

HUMANITARIAN NEWS

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Martuaken, a community in the heart of Sarbo District in River Gee County

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FROM FLOODS TO FRUITFULNESS:



KERKEMA FARMERS CELEBRATE FIRST WATERMELON HARVEST

Just two years ago, the devastating floods of 2024 swept through Bong County, leaving smallholder farmers in despair. Crops were destroyed, fields submerged, and livelihoods shattered. For many, recovery seemed impossible. Families struggled to rebuild, and the hope of returning to farming felt like a distant dream.

But today, that story has changed. Thanks to the timely intervention of the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS), with support from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and in partnership with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), hope has been restored. The Kerkema Farming Group in Jorquelleh District #2 has proudly harvested its first watermelon—a symbol of resilience, renewal, and the power of humanitarian solidarity.

FROM DEVASTATION TO DETERMINATION:

The 2024 floods left Kerkema farmers with nothing but damaged fields and broken spirits. “We thought recovery was impossible,” the Co-chair of the farmer group Gormah Tokpah recalled. “Our crops were gone, and we had no tools to start again.” The disaster not only destroyed food supplies but also stripped families of their main source of income, leaving them vulnerable and uncertain about the future.

SEEDS OF HOPE:

In October 2025, the Red Cross, through the ECOWAS-funded project Strengthening Resilience and Supporting Disaster-Affected Populations in Liberia, distributed essential farming tools and seedlings to affected communities. Farmers received cutlasses, hoes, watering cans, wheelbarrows, rain boots, and a variety of seeds, including watermelon, pepper, okra, corn, and cabbage.

Agricultural chemicals such as pesticides and fertilizers were also provided to boost productivity and promote climate-smart farming practices.

For the Kerkema Farming Group, this support was transformative. “Before, we struggled with basic tools and poor seeds,” said Madam Tokpah. “Now, with the new implements and quality seedlings, our farming has changed completely. We can plant better, work faster, and expect higher yields.”

A HARVEST OF CONFIDENCE:

On January 20, 2026, the group celebrated a milestone—their first watermelon harvest since the floods. The joy was palpable. Farmers smiled as they held the fruits of their labor, a clear sign that recovery was not only possible but already underway.

“This harvest is evidence of the impact of timely humanitarian assistance,” said Mr. Daniel Dorbor, Bong County Field Officer of the LNRCS. “It shows the resilience of our communities and the importance of supporting disaster-affected populations beyond immediate relief.”

For the farmers, the harvest was more than food—it was confidence restored. “We can now feed our families and sell some of our produce,” Williams Sepolue pointed out. “This support has given us back our dignity and the ability to stand on our own again.”

UNITY IN ACTION:

The project also encouraged farmers to work collectively in groups of ten, strengthening cooperation and unity. For Kerkema, this approach has built stronger bonds among members. “We share ideas, divide tasks, and support each other,” said Harris Mulbah, the group leader. “It has made us more productive and more united as a community.”



LOOKING AHEAD:

With their first harvest behind them, the Kerkema farmers are already dreaming bigger. They hope to expand their farms, diversify crops, and adopt more climate-smart practices to withstand future challenges. "We want to grow enough to supply our community and even beyond," Josephine Carsue, one farmer, said with pride. "Our hope is to build resilience so that no flood or disaster will ever break us again."

A STORY OF RESILIENCE

The success of the Kerkema Farming Group is a testament to what can be achieved when humanitarian support meets community determination. From despair to harvest, their journey reflects the broader vision of the ECOWAS-funded project: to strengthen resilience, restore livelihoods, and empower disaster-affected populations across Liberia.

As watermelons ripen in Jorquelleh, they carry more than sweetness—they carry the story of recovery, unity, and hope. The farmers of Kerkema have proven that with the right support, communities can rise stronger, rebuild their lives, and secure a brighter future.

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- Madam Tokpah



RISING FROM THE ASHES:

How the Red Cross is Restoring Hope for Fire Victims in Liberia

A devastating fire on October 16 ripped through the quiet fishing community of Kru Town in Grand Cape Mount County, reducing 22 houses to ashes and leaving 9 others severely damaged. More than 100 individuals from 30 households were displaced overnight, while an additional 53 people from 14 households remain at high risk as their homes stand unsafe.

Families—mostly women and children—have been forced to sleep in open spaces or seek temporary refuge with relatives and neighbors, their lives upended in a matter of hours. Initial assessments by the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) revealed that victims lost everything—food, clothing, and household items—leaving them in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

“The situation in Kru Town is heartbreaking,” said LNRCS Secretary General Gregory T. Blamoh. “Many have lost everything they worked for. We are urgently appealing to the public, partners, and friends of the Red Cross to stand with these families in their greatest moment of need.”

