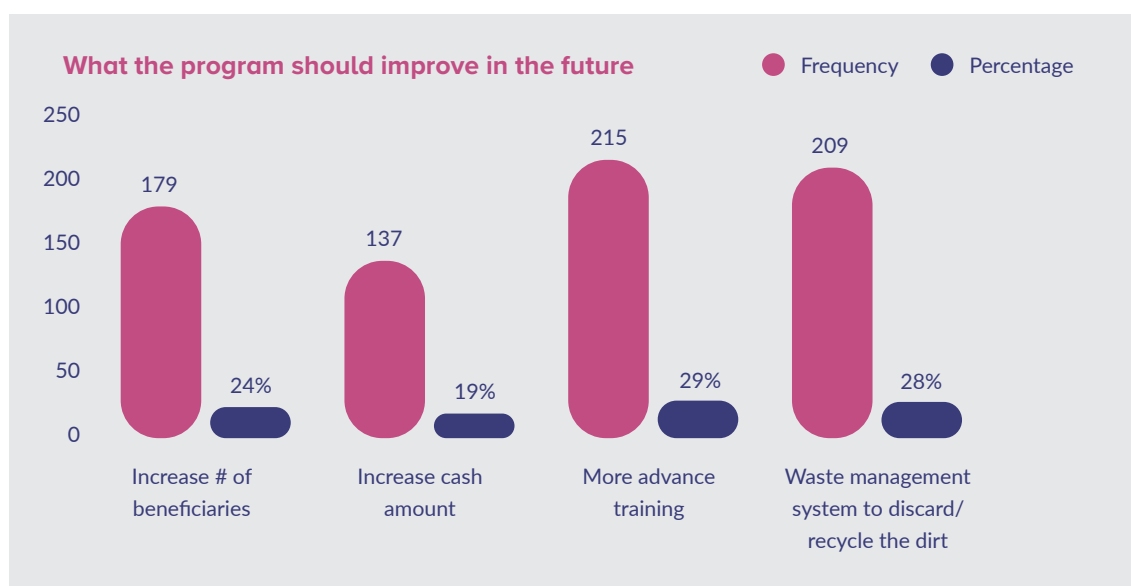
**FIGURE 4:** Shows the various how participants have used the compensation they have received so far from the program



**FIGURE 5:** Illustrates the levels of capacity development the program has impacted, as perceived by the beneficiaries



**FIGURE 6:** Highlights what respondents hope the program could improve in the future



## Youth Startup Business Plan Competition

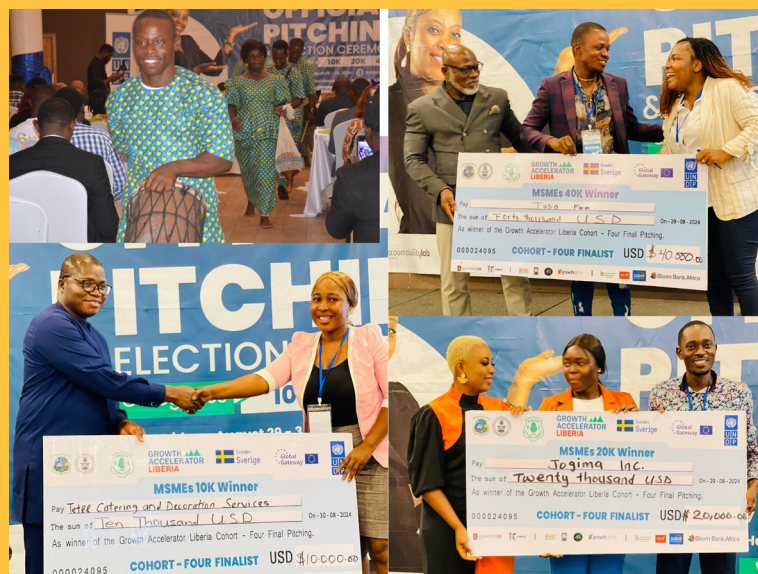
The competition attracted over 900 applications across seven counties – Montserrado, Nimba, Sinoe, Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Grand Bassa, and Grand Gedeh. Over 50% of the applicants were women. 300 youth-led startups were selected for business expansion and provided training, mentoring, and coaching following a rigorous selection process. The Business Startup Center (BSC) Monrovia facilitated the training utilizing the Ready4finance Modules from the Business-in-Development (BiD) Network. The module drilled the participants through entrepreneurship, business idea generation, and market research. The presentations enlightened them on expanding their ideas into profitable ventures and developing marketing strategies to capture potential clients. The modules also highlighted sales strategies, identifying customers, and conducting need assessments ultimately increasing sales and revenue. Facilitators and trainers drilled the beneficiaries on managing finance, basic bookkeeping, record-keeping, and pitching.



