



Securing land rights for women and rural communities in South-eastern Liberia

Project Description

ActionAid Liberia in partnership with ForumCiv, Development Education Network-Liberia (DEN-L), JSGB and Liberia Land Authority (LLA), is implementing a three-year project, **"Securing Land Rights for Women and Rural Communities in South-Eastern Liberia"** in 30 communities in Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Sinoe Counties.

Overall Objective

To empower women and rural communities to secure their Land Rights in Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Sinoe Counties in South-Eastern Liberia.

The project aims to increase access to land rights for women and young people; strengthen community engagement in decision-making on land use; and equip CSOs to provide sustainable advocacy for land sector reforms in Liberia. This will be done through strengthening Civil Society and Community Based Organizations, women and youth networks, community leaders, and members of community structures such as CLDMCs and increase accountability from duty bearers. Project will also provide legal aid to women and communities to claim and defend their land rights; resources to support communities to undertake or complete their Community Self Identification Process and technical support to small holder farmers in project communities.

Outputs

- 1) Increased capacity of civil society at county level to work on land reform. This includes 14 CSOs working on land and women's rights, 3 rural women's networks and 3 youth networks
- 2) Increased capacity of community structures (At least 6 CLDMCs) to carry out gender sensitive and inclusive decision making and planning processes on land rights.
- 3) Increased gender responsive and inclusive land administration by Traditional Leaders and Local Authorities that result in greater security of tenure for women farmers, and resolution of conflicts related to land.
- 4) Increased public engagement between stakeholders to support women and communities land rights.

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Specific Focus

The implementation will focus on the rights of all persons, with specific attention to women and young people to rights to land and sustainability of their livelihoods and the enhanced capacities to lead and contribute to gender responsive land use planning and governance.

Partners

ForumCiv strives to safeguard the implementation of the Land Rights Act to the benefit of local communities. Through strengthening organizational capacity and sharing insights between communities and social movements of the world with similar experiences and challenges regarding land, ForumCiv aims to journey with civil society in Liberia to ensure land access and strengthening services relating to land

Development Education Network-Liberia (DEN-L) mission is “to build a constituency of people-to-people formations in pursuit of grassroots empowerment, economic justice, democratic development and gender equity for a just and peaceful Liberia”. DEN-L works target the grassroots (including the marginalized groups, women, youth, the physically challenged, minority groups, and indigenous peoples).

JSGB provides legal services for women and girls in Liberia.

Duration

The project implementation runs for three years (36 months), beginning **February 1, 2021–February 2024**

Target Groups

- Women, Youth, Community Members
- 3 Rural Women Networks
- 3 Youth Groups
- Traditional and Community Leaders
- Smallholder Farmers (60% women)
- Community Structures including the CLDMCs
- Concessions and private sector companies
- Structures of the Local County Authorities
- Judicial Officers and Land Authorities

Stakeholders/ Strategic Partners

- Liberia Land Authority
- Clan/ Paramount and Town Chiefs
- County Superintendents/ Commissioners
- National Civil society/ Land rights movement
- County Gender Office, County Land Authority, County Lands and Mines
- Ministries:** Gender, Internal Affairs, Justice, Mines & Energy

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