The fire has not only destroyed homes but also wiped away livelihoods in a community of 1,347 people, 95 percent of whom depend on fishing and fish-mongering to survive. Among those hardest hit is 47-year-old widow and mother of four, Comfort Gweh, whose story of loss and resilience reflects the painful reality—and the enduring courage—of Kru Town’s fire victims.

Comfort’s life changed in a single night. The fire consumed everything she had worked tirelessly to build. Her home, her possessions, her sense of security—all gone in minutes. Just weeks earlier, she had lost her husband, the partner with whom she once bought and sold fish to support their children.

Suddenly widowed, homeless, and burdened with the responsibility of keeping her children in school, Comfort faced what seemed like insurmountable odds. “I looked at the fire and said, No, we are leaving,” she recalls. “We just stood there, watching everything burn. I had nothing left, not even clothes. I could only cry.”

Yet, in the midst of despair, the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) arrived. Their team registered affected families, provided immediate relief, and gave Comfort \$125 in cash assistance along with essential items—clothing, slippers, soap, blankets, and hygiene kits.

For Comfort, this was more than aid; it was a lifeline. With determination, she resolved to use the money to start a small business, ensuring her children’s education would not be interrupted. “My son is in 12th grade, and I need to pay his school fees,” she explains. “I cannot say because I have no house, my children will not go to school.”



Comfort’s story is not just one of loss—it is one of courage, resilience, and the power of humanitarian support.

Her resolve to rebuild, even in the face of grief and homelessness, embodies the spirit of countless families across Liberia who are rising from the ashes with the help of the Red Cross.



Comfort Gweh, a widow and a Mother of 4 children in Kru Town, Grand Cape Mt October 2025



A WIDER HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE:

The fire in Kru Town was devastating, destroying 22 houses and severely damaging nine others. Families—mostly women and children—were displaced, forced to seek shelter with relatives and neighbors. But Comfort was not alone in receiving support. A total of 59 families across Grand Cape Mount and Montserrado Counties benefitted from the Red Cross's intervention, supported by the Swedish Red Cross under its Initial Response Fund.

Cash Transfers have become a cornerstone of this response, allowing families the flexibility to meet their most urgent needs—whether food, shelter repair, or replacing essential items. Relief materials, including clothing and hygiene kits, provide immediate comfort and protection, especially for vulnerable women and children. “Our priority is to ensure that families who lost everything can begin rebuilding their lives with dignity,” said LNRCS Secretary General/CEO Gregory T. Blamoh. “Beyond cash support, the relief items we are providing offer immediate comfort and protection. These actions reflect our commitment to stand with communities in their most difficult moments.”

RESTORING DIGNITY, REBUILDING LIVES:

Red Cross's intervention is more than a humanitarian gesture—it is a reaffirmation of dignity. In moments of disaster, families often lose not only their homes but also their sense of stability and belonging. By providing timely assistance, the Red Cross ensures that no community feels abandoned.

Comfort's journey illustrates the transformative impact of this support. From the ashes of her home, she is charting a new path forward, determined to rebuild for her children. Her courage is a reminder that resilience is not born in comfort but in adversity, and that with the right support, families can rise stronger than before.

A TESTAMENT TO HOPE:

The fires in Kru Town and Montserrado County have left scars, but they have also revealed the strength of community and the power of humanitarian solidarity. Comfort's story is a testament to what can be achieved when compassion meets action. Her gratitude for the Red Cross is shared by many who, despite losing everything, now see a glimmer of hope. “Things are hard,” she admits, “but I thank everyone who is supporting the Red Cross.”

As Liberia continues to face emergencies, the Red Cross remains steadfast in its mission: restoring hope, supporting recovery, and strengthening resilience. Comfort's courage, paired with the Red Cross's commitment, paints a powerful picture of what it means to rise from tragedy—not broken, but determined, not defeated, but inspired.



HOPE FLOWS IN NROKWIA:



Swedish Ambassador H.E. Karl Backeus, -Visit to Nrokvia Community, Jlroad, Grand Kru, September 2025



Grand Kru County Superintendent Hon. Anthonette W. Nimley -Nrokvia Community, Jlroad, Sept. 2025

SWEDISH EMBASSY AND GRAND KRU LEADERS WITNESS COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

The Nrokvia Community in Jlroad, Grand Kru, came alive at the end of September in 2025 as residents welcomed the Ambassador of the Swedish Embassy, H.E. Karl Backeus, and the Superintendent of Grand Kru County, Hon. Anthonette W. Nimley. Their visit marked a proud moment for the Liberian Red Cross Society and its partners, as the community showcased tangible progress under the Green Inclusive and Resilient Liberia Project, supported by the Swedish Embassy.