## Growth Accelerator Liberia

Over the past three years, UNDP, through the Growth Accelerator, provided financial and technical support to 80 businesses, 60% of which reported a 30% increase in revenue and the creation of 250 jobs because of the program. It provided \$204,000 in grants to 20 MSMEs and 4 agricultural cooperatives, which has enabled 80% of MSMEs to report a 15% revenue increase in just three months. The catalytic grants are divided into three categories U\$40,000.00, U\$20,000.00, and U\$10,000.00. The calls for proposals to the Growth Accelerator in 2024 received more than twice the number of women-led MSME applications compared to the previous year. This shows that women are more inclined to respond to and seek support from tailored financial products and Services. One of the key innovations of the project is its effort to connect women-led MSMEs and agricultural cooperatives with financing mechanisms tailored to their unique needs. This approach addresses the traditional barriers women entrepreneurs face in accessing funding, enabling them to secure financial resources that align with their business models and growth objectives. Notably, this strategy contributed to an increase of over 80% in applications from women to the Growth Accelerator in 2024, underscoring its impact and relevance. A standout innovation is the adaptation of the Growth Accelerator into a crowdfunding platform for women entrepreneurs.

This platform provides catalytic co-financing grants from various donors, offering women-led MSMEs and cooperatives a financial safety net to mitigate business risks. Additionally, the platform integrates capacity-building opportunities not typically available through traditional financial institutions, empowering women entrepreneurs with the knowledge and tools to thrive. In supporting livelihoods and economic empowerment, UNDP has disbursed USD 1.2 million in grants to 972 SMEs, through business plan competitions, enabling businesses to expand operations, and contributing to sustainable economic growth in Liberia.



## Youth employment through internships



The National Cadet Programme is a unique platform for providing mentorship, job readiness and training, and sustainable employment and livelihood sources for thousands of young Liberians. The goal is to contribute to youth employment and career development. The Ministry of Youth & Sports on May 7, 2024, launched the National Cadet Program to recruit, train, and deploy 140 cadets to public and private host institutions for three months in five counties including Montserrado, Grand Bassa, Nimba, Bong, and Lofa. After meeting the criteria, they were selected from a list of 1,897 applications (men 839, women 1,058). The 140 successful beneficiaries were deployed across 50 host institutions in the targeted counties at the end of the recruitment process and received a \$200 stipend through the UNDP Livelihood project.

## The University Innovation Pods (UniPod)

The UniPod launched by the Vice President of Liberia, is part of the new UNDP Africa Timbuktoo Initiative involving more than 10 countries including Liberia. It encourages University students to engage in innovation and design thinking, supporting innovative, scalable, and impactful entrepreneurship by young people. The project relies on a springboard of partners who contribute meaningfully to building an African youth innovation and start-up ecosystem. In Liberia, the UniPod is hosted at the University of Liberia Fendell Campus, outside Monrovia. Since the launch, the project has engaged over 400 TVET students from the BWI, NVTI, Don Bosco TVET Programme, and the Stella Maris Polytechnic University TVET Department through outreach campaigns. Six prototypes were developed by young innovators with the UNIPOD's engagement with over 10,000 university youth in talent development. This will be expanded in 2025 as over 30 innovators will bring their ideas to reality at an innovation convention. Inventions from these young innovators will help in addressing local development challenges. The Liberian UniPod also conducted a two-day audiovisual, content creation, and digital marketing training for DJs, Music producers, Social Media Content Creators, and Mass Communication students at the University of Liberia. The training was designed to equip aspiring DJs, Music Producers, and Content creators with the skills, insights, and hands-on experience they need to excel in music production, audiovisual content creation, and digital marketing. Participants gained comprehensive knowledge in production, mixing, and mastering content creation strategies essential for today's multimedia-driven music industry. The training also provided participants with basic knowledge and experience in the handling and operation of studio equipment. Following the two-day training, an Audiovisual Studio at the UniPod was fully set up for students to begin accessing. This training impacted 40 innovators, Mass Communication students, and other young people.



[Liberia's Vice President Kourou Launches UNDP's University Innovation Pod | United Nations Development Programme](#)



## Clean Energy



In clean energy, a USD 20,000 investment through UNDP, empowered 60 rural women to build 1,000 energy-efficient stoves, reducing the reliance of 1,000 homes on fuel-intensive cooking methods. Solar-powered solutions, including a vegetable storage prefabricated container and eight solar freezers, have enabled women traders to increase their profits by USD 2,000 each boosting the total sales for five businesses to over USD 30,500.

## Addressing Inclusive Governance Imperatives



Interventions under the Liberia Decentralization Support Programme covered technical, logistical, and capacity-building support intended to scale up a model for providing services through County Service Centers across the Country and ensuring fiscal decentralization through county treasuries in all 15 Counties. These interventions help to address inclusive governance imperatives that ensure the full participation of the population in Liberia's sustainable development agenda. They are also designed to support and facilitate the implementation

of the National Policy on Decentralization and Local Government (NPD LG). In alignment with the principle of leaving no one behind, UNDP supported the decentralization process that ensures essential services reach those who need them most. Currently, around 15 vital services—including birth certificates, business registrations, marriage certificates, and legal identity—are accessible across various counties, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the population.

