

Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP)

Component 1b Community Engagement and civic participation

act:onaid

PHOTO-JOURNAL

Sept 2024 — December 2025



16 DOA: MINISTER OF GENDER ON FIELD VISIT



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



INCEPTION WORKSHOP



ONBOARDING MEETINGS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Implemented by:



Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection

Funded By:



THE WORLD BANK

IBRD • IDA | WORLD BANK GROUP



Project Overview

The Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP) is a three-year project implemented by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MGCSP) through Plan International Liberia (the lead Service Provider), six association members; Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Actionaid Liberia (AAL), Medica Liberia, Defence for Children International Liberia Chapter (DCI), Foundation of Community Initiatives (FCI), and Kids Engagement Education Project (KEEP), and two professional service providers (Viamo and Raising Voices). The project is a US\$44.6 million multi-sectoral initiative to address key barriers to gender equality in Liberia. It aligns with the Liberian government's priorities on Women's empowerment and GBV prevention and responses. LWEP is funded by the World Bank - International Development Agency (IDA). The project runs for three years, from 2024 to September 2027.

Project Objective

The overall objective of the LWEP is to improve social and livelihood services for women and girls in targeted communities, foster positive social norms, and strengthen the government's capacity to advance women and girls' empowerment through a 'whole community' approach targeting multiple actors and levels.

DISCLAIMER

This publication has been made possible with the financial assistance from the World Bank. The contents of this publication are solely the responsibility of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and the Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP) Service Providers and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the World Bank.

Implemented By:



Funded By:



Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP)

Sept, 2024 - 2025 – Key Results Summary

■ Community Mobilization & Engagement

- 498 communities identified; 460 mobilized and reached (92% coverage).
- 23,688 participants engaged:
 - 6,380 men
 - 12,373 women
 - 4,854 youth
 - 81 people with disabilities
 - 1,970 women leaders
 - 579 key stakeholders
 - 192 religious leaders

Implemented By:



Funded By:



Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP)

■ Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

- 422 GRCs established (community, county, and national levels).
- 541 GRC members trained in Montserrado & Gbarpolu.
- Training reached: 241 participants in Gbarpolu (169 women, 72 men), 300 participants in Montserrado (180 women, 120 men).
- 140 grievance boxes delivered (80 Montserrado, 60 Gbarpolu).

■ Communication & Citizen Engagement

- Comprehensive Communications & Citizens Engagement Strategy finalized.
- SASA! Together and livelihoods education materials distributed.
- 340 influencers (leaders, youth, women, PWDs) engaged for advocacy.

■■■■■■■ Capacity Building

- 73 out of 75 CBAs recruited and active.

■ Challenges Identified

- 38 communities pending replacement.
- Access constraints in Belleh District due to poor road networks.
- Delays in MIS access and log frame updates.
- Some community members declined participation, delaying replacements.

INCEPTION WORKSHOPS

These took part in the period of the first quarter October—December 2024 at Golden Key Hotel. There after a series of follow meetings were held at various venues with all three consortium members including Plan International Liberia, Catholic Relief SERVICES AND ActionAid Liberia.



On boarding meetings took place in Corina Hotel. All Service Providers Organizations staff members were present . Key highlights were based on the project staff members , Key components each service provider organizations is implementing, the meeting lasted three days. Service provider organizations included; Plan International Liberia, ActionAid Liberia, Catholic Relief Services Liberia, Foundation for Community initiatives, Defense for Children international, Medica Liberia, and Kids Engagement Education Liberia . Technical Providers VIAMO and Riasings joined virtually.



Community Mobilization & Engagement

- To date a total of the following have been achieved
- ⇒ **498 communities** identified; **460 communities mobilized and reached** (92% coverage).
 - ⇒ A total of **23,688 participants engaged**, including:
 - 6,380 men , 12,373 women, 4,854 youth, 81 people with disabilities, 1,970 women leaders, 579 key stakeholders and 192 religious leader

Actionaid with assistance from Plan international conducted series of community engagement activities, including community mobilizations, orientation trainings, verifications, and the establishment of Grievance Redress Committees, took place beginning in May 2025. Currently, ActionAid Liberia (AAL) is conducting Grievance Redress Committee trainings across all six counties. To date, Gbarpolu has successfully completed the trainings, while Montserrado is nearing completion. AAL will soon begin training the committees in Grand Cape Mount, Grand Gedeh, River Cess, and Bomi counties.