At the heart of the visit stood two powerful symbols of resilience—the newly constructed handpump and the Community Information Center. These facilities represent more than infrastructure; they embody hope, dignity, and the promise of a healthier future. “For years, we struggled to fetch water from unsafe sources,” shared Eathedline Wilson, the Women Leader in Nrokvia. “Today, clean water is just a few steps away. This handpump is saving our children from sickness and giving us peace of mind.”

The project is part of a broader initiative to strengthen climate change adaptation and community resilience across 45 communities in Grand Kru, Rivergee and Sinoe Counties. It focuses on improving access to safe water and sanitation, empowering households to build latrines, supporting farmers with smart agriculture techniques, and promoting hygiene awareness.

“This program is not only about facilities,” explained Elder Henry Sieh who is also a local farmer. “We have received seeds and tools to improve our harvests. With smart farming techniques, we can feed our families and sell surplus crops. It is changing our lives.”

Community leaders echoed this sense of transformation. Chief Elder Henry Sieh remarked, “The Information Center is a blessing. It connects us to timely messages about health, farming, and disaster preparedness. Our people feel included and informed like never before.”

The Liberian Red Cross Society emphasized the importance of partnership in achieving these milestones. Mr. Christopher Johnson, Head of Programs at the Liberian Red Cross, stated:

“This is the power of collaboration. With the Swedish Embassy’s support, we are building resilience from the ground up. Communities like Nrokvia are proof that when local leadership and international partners work hand in hand, lives are transformed.”

Superintendent Hon. Anthonette W. Nimley, who accompanied the Ambassador, praised the initiative’s impact: “What we see here today is progress that matters. Safe water, sanitation, and information access are fundamental to development. I commend the Swedish Embassy and the Red Cross for investing in our people. Together, we are building a stronger Grand Kru.”

As the Ambassador toured the facilities, the joy and gratitude of the community were palpable. The visit reaffirmed the commitment of the Swedish Embassy and the Red Cross to stand with Liberian communities in the face of climate challenges. “Enhancing skills, strengthening systems, saving lives” is more than a slogan—it is a lived reality in Nrokvia.

With strengthened partnerships, empowered households, and resilient communities, the future of Grand Kru shines brighter. The story of Nrokvia is a testament to what can be achieved when compassion, collaboration, and commitment converge.

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TRIPLETS OF HOPE



RED CROSS BRINGS HOPE TO MOTHER OF TRIPLETS IN SINOE

Compassion and solidarity were on full display as the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) extended support to Marron Togba, a 32-year-old resident of Monger's Town community in Sinoe County, who gave birth to triplets at the F.J. Granite Hospital in Greenville in October 2025.

This was Marron's second delivery, having previously given birth to twins, bringing the total number of children in the household to five. Following a surgical procedure before the birth of her triplets, Marron has faced serious challenges in caring for herself and her newborns.

Her husband, Alfred Togba, works as a charcoal miner to sustain the family, but his limited income has made it difficult to provide the medical care, nutritious food, and essential supplies needed for the mother's recovery and the babies' wellbeing.

In response, the local office of the Liberia National Red Cross Society in Sinoe County quickly mobilized to provide immediate relief. The team donated food and essential non-food items, including rice, a bag of pampers, and washing and bath soap – a gesture described as a symbol of compassion, love, and care.

Speaking at the presentation, Otis George, LNRCS Field Officer in Sinoe County, highlighted the importance of the intervention: "This support is not just about food and supplies – it is about showing compassion and solidarity."

Marron's situation reminds us that humanitarian action begins with small acts of kindness, and we must do more to ensure families like hers are not left behind."

Mr. George further called for collective action: "What we have given today is only a start. We call on partners, organizations, and individuals to join us in providing additional support. Together, we can make sure these children grow up with dignity and care."

For Marron, the assistance brought immediate relief and renewed hope. She expressed her gratitude to the Red Cross team: "I am deeply thankful for what the Red Cross has done for me and my babies. Caring for five children is not easy, but this help gives me strength. It shows me that I am not alone, and that people care about my family."

Local interventions such as this not only bring comfort to vulnerable families but also strengthen the presence of the Red Cross in communities. And to sustain this impact, there is a pressing need for greater support to the Liberian Red Cross. With more resources, the Red Cross can expand its reach, respond to urgent humanitarian needs, and provide hope, dignity, and care to vulnerable families across Liberia.

The Liberia National Red Cross Society will continue to lend a helping hand, offer hope, and support in time of extreme need. As George noted, "Every donation, no matter how small, can make a huge difference."



BUILDING A CULTURE OF HUMANITY



AFL Barracks, Bea Mountain, Grand Cape Mount August 2025

LNRCS AND AFL CONDUCT IHL AWARENESS ACROSS FOUR COUNTIES

The Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS), in partnership with the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) has successfully concluded a week-long dissemination of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) workshop to security officers across Grand Cape Mount, Montserrado, Lofa, and Grand Gedeh Counties.