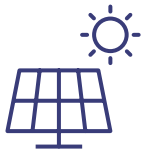
### Key Achievements



Cabinet Ministers and Heads of Ministries Agencies and Commissions (MACs) are accountable for their actions and decisions, to promote efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability across all levels of government with a Performance Management and Compliance Systems (PMCS) now in place. UNDP's Liberia Decentralization and Support Programme supported the launch and establishment of the system to improve government effectiveness and empower individuals and institutions to deliver better services to the public.



The Ministry of Transport has a Vehicle and Driver's License Hub in Ganta City, Nimba County that provides vehicle registration services for motorcycles, tricycles, heavy-duty vehicles, and earthmoving equipment. 30 staff – 21 men & 9 women trained on ICT software and procedures, and ICT equipment has helped to improve customer service. This move is intended to decentralize services. Residents can now obtain driver's licenses without delays and without traveling long distances to Monrovia. Additionally, it increases local revenue and ensures compliance with the law. This intervention followed sustained cooperation and engagements between the Ministry of Transport, with support from UNDP.



Solar Power System reactivated at the Grand Kru and Lofa County Service Centers offer a multifaceted solution to the perennial energy deficit at the CSCs, enhances public service delivery, improves security, and contributes to revenue generation which will spur economic development. These initiatives are a practical response to current energy needs and a long-term investment in Liberia's economic, social, and infrastructural future.



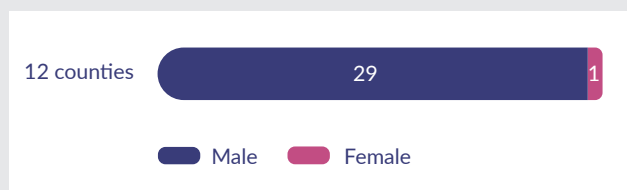
As part of its efforts to strengthen local governance by transferring more power and responsibilities to the local and sub-local governments, the Liberian Senate has officially repealed the act that established the Ministry of Internal Affairs, replacing it with the newly created Ministry of Local Government. This law aligns with the Local Government Act of 2018, which aims to decentralize governance, empower local authorities, enhance citizen's participation in national decision-making, improve service delivery, and foster inclusive development. The repeal follows ongoing dialogue with the Governance Commission, Law Reform Commission, Office of the Legal Advisor to the President, and the Joint Committees on Good Governance and Internal Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, with support from UNDP.



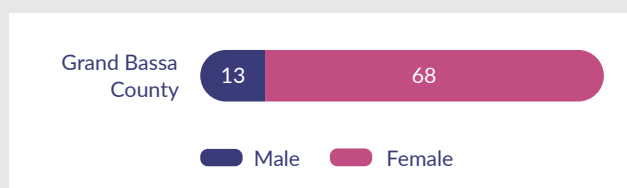
The Ministry of Local Government has established the National Council of Chiefs, and its leadership was inducted by the President of the Republic of Liberia in fulfillment of Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act of 2018, which replaces the National Traditional Council of Chiefs of 2012. The National Council of Chiefs will preserve, protect, and foster Liberian tradition, cultural heritage, and traditional institutions to promote peace, integration, reconciliation, and social cohesion of ethnic groups within their chiefdoms. These interventions were successfully implemented through ongoing dialogues with different stakeholders, supported by UNDP.

Unlocking potential through capacity building and knowledge sharing on the Revenue Sharing Act, Local Government Bill, and Act, financial management training, and solar system operation.

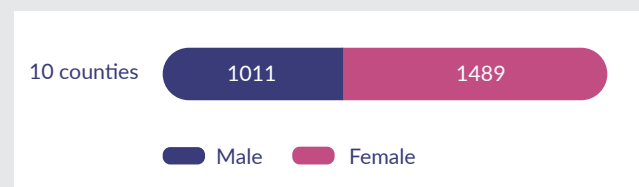
#### SOLAR SYSTEM operation trainees



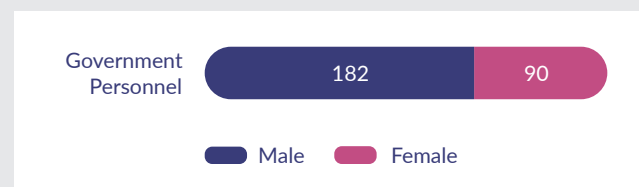
#### FINANCIAL management training



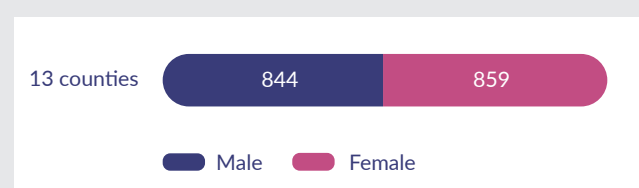
#### REVENUE sharing act awareness



#### MINISTRY of Local Government Bill



#### LOCAL Government Act



## Social Accountability and Transparency

UNDP has significantly empowered the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) to enhance Liberia's anti-corruption framework. This collaboration has led to the investigation of 47 cases, highlighting the agency's commitment to tackling corruption in the country. As a result of their diligent work, the LACC has submitted 7 cases to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for prosecution, marking a critical step towards accountability and justice. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to promoting transparency and integrity within governmental institutions, ultimately fostering trust among the Liberian populace. 20 of the corruption cases were received and monitored through the TALKAY platform.