Above and Below; Actionaid Liberia led the the Community mobilizations in Montserrado county. It worked along with Ministry of Gender and Plan Internation the lead Service Provider.



Community orientations, verifications, and the establishment of Grievance Redress Committees were conducted simultaneously across all six counties as part of the acceleration plan. This approach was designed to expand the project's implementation scope and accelerate spending, given the remaining implementation period and the number of activities yet to be completed.





Formation of Grievance Redress Committees in the Project counties and communities.





Above: 16 Days of Activism in Bopolu on the market day. Below: 16 DOA in Gbarma Distric—Gbarpolu County



Bopolu Central High School—Gbarpolu



Bopolu Central High School—Gbarpolu



Above: 16 Days of Activism in Bopolu on the market day. Below: 16 DOA in Gbarma Distric—Gbarpolu County

Rivercess High school



Rivercess Highschool





CAPE MOUNT



CAPE MOUNT

16 Days of Activism in the Project counties and communities.



Grand Gedeh school



Grand Gedeh Putu Community



16 Days of Activism in Montserrado County, Above is Todee District and Below is St. Paul District



Below: Honorable Minister Gbeme Horace Kollie 's field visit during the 16 Days of Activism in Nyehh town on the 27th of November 2025.

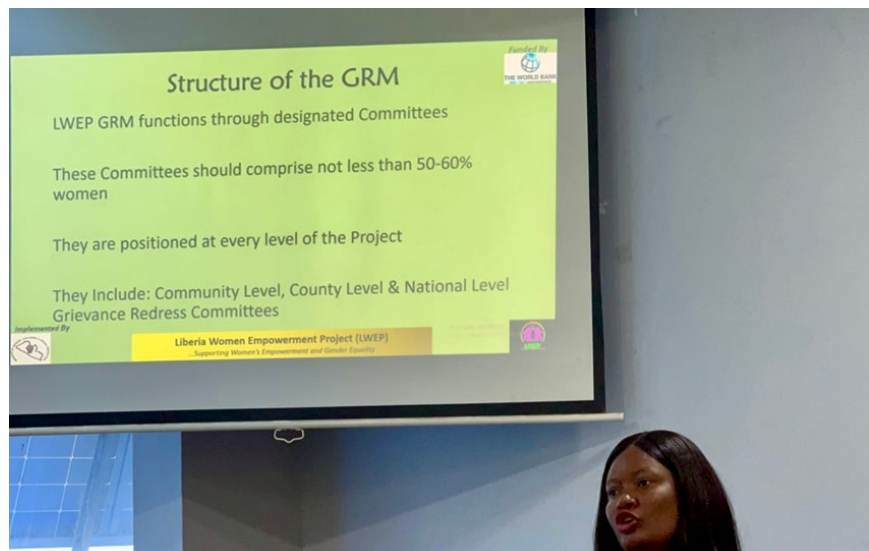




Above: Hon. Gbeme Horace Kollie, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, participates in a SASA! awareness session in Nyehn Town during the 16 Days of Activism field visit. **Below (Left):** The Minister and delegation visit the Police Station. **Below (Right):** The Minister and delegation visit Nyehn town Court.



Stakeholder orientation meetings were conducted across all six counties, led by ActionAid Liberia and the Ministry of Gender. These sessions aimed to strengthen understanding of the project at the county level and among local leadership, including commissioners, chiefs, and other community representatives from the affected areas.