The joint sessions, held from August 17-24, 2025, engaged 185 participants drawn from the Armed Forces of Liberia and other paramilitary institutions, including the Liberia National Police, Liberia Immigration Service, Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency, and other security institutions.

The IHL training supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), is an annual activity focused on key IHL themes, including the Law of Armed Conflict, protection of emblems, the Geneva Conventions, and the Red Cross Principles and values.

A practical, scenario-based approach was adopted to ensure participants not only understood but could also apply IHL principles such as distinction and military necessity in real-life situations. Officers demonstrated enthusiasm, confidence, and professionalism throughout the workshop, with many recommending regular continuation of such impactful training.

Speaking on the success of the joint dissemination, LNRCS Secretary General Gregory T. Blamoh said: "This exercise demonstrates the Red Cross' firm commitment to promoting respect for humanitarian law among our security institutions. By equipping officers with knowledge of IHL, we are not only strengthening operational conduct but also safeguarding human dignity in times of crisis."

"We are proud of the collaboration with the AFL and security agencies, and we call for sustained investment in refresher training and expansion to new barracks as Liberia recruits and strengthens its security forces."

Also, in a special remark, AFL Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Davidson F. Forleh pointed out that: "The Armed Forces of Liberia remains committed to upholding humanitarian principles, and this joint dissemination workshop reflects our dedication to professionalism and respect for the rule of law in all operations."

"We value the Red Cross' partnership and the support of the ICRC, and we encourage continued joint efforts to expand IHL awareness across all levels of the AFL and other security agencies." The AFL Chief of Staff maintained.

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) seeks to protect those not taking part in hostilities and regulate the means of warfare. Integrating IHL in peacetime creates a culture of respect for human dignity, which can guide decision-making during operations and foster trust between the military and the civilian population.



AFL Barracks, Voinjama, Lofa County August 2025

CREATING A PERIOD-FRIENDLY WORLD:



MHM Session, - Red Cross Chapter Office, Greenville, Sinoe County, November 2025

LNRCS conducts MHM Training to Restore Dignity, Confidence, and Hope for Girls

Sixteen-year-old Rita Johnson, an 11th-grade student at Seebeh Public School, remembers the first day she saw blood on her clothes. She was terrified. Growing up in a community where menstruation was never discussed—not at home, not in school, not even among friends—Rita believed something was wrong with her.

No one had ever explained periods to her. She had never seen a sanitary pad, never learned how to use or dispose of one, and never heard adults talk openly about menstrual health. “My first experience was scary,” she recalls. “I worried so much because I didn’t know what was happening to me. I thought maybe someone had bewitched me.”

In fear and embarrassment, she confided in an older friend who tried to help her with the little knowledge she had. But the shame remained. Rita avoided sitting among her peers, avoided boys, and avoided laughter and free movement. Every month, she stayed home or kept to herself, constantly checking her clothes in fear of leaks.

Even the day she gathered the courage to tell her mother, the conversation was cut short when her father was present. Her mother quickly took her aside, helped her clean and dress herself, and reassured her privately—yet the stigma continued. For two years, Rita lived in silent fear, confusion, and isolation. But that changed the day the Liberia National Red Cross Society visited her school.

BREAKING THE SILENCE: LNRCS Leads MHM Education Across Three Counties

As part of the Green Inclusive and Resilient Liberia (GIRL) Project, supported by the Embassy of Sweden through the Swedish Red Cross, the Red Cross has completed a series of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) training sessions across 15 schools in Sinoe, Grand Kru, and River Gee Counties.

These sessions brought together girls, teachers, school administrators, and community stakeholders to openly discuss: What menstruation is, How to track menstrual cycles, the Proper use and disposal of sanitary pads, Myths and misconceptions, Hygiene and safety practices and How to reduce stigma and discrimination.

To support schools and students, the Red Cross also distributed essential menstrual and hygiene materials, including: Sanitary pads, Handwashing buckets, First Aid kits, Waste bins, Detergents and cleaning materials and IEC/BCC educational materials. These supplies ensure that the learning continues long after the training team leaves.

“TODAY, I AM FEARLESS”: RITA’S TRANSFORMATION

For Rita, the experience was life-changing. “It was my first time hearing and being taught about menstrual hygiene management,” she shared with confidence. “Today, I learned new things, and I will abandon the old ways. I no longer feel ashamed. I know my period is my value. I am proud to be a woman.”





For the first time, she felt safe discussing menstruation—even in the presence of boys. The session broke down the silence that had weighed on her for years. “I felt relief. I am confident and fearless now. I can manage my period properly without worry.” Her voice echoed the transformation felt across the 15 schools.

