

ACTIONAID LIBERIA AND PARTNERS LAUNCHES PEACEBUILDING AND LAND TENURE PROJECT.

Targeting 3,530 Beneficiaries with over 20, 000 indirect Beneficiaries In four counties.



Figure 1: AAL Staff member, implementing partners, UNBPF and stakeholders during the Peacebuilding National Launch

Women empowerment and rights in Liberia have been suppressed from generation to generation through Cultural, religious and Political belief, leaving them second to motion in the society. In the 21st century, the International organizations and other stakeholders are investing huge efforts to have equality and bring to an end all violations against women by empowering them social and, educationally to ensure both partners calmly help each other.

In the process to boost this effort and get Liberia free from violence flux against Women in the Society, ActionAid Liberia (AAL) and implementing partners with funding support of United Nations Peacebuilding (UNBPF) launched a project that aims at

"Strengthening the agency of young women in peace-building processes and land tenure in Liberia".

The launch took place on the 1st of July 2022, at Mamba Point Hotel, ActionAid Liberia's Acting Country Director, Mr. Joseph Madzvamuse noted that, ActionAid Liberia is in partnership with Liberia Women Empowerment Network LIWEN, Community Sustainable Development

Organization COSDO, Women Education Development Network WEDOL, and Women and Children Development Association of Liberia WOCDAL are implementing an 18 months project in four counties of Sinoe, Gbarpolu, Margibi and Bong.

Joseph noted that the project sought to enhance the leadership and capacity for young women to be able to organize and lead community actions to constructively assert for their land rights and inclusive land ownership and natural resources governance in order to preclude conflicts and ensure peace is maintained in the Liberia.

The project will directly reach 3,530 people (3000 female 530 male) including 2,500 young Women between the ages of 16 to 35 and 500 older Women in four Counties in Liberia while over 20, 000 will indirectly benefit through media engagement and other forms.



Figure 2: Above – Gobah Anderson key chief launcher on behalf of Ministry of Justice, he is from Alternative Disputes Resolution

Serving as key launcher and on behalf of the Justice Ministry, Mr. Gobah Anderson from the Alternative Disputes Resolution unit challenged the implementing partners to bring forth positive results. He said, that Liberia will be at the break point if they fail to achieve the intended results. He further noted that this might result to the loss of many opportunities.

He encouraged implementing partners to do their best in implementing this vital project, and emphasized that if well implemented it will contribute to a peaceful Liberia where everyone

enjoys their rights with respect and dignity all times. He emphasized on project accountability and transparency as best tools for a successful implementation as well as retaining trust with the donors.

"The 2008 Liberia Rights act has changed a lot of things including Liberia Landscape and Land rights Governance administration, but the Women rights to title is still challenging, especially becoming Administrator for customary Land in Liberia", the Ministry of Justice representative at the launch, Mr. Gobah Anderson asserted.



Above: John R. Dennis – Peacebuilding Fund Coordinator

In a special remark: The Resident Coordinator of United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, Mr. John R. Dennis said, Since 2008 when the UNPBF present was felt in Liberia to now, they have spent over \$ 81M US on the peace building process across the Country.

"We expect rigorous follow up from ActionAid to make sure all these activities are implemented which we have confidence in.

What my office does is perfect coordinating Monitoring and providing oversight of projects we are providing through our implementing partners", Mr. John R. Dennis emphasized.

However, ActionAid Liberia Acting Country Director maintained that the State, religion and culture tend to regulate or make rules affecting women rights and other groups, while Poverty and social marginalization in Liberia often correspond to political powerlessness to voice concerns, access opportunities and influence decisions. He noted that AAL is known for its' unapologetic stance on human rights, especially as it pertains to the rights of women, girls, and the most excluded young people in Liberian society. He further noted that AAL's three thematic areas focuses on: Gender Based Violence & Gender Responsive Public Services: Economic justice; Climate Justice & Resilience.

ActionAid Liberia envisions a Just, Equitable and Sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppressions. AAL's mission is to achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, through their communities, organizations, activists, Social movements and supporters