Recruitment of Community Based Agents



LIBERIA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT'S AWARENESS MESSAGE ON

Community Based Agents (CBA) Recruitment

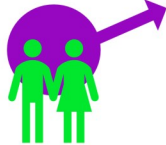
Implemented By:



Implemented in Six Counties
and in 498 Communities



Funded By:



The project will empower women, men and young people by addressing social norms, (Focusing on GBV prevention)

- Improve social and livelihood services for women and girls through climate resilient agriculture.
- Foster positive social norms and strengthen the Government's capacity to advance women and girls' empowerment through a whole community approach targeting multiple actors and levels.

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TODAY Who is Qualified to be a CBA?

How to Apply for CBA Position

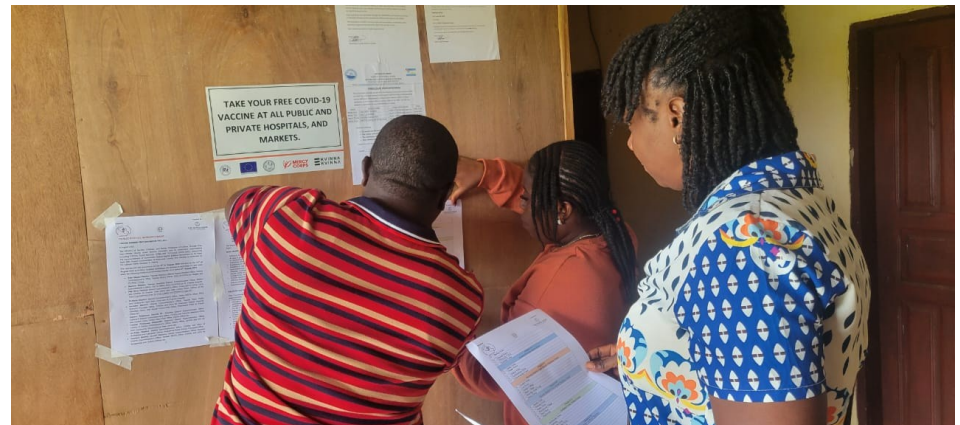
Present your CV and Cover Letter to: **Kumgbor Town at the Town Chief House, Kumgbor, District, Before August 8, 2025.**

For more information call:
0886855556 / 0777386236
0770300559 / 0775248512

- High School Diploma or Same level.
- At least three years of work as community facilitator, lead farmer, or similar work with community.
- Experience in training small farmers or farmer groups using farmer field school way.
- Know the project communities, local culture, language and area.
- Good at mobilizing, talking, networking, and working with community and local people.
- Understand cultural issues, women empowerment and ways to make a living.

Service Provider: **act:onaid**

For more info go to:
www.liberia.actionaid.org





Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

- 422 Grievance Redress Committees (GRCs) established (community, county, and national levels).
- 541 GRC members trained in Montserrado and Gbarpolu counties.
- Training reached 241 participants in Gbarpolu (169 women, 72 men) and 300 participants in Montserrado (180 women, 120 men).
- 140 grievance boxes designed and delivered: 80 in Montserrado, 60 in Gbarpolu