The Social Accountability project supported the LACC by championing public awareness, education campaigns, and stakeholders' engagements in 10 counties. The project heightened public awareness about service delivery and assisted service providers in transforming their internal procedures and organizational culture in ways that are consistent with publicly proclaimed service delivery standards.



*"Integrity institutions and the judiciary play vital roles as watchdogs of democracy and good governance. They embody the essence of accountability, ensuring that public parastatals are held to the highest standards of conduct."*

*Ernest R. Hughes,  
Vice Executive Chairperson  
of the LACC*



*"Integrity institutions and the judiciary are key stakeholders in the fight against corruption... Together, we are building a future where integrity is the foundation of our nation's development,"*



*Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe,  
LACC, Executive Chairperson*

### UNDP supports anti-corruption interventions

"Integrity institutions and the judiciary are key stakeholders in the fight against corruption. This workshop equips them with the necessary tools to promote transparency and accountability. Together, we are building a future where integrity is the foundation of our nation's development," said Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Chairperson.

## Key Achievements



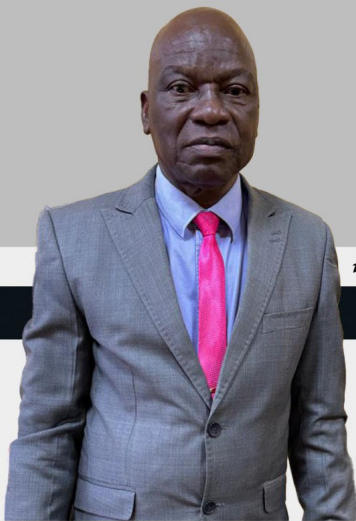
With support from UNDP, the LACC trained personnel of integrity institutions, the judiciary, and local governance bodies to enhance transparency, justice, integrity in governance, and the concept of corruption and existing legal frameworks. The project is developing a simplified and streamlined version of anti-corruption legislation that is easier for citizens, businesses, and government agencies to understand and comply with while maintaining the core principles and effectiveness of existing anti-corruption laws. Additionally, it helps to strengthen the knowledge and skills of judiciary and integrity institution staff on anti-corruption frameworks, policies, and best practices to improve their ability to effectively prevent, investigate, and prosecute corruption cases.



To promote its Mobile Digital Platform, Integrity Watch Liberia (IWL) launched public awareness campaigns, to amplify public awareness and empower citizens to report corruption. IWL expanded the TALKAY app, with inclusive features, adding SMS API Gateway with Orange Liberia and MTN Liberia to enable easy reporting. A new voice input feature was added to accommodate persons with disabilities using voice commands, contributing to inclusive community participation in governance.



IWL's engagement with the Legislature's Public Accounts Committee, led to the participation of 15 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in 10 audit hearings.



*His Honor Nelson Tokpah*

*Maryland County Resident Judge*

*"We need collective support to ensure corruption cases are addressed efficiently. This training should not be a one-time event but a continuous process to uphold justice and integrity."*



*Atty. Francis Gray*

*Deputy Executive Director of James AA Pierre Judicial Institute*

*"This workshop is an opportunity to enhance the understanding of the judiciary's work and foster public confidence. Transparency initiatives such as displaying court fees and fines are crucial steps towards accountability."*

# Elections

## Multi-Stakeholder – Lessons Learned Review

**The support from UNDP** in implementing Liberia's first biometric voter registration system by the National Elections Commission has stimulated ongoing engagement with the National Identity Authority to integrate citizens' data into a one-stop shop system. The Biometric system enabled 2.5 million citizens, including 51% women, to participate in a credible electoral process.

UNDP supported the National Elections Commission (NEC) and other national partners in undertaking a comprehensive, inclusive, and multi-stakeholder lessons-learned review process. This enabled a critical assessment of the electoral process that discussed issues of inclusion, transparency, peacebuilding, and sustainability, as well as technical planning and implementation of all phases of the election operation.

Also included were the collection and analysis of data on elections, the development of a compendium of international and domestic observer group recommendations, and a post-election public perception survey that provides valuable insights into citizens' perspectives, motivations, and experiences of the electoral process. Such processes are important tools to link the past electoral cycle to the next one, identify successes and shortcomings, and define a broad corpus of recommendations that can be channeled into improving election service delivery, engagement with stakeholders and the public, and institutional capacity toward the next elections.

Through UNDP technical and financial support, the capacity of the NEC was strengthened, which enhanced operational efficiency and transformed organizational behavior towards increased openness to innovation, which is essential for embracing forthcoming national election reform processes. Gradual strengthening of the NEC as an institution also solidified its reputation among all stakeholders, which is critical to maintaining trust in the institution and the overall credibility of the electoral process.