A Movement Taking Root: Saavia’s Reflections From the Field

According to Saavia Naame, the Liberian Red Cross Health Coordinator, the intervention has already created remarkable change. “It’s amazing to see the girls not only taking the message back to their fellow students and friends, but also growing in confidence,” she said.

She explained that the girls now clearly understand that menstruation is normal and nothing to hide from. “They learned how to track their menstrual cycles, use and safely dispose of sanitary products, manage menstruation hygienically, avoid embarrassment and fear, and support each other with confidence”.

Saavia highlighted how the DAPS approach (Dignity, Access, Participation, and Safety) empowered girls to speak out, break stigma, and embrace their bodies with pride. Artwork created by the students beautifully illustrated what they had learned, showcasing new knowledge, confidence, and unity.

“Many spoke about how they never had this knowledge before because menstruation has been treated as taboo for so long,” she said. “Now, these actions have grown into a movement—one that is already making a transformative impact.”

One student summed it up perfectly: “I can be in school even while I am on my period because I now have the help I’ve been waiting for.”

Restoring Dignity, Empowering Girls, and Keeping Them in School

With support from the Ministries of Health and Education, the Red Cross is helping schools create environments where girls feel: informed, supported, respected, confident, and empowered. The goal is simple but powerful: keep girls in school, uphold their rights, and ensure their dignity.

By breaking the silence and challenging long-held myths, the Red Cross and its partners are ensuring that no girl has to live in fear or isolation because of her period.

The Liberia National Red Cross Society remains committed to empowering young girls like Rita—girls who deserve knowledge, respect, and confidence.

“We are not just teaching menstrual hygiene; we are restoring dignity. We are building confidence. We are breaking generational silence. And we are creating a Period-Friendly World for Every Girl, and we are grateful to the Swedish Embassy and the Swedish Red Cross for standing with us in this journey”.

SAAVIA NAAME



LIBERIA PUSHES EARLY ACTION AGENDA IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DIALOGUE



LNRCs Staff, GOL Officials, and SRC Partners – Anticipatory Action Dialogue, Mamba Point Hotel, Monrovia, November 2025

LNRCs & Partners Hold National Talks on Strengthening Early Disaster Action

Liberia is no stranger to recurring disasters. Each year, lives and livelihoods are disrupted by floods, coastal erosion, storms, fires, and disease outbreaks. The impact goes far beyond destroyed homes and damaged infrastructure—it affects families, health systems, education, food security, and community well-being.

Farmlands are washed away, transportation networks break down, households are displaced, and communities struggle to rebuild. The cost is not only economic—it is profoundly human.

In a major step toward preventing avoidable loss and strengthening national preparedness, the Liberia National Red Cross Society, with support from the Swedish Red Cross, jointly convened a High-Level National Dialogue on Anticipatory Action on Disasters in Liberia along with key Government Ministries and agencies, including the National Disaster Management Agency and Liberia Meteorological Service (LMS).

Held under the theme “Enhancing Resilience through Anticipatory Action in Liberia,” the dialogue was also attended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, the National Public Health Institute of Liberia, Armed Forces of Liberia, UNICEF, Ecobank Liberia, and other humanitarian and technical partners.

The high-level National Dialogue aimed to strengthen national coordination, build shared ownership, and advance the development of a National Anticipatory Action Implementation Plan that will position Liberia to act before disasters strike—aligning the country with global best practices in disaster risk management.

A SHIFT TOWARD PROACTIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Opening the dialogue, the Secretary General of the Liberia National Red Cross, Mr. Gregory T. Blamoh, emphasized that Liberia can no longer wait for disasters to strike before taking action. “Early warnings must lead to early actions. Acting before a hazard becomes a crisis is the heart of anticipatory action, and it is essential if we are to save lives and reduce suffering.”

Mr. Blamoh highlighted the outcomes of a recently completed Multi-Risk Feasibility Study, which identifies forecastable hazards, potential triggers, and the systems Liberia must strengthen to make anticipatory action a reality. The study, conducted with support from the Swedish Red Cross and IFRC, represents a major milestone in the country’s resilience agenda.

Mr. Blamoh also outlined priority areas including strengthening early warning systems, establishing pre-arranged financing, improving community preparedness, and enhancing inter-agency coordination. The Liberian Red Cross Secretary General also stressed that anticipatory action requires collaboration, saying: “Disasters do not respect institutional boundaries—neither should our response.”

Government Commitment to Implementation

Hon. Ansu Dorley, Executive Director of the NDMA, described the dialogue as “a defining moment for Liberia’s disaster preparedness agenda.” He underscored that Liberia cannot continue waiting for disasters to occur before responding. He emphasized that the outcomes of the dialogue must be respected, implemented, and integrated into national systems. He noted that the dialogue on Anticipatory Action directly support the government’s ARREST Agenda for improved governance and service delivery.