Gbarpolu



Montserrado

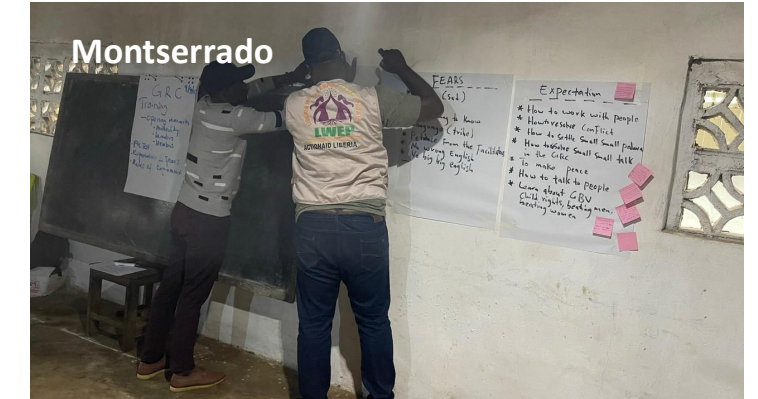
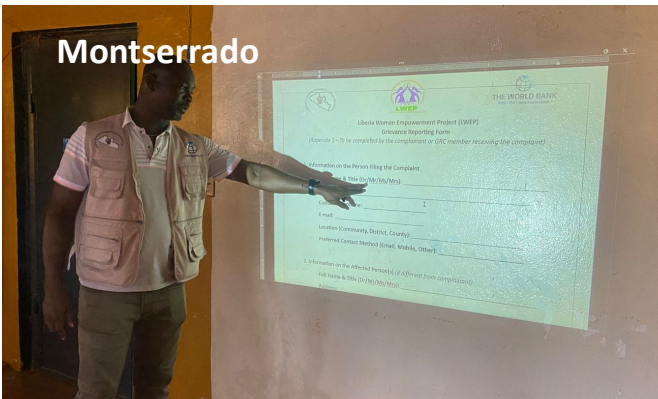
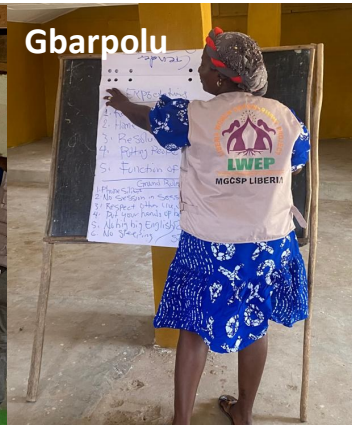
The Grievance Redress Committees (GRCs) training in Gbarpolu County has been completed, while trainings in Montserrado County are ongoing and expected to conclude by mid-October. These will be followed by GRC trainings in the remaining four counties, as outlined in the work plan.



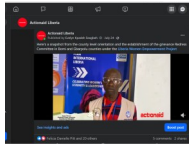
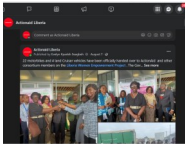
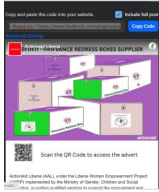
Gbarpolu



Gbarpolu



SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



GRC Training in Montserrado :

<https://web.facebook.com/share/p/17ciWsktSq/>

Hand over LWEP Vehicles and Motorbikes: <https://web.facebook.com/share/p/17P1KRquFF/>

Inspection of the LWEP vehicles between : <https://web.facebook.com/share/v/1G4RgUeoj9/>

Photo gallery during the inspection of LWP Vehicle : <https://web.facebook.com/share/p/1EUzLdYrHV/>

GRC Boxed <https://web.facebook.com/share/v/1A7mtk8v2Q/>

Challenges



Photo on the Left

Reaching remote communities remains a major challenge. In areas with limited facilities, transportation often relies on ferries or canoes to cross rivers for workshops and activities. However, the safety of this mode of transport is high-risk, as passengers typically lack life jackets or proper safety equipment. While alternative routes exist, they also present significant safety and security concerns.

Photo on the Right

An ActionAid vehicle became stuck after failing to cross a wooden bridge and fell into a hole. The driver was forced to spend the night alone in the vehicle in the middle of the forest, while the other staff members sought refuge in the nearest town. It took two full days for the vehicle to be removed, causing program activities to be delayed by the same duration. Depending on vehicle condition and available transport alternatives, such incidents could potentially lead to even longer delays in project implementation.



ActionAid reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of Component 1b, which strengthens community mobilization and citizen engagement under the Liberia Women Empowerment Project (LWEP). By applying inclusive participation and establishing working grievance redress mechanisms, ActionAid is ensuring that women, youth, and marginalized groups are at the center of decision-making processes. This commitment directly supports the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection's mandate to promote gender equality and combat gender-based violence, while advancing Liberia's ARREST Agenda priorities of reconciliation, empowerment, and social transformation. Through feminist, rights-based approaches, ActionAid continues to create safer and more inclusive spaces, amplify women's leadership, and drive accountability at the grassroots level, laying the foundation for sustainable development and long-lasting impact in project communities.