



ENHANCED PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL & GENDER BASED VIOLENCE FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND SEXUAL MINORITIES IN LIBERIA

CORE Information/Significant Results

The project will cover **52,176** women, girls and sexual minorities in Eight (**8**) Communities across the three counties (Margibi, Gbarpolu, and Montserrado) in Liberia, over a period of three (**3**) years with the support of one (1) implementing partner. The project cost is **508,789 Euros**.

Donor

The project is fully funded by the **European Union (EU) Delegation** in Liberia.

Project Description

ActionAid, with the implementing partner; Community Health Care Initiative INC (CHI) and in coordination with strategic partner; Association of Female Lawyers in Liberia (AFELL), seeks to implement a three year project focusing on reducing Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and providing assistance to the Survivors in Liberia. This will be done through advocacy for the implementation of laws that are protecting women, girls and sexual minority groups from human rights violations. It will strengthen local and national mechanism for the protection. The action seeks to build civil society's capacity for a Rights Based Development and establish a strengthened advocacy oriented civil society in Liberia.

Overall Objective:

- To enhance protection from sexual violence and other forms of GBV including rape, domestic violence, force marriage, and female genital mutilation for women and girls in Liberia.

Specific Objective:

- To improve community based protection mechanisms for reducing sexual violence and other forms of SGBV affecting women, girls and key population across eight communities in Margibi, Gbarpolu and Montserrado Counties

Expected Results:

- Targeted women, girls and key population have increased confidence to report on and challenge sexual violence and other forms of SGBV within their communities while gaining improved economic independent
- 150 key SGBV duty bearers (health, legal, gender, education) and 10 media organizations can perform their duties in a more coordinated, integrated gender responsive and evidence based way



- The efficiency of community justice mechanisms (for prevention and response to sexual violence and other forms of SGBV) has improved
- Harmonized customary and statutory laws informing advocacy campaigns influenced the improvement of legal and policy framework to reduced SGBV

Special focus:

- ✓ Women and girls' rights
- ✓ Sexual and Gender Based violence
- ✓ Harmful Traditional Practices and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM);
- ✓ Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR);
- ✓ Discrimination against sexual minorities within the SRHR agenda

Project Participants:

- Women,
- Girls and
- Key population
- GBV survivors
- Media Groups
- Duty Bearers
- Local Authorities

Implementation Period

The project will run for three years starting from 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2020.

Implementing Partners: Community HealthCare Initiative

Strategic Partner: Association of Female Lawyers in Liberia

Strategic Stakeholders

- **FGM Working Group**
- **Liberia Initiative for the Promotion of Rights, Identity and Diversity- LIPRIDE**
- **Women NGO Secretariat of Liberia-WONGOSOL**
- **Liberian Women Media Action Committee- LIWOMAC**



Strategic Line Ministries

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection

Ministry of Internal Affairs

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Education

Ministries of Justice through Sex Crimes Unit, Human Rights Division, Women and Children Protection Section-(WACPS)

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