[Post-election Review of Liberia's Early Warning and Response System | United Nations Development Programme](#)

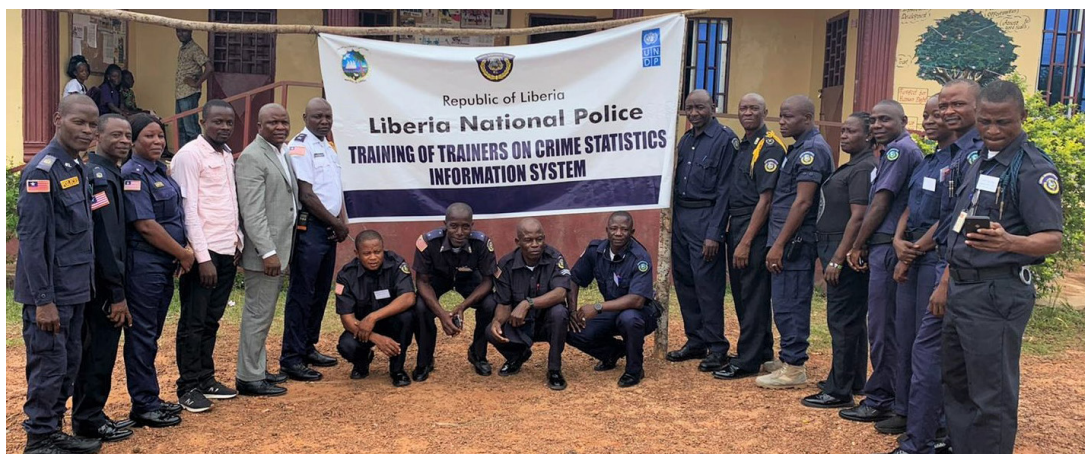


## Sustaining the Peace – Joint Rule of Law

This Programme is significantly contributing to improving the technical and institutional capacity of justice, judicial, security, human rights, and anti-graft and integrity institutions, including but not limited to the Judiciary, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), the Liberia National Police (LNP), the Liberia Immigration Service (LIS), the Bureau of Correction and Rehabilitation (BCR), the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission and

civil society organizations. It has supported the establishment and strengthening of systems and development of human resource capacity of these institutions that now allow them to perform more efficiently and effectively. Mechanisms to prevent and respond to GBV/SGBV and pre-trial detention in targeted counties in Liberia are also in place.

### Key Achievements



Sustained technical and financial support to the Liberia National Police and the Judiciary to maintain the functionality of the digital, online case management system and the crime statistics database has optimized their productivity. The online Judicial Case Management System established in Montserrado County is fully operational, which now allows court clerks to do digital case filing that makes case information available to all authorized users. With easy and quick access to case information, lawyers, prosecutors, defense Counsels, and judges now make timely applications of cases. The system is being used to track cases and the performance of courts. At the Liberia National Police, the online case management system has moved the police from manually collecting and tabulating crime statistics to digitally collecting crime statistics around the country. The Crime Statistics Information Management System has been established and rolled out nationwide, making the production of Crime Statistics reports timely and regular.

[UNDP Strengthens LNP and Judiciary's Capacities | United Nations Development Programme](#)



Pre-trial detention at the Gbarnga Central Prison in Bong County has been reduced through support to the Magisterial Sitting Program (MSP) that fast-tracked the adjudication of cases involving inmates at the facility. The MSP is a special program designed to facilitate the timely adjudication of cases to decongest prisons and court dockets, thereby reducing prolonged pre-trial detention. Magisterial Courts rotationally take turns at the prison facility to hear cases on their dockets. This expedites the hearing process and ensures that cases are disposed of to reduce pre-trial detention. As a result of the intervention, pre-detention reduced from 74% in March 2024 to 64% in December 2024.



The Programme made significant progress towards strengthening the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of the Judiciary by supporting interventions and processes building on those in 2023 that enable the Judiciary to improve its operational capacity. Addressing the Judiciary's resource and operational gaps and ensuring that the necessary infrastructure was in place to handle the increased workload during the election period was critical. Five legal practitioners were recruited to assist the Supreme Court with legal research, case analysis, and drafting opinions for election-related cases. In 2023, for the first time in many years, the Supreme Court expeditiously adjudicated all 30 electoral cases filed before it, leading to the timely announcement of election results.

<https://www.undp.org/liberia/stories/undp-supports-liberias-judiciary-overcome-election-challenges>

[UNDP's Catalytic Support Boosts Judiciary's Efficiency in Elections | United Nations Development Programme](#)



A draft ADR Law validated by stakeholders is awaiting final review and submission to the Office of the President and the National Legislature for enactment. The development of the law supported by UNDP has gone through very rigorous processes, ensuring the participation of all relevant traditional leaders, local authorities, security and justice actors, and community members, among others. UNDP supported drafting and advocacy for new laws and policies, particularly on plea bargaining and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), resulting in legislative engagements that expanded access to legal aid and improved the efficiency of court processes.