LNRCs Secretary General/CEO Gregory T. Blamoh addresses Anticipatory Action Dialogue, Mamba Point Hotel, Monrovia



Supporting Local Capacity and Localization of Response

Ms. Karin Westerberg, Head of Policy and Thematic Support at the Swedish Red Cross, praised the progress Liberia has made in advancing anticipatory approaches. She highlighted ongoing global challenges—rising climate-related disasters and declining humanitarian funding—and reaffirmed the importance of local capacity, noting: “Anticipatory action works best when rooted in national systems and built for the people most at risk.”

She reaffirmed her institution’s commitment to supporting Liberia’s preparedness efforts. “The future of effective disaster management is local. Liberia’s strong volunteer presence and growing anticipatory action work are key to building resilience.” During her visit to Grand Cape Mount, where the Liberian Red Cross assisted families affected by a devastating fire, she was impressed with the power of local volunteer networks. “The speed, dedication, and trust shown by the volunteers reflect true preparedness.

Liberia is fortunate to have such committed responders.” She praised the collaboration between the Liberia National Red Cross and the Liberia Meteorological Service, marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding earlier this year—a major step toward enhancing national early warning capability.

How the Dialogue Outcomes Will Benefit Disaster-Prone Communities

The real impact of the dialogue will be felt most strongly by communities that face repeated disaster threats. Anticipatory action will significantly strengthen community safety by ensuring faster and more reliable early warning systems, allowing families enough time to move to safer areas and protect essential belongings.

By releasing assistance before conditions worsen, the approach reduces both human suffering and financial loss, while improving preparedness at the community level through trained volunteers who can respond quickly and effectively.

Additionally, anticipatory action enhances protection for vulnerable groups such as women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, who often face greater risks during emergencies.

It also helps reduce damage to homes, farms, and livelihoods, supporting faster recovery and greater long-term resilience. A more coordinated national system prevents duplication, ensures better use of resources, and strengthens Liberia’s overall disaster readiness.

A UNIFIED PATH FORWARD

The dialogue concluded with a united commitment to strengthen national systems, deepen collaboration, and ensure that no Liberian is left behind when hazards threaten.

The Liberia National Red Cross and its partners reaffirmed that anticipatory action is no longer optional—it is essential for protecting communities, preserving development gains, and building a safer and more resilient Liberia.

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-Ms. Karin Westerberg,



Ms. Karin Westerberg, SRC Head of Policy and Thematic Support

LNRCS BOARD REAFFIRMS BLAMOH'S LEADERSHIP, PLEDGES GREATER HUMANITARIAN IMPACT



The National Executive Board (NEB) of the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) has unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the leadership of its Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General, Mr. Gregory T. Blamoh, renewing his contract for an additional two years.

Addressing the NEB during its meeting in Sanniquellie, the President of the Liberian Red Cross, Mr. Wee Rogers, praised Mr. Blamoh's outstanding performance over the past four years. He noted that Mr. Blamoh's leadership had been thoroughly reviewed, appraised, and vetted, and the Board was pleased to extend his service.

"The decision to retain Mr. Blamoh was first reached by the National Executive Committee (NEC), and the NEB's latest resolution serves as a strong confirmation of confidence in his leadership," Mr. Rogers stated. The Board also admitted Mr. Amando G. Paye into its body as Chairperson of the Commission on Finance and Risk. Mr. Paye, a seasoned auditor with 19 years of professional experience, was nominated, vetted, and confirmed by the NEC before his induction.

In addition, the Board has endorsed and approved the 2026 operational budget of the Liberian Red Cross, amounting to over half a million United States Dollars. This budget is exclusive of program and project costs, which will be determined based on community needs.

The meeting was attended by the Head of the IFRC Freetown Cluster, Mr. Peter Ophoff, who congratulated the Board on its leadership decisions. He reminded members that the humanitarian sector is facing a global crisis, citing reduced donor support in addressing complex and pressing community needs.

"The humanitarian sector is in crisis. Donor support is shrinking while needs are growing. The Liberian Red Cross must explore innovative opportunities, mobilize resources, and strengthen its capacity to continue supporting vulnerable communities in Liberia," Mr. Ophoff urged.

SECRETARY GENERAL's FEEDBACK:

In response to the Board's decision, Secretary General Gregory T. Blamoh expressed gratitude and reaffirmed his commitment to advancing the mission of the Liberian Red Cross. "I am deeply honored by the confidence reposed in me by both the NEC and the NEB. This renewal is not just about me—it is about the collective work we have done together to serve humanity in Liberia," Mr. Blamoh said.

