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## **“Promoting Women & Community Rights in Forest Governance & Management in Liberia”**

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### **Overview**

ActionAid Liberia’s project, “Promoting Women & Community Rights in Forest Governance & Management in Liberia”, seeks to enhance the capacity of women to meaningfully participate in forest governance and management and promote a gendered and participatory process for inclusive natural resources governance and management. The project will provide evidence based documentation demonstrating critical need for inclusion of women in forest governance and management and promote gender-sensitive forest governance and management at community and national engagements. The project will also ensure that women have the increased confidence, knowledge and enhanced economic independence needed to claim and exercise their rights to govern and manage forest resources and benefits at community and national levels. In addition, the project will contribute to the assessment and monitoring of the Liberian Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) impact on gender relations and gender-related livelihoods opportunities.

### **Geographic Scope**

Ten (10) communities (Barconie, Bold dollar, Weamah, Tumuquelle, Trokon, Larkay-ta, Polar, Chensla, Beatu, and Karnwe) in five (5) counties (Grand Bassa, Gbarpolu, Margibi, Grand Gedeh, and Nimba)

### **Duration**

9 months period

### **Partners**

Sustainable Development Institute and Foundation for Community Initiatives

### **Donors**

European Union through Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

### **Expected Outputs**

- Gender baseline research in support of the Liberian VPA Impact Monitoring system
- Gender relations and gender-related income opportunities investigated in the charcoal, chainsaw milling, and other sustainable and value chains in forest/farming activities
- Social audits conducted to feed into the livelihoods impact study of the Liberian VPA impact monitoring Framework
- Better understanding of forest governance (VPA process) and gender relations acquired, through a comparative multi-country research in at least four countries including Liberia, Ghana and Vietnam
- Monitoring, evaluation and visibility framework developed

### **Strategic Stakeholders**

- Community Forest Institutions (CFDCs, CFMBs, CFMAs, Community Assemblies, etc.)
- Farmers Union Network of Liberia
- Union of CFDCs
- Charcoal Association
- Chainsaw Association
- The Coalition of NGOs
- Media
- Women groups

### **Strategic Line Ministries/Agencies**

- Ministry of Gender and Development
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Forestry Development Agency (FDA)

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