With technical and financial support, UNDP trained 181 officers (41 women and 140 men) of the Liberia Immigration Services (LIS) on basic LIS entry and professional-level courses to enable officers to execute their functions professionally. This will improve immigration services at the various ports of entry. The Joint Rule of Law programme also trained 45 officers (40 men and 5 women) of the Bureau of Correction and Rehabilitation (BCR) and 48 prosecutors (40 men and 8 women) of the Ministry of Justice. The training now allows prosecutors to offer better plea bargains that have reduced the likelihood of jeopardizing the system and BCR officers are managing inmates.



[45 Rehabilitation Officers and Prison Superintendents undergo BCR Training | United Nations Development Programme](#)

## Peace Dividends

UNDP strengthened opportunities for peace, social cohesion, and reconciliation through the Peace Dividends initiatives by improving the knowledge of 1,191 (386 men and 805 women). These include local leaders, women and youth groups, students, motorcyclists, and rural dwellers across six counties. It has enabled the people to maintain peace in communities by participating in decision-making processes to resolve conflicts. To bolster this effort, 1000 (963 women and 37 men) people acquired business development skills and received grants to improve their socioeconomic statuses. The beneficiaries are now incorporated into VSLAs engaged in income-generating activities that address economic drivers of conflict, stimulate economic growth, and promote social cohesion, reconciliation, and peace within communities. UNDP also strengthened opportunities to nurture and grow Small and Medium Businesses (SMEs) by developing the 'Entrepreneur Hub' model for SMEs on incubation, development, and upscaling business opportunities. The Hub revolves around the 'Talking Book', an easy-to-use digital device that contains easily comprehensible and adaptable lessons for business trainees on good business practices, and business management techniques. The Talking Book is a low-tech and human-centered solution that draws on a simple curriculum that responds to the needs of target communities. In addition, the project has developed a 'ToolKit' to support rural women entrepreneurs. The Toolkit is designed as an entrepreneurial journey with multiple entry points for aspiring women entrepreneurs. It delivers topics from idealization to growing a business.

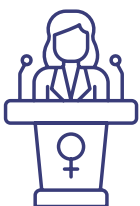


Peace Dividend Project Contributes to Peace in Rural Communities |  
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## Gender Mainstreaming and Inclusion



Consistent with the signature solution 1 under gender-responsive social protection and care services of **UNDP Gender Equality Strategy**, the Accelerated Community Development Programme (ACDP) disbursed **\$153,810.00USD to 884 rural women** through direct social cash transfers to enable vulnerable women-headed households to set up their business ventures, invest in agricultural activities, construct warehouses for storing farm produce, participate in Village Savings, purchase basic household assets and cover urgent expenses such as school fees for children, pay medical bills, and handle immediate financial obligations. Moreover, UNDP/ACDP trained 28 cooperative farmers in the operation, maintenance, and repair of tractors with women constituting about 42.9% (12 women), ensuring women empowerment and equal representation.



Advocacy initiatives led by UNDP and UN WOMEN for women's political participation have seen a significant impact. The successful passage of an amended Elections Law, mandating a 30% quota for women political candidates in 2024 was one of the successes in promoting greater gender equality in politics. The 2023 general elections reflected this commitment, as 50.1% of the 2,471,617 registered voters were women, totaling 1,237,257, while men accounted for 49.9% with 1,234,360 voters. This noteworthy turnout highlights the increasing engagement of women in the electoral process and marks a step forward in achieving balanced political representation. Moving ahead, a strong gender assessment of the election review process will inform the integration of gender mainstreaming into priorities.



To integrate gender and social development issues into the national and county development planning processes, UNDP and UN Women provided technical assistance, tools, and strategic direction by advocating with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MDFP), the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection (MGCSP) to strengthen political will for the inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment, starting with the active involvement of women and youth groups in consultations.



To facilitate a joint initiative under UNDP's Social Accountability project, a Country Consultation Guide was developed to guide gender-responsive consultations for National and County Development Plans. However, data from the consultation process shows that women's participation averaged only 24%, with 551 women among the 2,217 people consulted across 15 counties. To address this, UN Women developed a gender and inclusion checklist to support the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MDFP), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and county stakeholders to be used to review the draft County Development Agendas (CDAs).



45 traditional leaders (10 women and 35 men) were trained on ADR methodologies, human rights, and mainstreaming gender in the practice intending to improve the administration of ADR in Liberia. The training improved the application of the law regarding the constitutional provisions of respect for human rights, including women and marginalized groups.



Women-led CSO networks in Bong and Nimba supported by DELTA-HRF and ERDI conducted community awareness and education activities on GBV and Criminal Court E through radio and community engagements/sensitization. The outreach and communication campaigns reached 12,258 persons (4,390 men and 7,868 women) via community/house-to-house sensitization activities and an estimated 80,515 persons through radio jingles. The awareness and education activities have increased the understanding of the communities on the working of Criminal Court E in these counties, enabling them to provide support to survivors of GBV/ SGBV and respect the rule of law.