He emphasized that the renewal of his contract is a call to greater responsibility and innovation in addressing humanitarian challenges. "The humanitarian landscape is changing rapidly, and we must adapt. My focus over the next two years will be on strengthening community resilience, expanding partnerships, and ensuring accountability in all our operations. Together, we will continue to bring hope and relief to those who need it most," he added.

Strengthening Humanitarian Commitment

The NEB meeting also received, reviewed, and approved reports from Regional Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, Secretary General, President, and Committee Chairs, as well as endorsing two policy documents. Through these decisions, the Liberian Red Cross has reaffirmed its collective commitment to strengthening its mission and advancing humanitarian affairs with renewed energy and dedication to serving communities across Liberia.



“PLANTING SEEDS OF HUMANITY:



Students of Gbokolleh Elementary Public School, Bentol City, Montserrado County, November 2025

The LNRCS and Yayeh Initiative Empower Children to Lead with Compassion”

The Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS), through its Youth and Volunteer Development Commission in collaboration with the Yayeh Initiative, has reached out to support over 70 school children in Bentol City with essential school supplies, reaffirming its commitment to nurturing the next generation of humanitarian leaders.

Students from Youth Camp Public School, Gbokolleh Elementary Public School, and Elder John T.T. Gayflor Daycare School were among the beneficiaries of the intervention, receiving book bags, copybooks, pencils, and shoes. The gesture, though modest, sent a powerful message of compassion, hope, and solidarity at a time when many children continue to face barriers to education due to economic hardship.

Speaking during the outreach, the National Youth Representative and Chairperson of the LNRCS Youth and Volunteer Development Commission, Ms. Grace Weah, described the initiative as a demonstration of the Red Cross's firm belief that humanitarian leadership begins with compassion in action.

“Every act of kindness plants a seed for a better society,” Ms. Weah said. “By supporting children today, we are investing in the future – in leaders who will carry forward the spirit of humanity, service, and solidarity. The Red Cross is committed to preparing the next generation of humanitarian leaders who will continue to make a positive impact in their schools, communities, and the nation.”

She emphasized that education is a fundamental right and that supporting school children aligns with the Red Cross's broader mission to promote Humanitarian Values and Principles, Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI), and community resilience.

The Chairperson of the LNRCS Youth and Volunteer Development Commission also highlighted the importance of empowering children through education and humanitarian engagement. “Our goal is to ensure that no child is left behind,” Ms. Weah noted.

The partnership was further strengthened by the involvement of the Yayeh Initiative, a youth-led organization committed to promoting education, empowerment, and community development. Speaking at the event, Ambassador Yayehsorie Jalloh, Executive Director of the Yayeh Initiative Inc, praised the collaboration with the Red Cross as a model of effective partnership for social change.

“Working with the Red Cross demonstrates the power of collaboration for humanity,” Amb. Jalloh said. “Together, we are not only reaching schools but changing lives. This partnership reflects our shared vision of giving every child a fair opportunity to learn, dream, and succeed.”

Amb. Jalloh further noted that the Yayeh Initiative Inc. remains dedicated to supporting vulnerable communities and looks forward to more joint interventions with the Liberian Red Cross. “Education is the foundation of development,” she added.

“When we equip children with the tools they need to stay in school, we are investing in the human capital that will drive our nation forward. We are proud to walk alongside the Liberian Red Cross in promoting compassion, service, and leadership among Liberia's youth.”





School administrators expressed gratitude for the intervention, describing it as timely and impactful. Mrs. Maryann Z.T. Mboma, Principal of Elder John T.T. Glayflor Memorial Sanctuary of Praise Academy, thanked the Red Cross and its partners for their continued commitment to education.

"This support has lifted a burden off many parents who struggle to provide basic school materials," Madam Mboma said. "Our students are encouraged and motivated to stay in school and study harder. We appreciate the Red Cross for being a true partner to education and humanity."

The LNRCS has established school clubs across several counties, promoting health and hygiene education, humanitarian values, protection, gender and inclusion awareness, and youth leadership development. These clubs serve as a platform for young people to learn, lead, and live by the principles of humanity, impartiality, and service.

As the Red Cross continues to extend its reach, it remains steadfast in its mission to build resilient communities through the power of youth, volunteerism, and humanity in action.

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-GRACE WEAH



EMPOWERING YOUTH, ENABLING CHANGE:



LNRCs HOSTS LANDMARK NATIONAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

As the sun dipped behind the rolling hills of Nimba on November 30, the quiet city of Sanniquellie came alive with the footsteps of youth and volunteers converging from every corner of Liberia. Traveling by motorbikes, buses, and other means of transport, they arrived with suitcases and traveling bags in hand and determination in their hearts, their faces lit with smiles that spoke of anticipation and hope.