**TABLE 1:** Distribution of people reached by the CSO networks supported by DELTA and ERDI in Bong and Nimba 2024

County	People Reached			
	Mass/Radio Awareness	Community Engagement/House to House		
		Women	Men	Total
Bong	61,689	803	886	1,689
Nimba	31006	2128	1146	3274
Total	92,695	2931	2032	4,963



The Livelihood Empowerment Creation Program supported 90 People Living with Disabilities and HIV/AIDs across Montserrado, Grand Bassa, and Nimba counties with grants of \$500 disbursed to each beneficiary, totaling \$45,000 and achieving a 50-60% income increase among beneficiaries. Twenty-two new jobs were created because of the utilization of the grants by the beneficiaries. The intervention focused on fostering economic empowerment, inclusivity, and self-reliance among marginalized groups, adopting a nuanced approach by addressing the unique needs of various disability groups. Beneficiary support was tailored to specific challenges, ensuring equitable and impactful assistance, and customized support that reflects unique barriers. It worked with a mandate to maintain holistic, participatory, and financially sustainable livelihood solutions for rural poor and vulnerable groups by improving their livelihoods through training and creating linkages to financial resources and income-generating activities under diverse sectors such as agriculture, petty trading, detergent, textile design, fashion, etc.



Jerry S. Laffa a beneficiary of the project narrated that shoe repair was his only source of income which was inadequate to take care of his economic situation including the payment of his rent and school fees for his children.

*“The grant helped me expand my business by adding gasoline retail, mobile money/foreign exchange & stretch card, and slippers retail,”*

says Laffa. He mentioned that with the grant, he also hired an assistant creating a job for another.

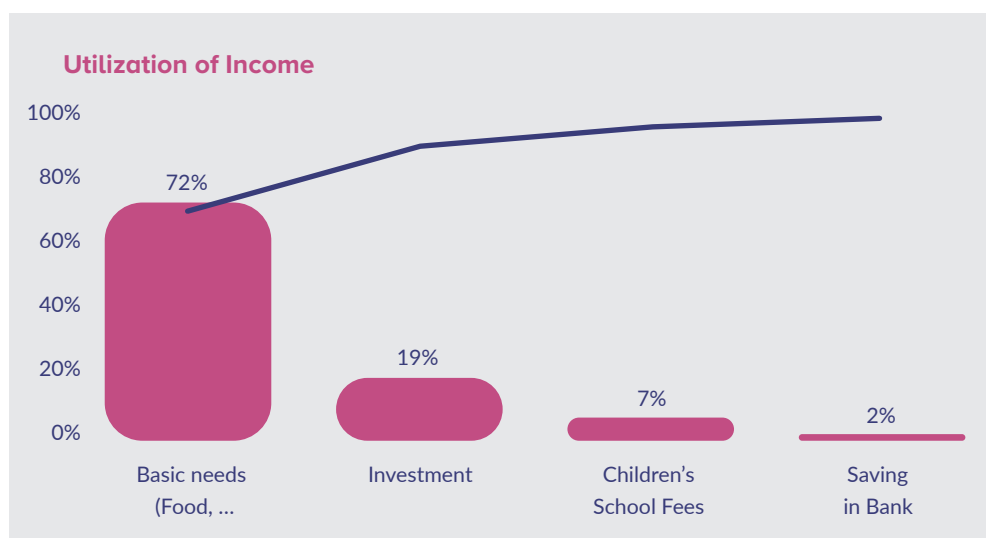
*“I have registered my children in school and can pay my rent on time because of this grant, thanks to the UNDP Livelihood Empowerment Project”* he added.

**TABLE 2:** Grant disbursed based on counties

County	Number of Grant	Amount per Grant	Total Amount of Grant
Montserrado	39	\$500.00 USD	\$19,500.00 USD
Nimba	26	\$500.00 USD	\$13,500.00 USD
Grand Bassa	25	\$500.00 USD	\$13,000.00 USD
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$1,500.00 USD</b>	<b>\$45,000.00 USD</b>

**TABLE 3:** Beneficiaries' Monthly Revenue Growth – Utilization of Income

Timeline	United States Dollars	Liberian Dollars
Before the grant/project	\$ 250.00	\$ 502,205.00
After the grant/Project	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,521,205.00
Variance	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,019,000.00</b>



## Support for Women in the Textile Industry

45 **women entrepreneurs** in the textile sector were provided grants of \$1,000 each empowering them to achieve economic independence and social inclusion. The initiative implemented by YOCEL, focusing on women with high innovation in the textile industry, works to mainstream holistic, participatory, and financially sustainable livelihood solutions for vulnerable groups -youth and women who have key interests in the fashion/textile industry to improve their livelihoods through training and creating linkages to financial resources and income-generating activities. The program engaged the beneficiaries across Montserrado County, focusing on diverse textile products. This targeted approach emphasized inclusivity, addressing the uniqueness of beneficiaries

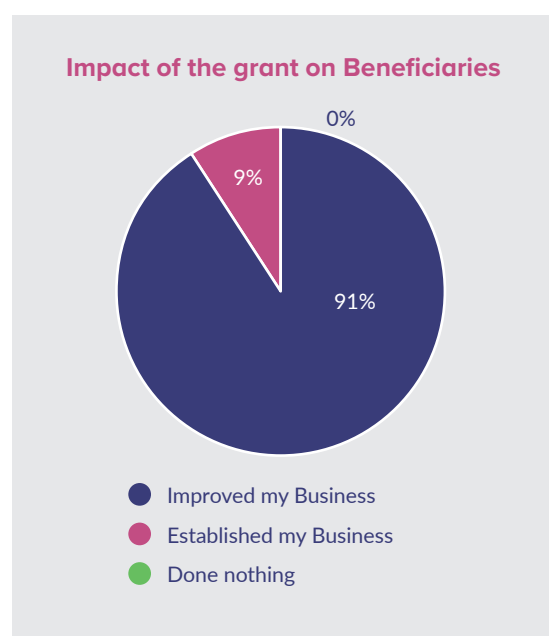
rather than applying a one-size-fits-all solution. YOCEL in collaboration with the National Tailor Union of Liberia engaged partners and experts in the textile industry to facilitate and explore linkages and training needs for the beneficiaries to scale their businesses. 91% of beneficiaries reported that the grant “Improved their Businesses”, and 9% reported using it to “Establish a Business”.

The project was strategically implemented in partnership with YOCEL.



**TABLE 4:** Disaggregation of beneficiaries' age categories

Age categories	Total Count per age categories	Percentage per age categories %
19-25	15	33%
26-33	15	33%
34-39	8	17%
Above 40	7	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Greening Liberia: The UNDP Moonshot Initiative Paving the Path to a Sustainable Future

The UNDP Liberia Greening Moonshot Initiative stands as a powerful example of sustainable energy integration aimed at cutting carbon emissions and strengthening the resilience of energy systems. Launched to significantly reduce the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Liberia's reliance on fossil fuels, this initiative has made remarkable strides in a relatively short period. Completing a 25 KW solar system under the Moonshot Facility in 2022 marked a key milestone in the country office's energy infrastructure, helping reduce carbon emissions and reliance on diesel generators. It symbolized progress in UNDP Liberia's ongoing sustainable energy journey.



Before installing this new solar system, the office relied heavily on a 100 KW solar power setup. However, by 2022, this system faced operational challenges, causing inefficiencies and increased diesel generator usage. The swift integration of the 25 KW solar system revived the entire network, which has been operating smoothly ever since. By 2024, the Moonshot-funded solar installation had produced an impressive 37,337 MWh of energy, translating to an average of 1,436 MWh per month. This consistent renewable energy output significantly reduced carbon emissions, with 12.7 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided since the system's launch. This achievement underscores the initiative's profound environmental impact and strengthens UNDP Liberia's alignment with broader sustainability goals to combat climate change.

Building on this success, the UNDP Liberia Country Office expanded its green energy infrastructure in 2024 by adding 50 KW of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and upgrading the battery capacity from outdated gel batteries to modern 60 KW lithium batteries. This enhancement raised the total solar capacity to 175 KW, with an estimated energy output of 100-110 MWh annually. This system now powers all lighting systems within the eight-floor One UN House, home to multiple UN agencies, making the building nearly self-sufficient in energy consumption.

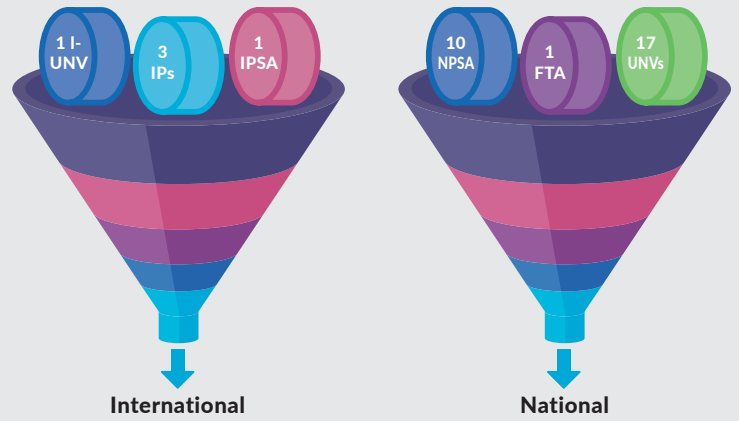


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## People 2030 Achievements



### Recruitment & Retention



IPSA – International Personnel Service Agreement. I-UNV – International United Nations Volunteer. IPs – International Personnel.  
NPSA – National Personnel Service Agreement. UNVs – United Nations Volunteers. FTA – Fixed Term Appointment.

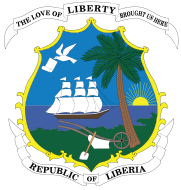
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## UNDP Liberia Extends Appreciation To All Donors And Partners For Contributions Made In 2024

### Donor Contributions 2024

Partner	CONTRIBUTION
European Union	1,942,831
Government of Sweden	1,382,306
GoL	445,519
Multi-Partner Trust Funds	1,644,252
United Nations Agencies	278,761
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