The Koppa Guesthouse, designated venue of the National Youth Symposium, quickly transformed into a vibrant hub of greetings, hands were shaken, and hugs exchanged—gestures that symbolized unity and resilience, as strangers became friends and chapters united under one banner. In that moment, the symposium was not just beginning; it was already fulfilling its promise: to empower youth, to enable change, and to remind Liberia that the future of humanitarian service beats strongest in the hearts of its young volunteers.

It was more than an arrival—it was the rebirth of a one National Society. After more than a decade without such a gathering, the Liberia National Red Cross Society, through its Youth and Volunteer Development Commission, reignited the spirit of volunteerism and innovation with the hosting of a landmark two-day National Youth Symposium under the theme “Empowering Youth, Enabling Change.” From December 1-2, 2025, 47 participants representing 14 chapters across the country stood together, energized and engaged in intensive learning, practical demonstrations, and recreational activities designed to strengthen leadership, deepen humanitarian knowledge, and enhance digital literacy.

TECHNOLOGY AT THE HEART OF CHANGE:

One of the most groundbreaking aspects of the symposium was its deliberate focus on exposing youth to technology and artificial intelligence. In a session led by the CEO of CYGEC IT Solutions Charles Kpan Jr, participants were introduced to AI tools such as ChatGPT, DeepSeek, and Copilot. Through guided exercises, they explored how these tools can be applied in messaging, program design, poster creation, and online engagement.

For many, this was their first encounter with AI in a humanitarian context. “I learned about effective leadership, teamwork, communication, and the importance of youth engagement in strengthening Red Cross programs,” said Salomie Worker from Montserrado Chapter. “Additionally, I learned about the use of AI and how it can support communication and improve our work as volunteers.”

This exposure to technology underscored the evolving role of digital tools in humanitarian service, ensuring that Red Cross youth remain adaptable and equipped to meet modern challenges.

SUPPORT THAT INSPIRES:

The symposium would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Swedish Red Cross. Their contribution went beyond logistics—they championed youth empowerment and inspired participants to embrace innovation and service. From covering the cost of the symposium to providing technical guidance, their partnership was a testament to the global solidarity of the Red Cross Movement. “The Swedish Red Cross helped us bring the theme ‘Empowering Youth, Enabling Change’ to life,” said the National Youth Representative Grace Weah during the opening session. “Their support ensured that our youth could gather, learn, and grow together.”





VOICES OF INSPIRATION:

The symposium was filled with personal stories of transformation. For many, it was their first time attending such a gathering, and the impact was profound. "I felt inspired and energized," shared Agnic Wee. "It allowed me to see how humanitarian principles are applied. I liked the interactive sessions rather than one-way presentations, which made learning more engaging. Continuing the symposium is necessary, but it should be rotated to other counties."

Saah Joseph from Margibi Chapter added, "During the symposium, I felt at home, away from home. I learned about several applications that will help me do my reports easily. I enjoyed the networking, fun, and educative sessions. Yes, yes, yes—we should continue this, but maybe reduce the contribution and rotate venues."

For others, the symposium was a platform to build confidence and strengthen their identity as Red Cross volunteers. "I learned more about the fundamental principles which empower me to speak anywhere as an LNRCS volunteer," said Matthew Greal from Grand Gedeh. "It was different because all the activities were dedicated to the Red Cross Society."

OWNERSHIP AND COMMITMENT:

A key achievement of the symposium was the ownership demonstrated by youth and volunteers. Initially, organizers targeted 30 participants based on available budget. Yet, interest surged, with over 57 registering. Ultimately, 47 were approved, with each volunteer contributing \$20 and covering one-way transportation from their respective chapters. This collective commitment highlighted the determination of young people to invest in their own growth and the future of humanitarian service.

"I learned about effective leadership, teamwork, communication, and the importance of youth engagement in strengthening Red Cross programs."

-Salomie Worker

A RENEWED SPIRIT OF SERVICE

From early morning "Rise and Shine" sessions to hands-on first aid demonstrations, the symposium blended discipline, learning, and camaraderie. It strengthened bonds across counties, celebrated volunteerism, and ignited a renewed spirit of service. "The symposium was wonderful," said Abraham Cassell. "It made us think outside the box, do things differently in line with our principles, and strengthen volunteer partnerships. Contributing to our activities creates a sense of belonging and ownership. We are sincerely grateful".

As the curtains closed on the two-day event, one message was clear: Liberian Red Cross youth are ready to lead change. With strengthened networks, enhanced skills, and exposure to technology, they stand prepared to brighten the future of humanitarian action. The National Youth Symposium was not just a gathering—it was a promise. A promise that the energy, knowledge, and friendships forged will continue to inspire resilience, innovation, and service across Liberia.



LNRCS, MOT, LMS SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN LIBERIA'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS



LNRCS CEO & Assistant Transport Minister Sign MOU, with SRC Partner – Monrovia, October 2025

The Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) and the Ministry of Transport, through the Liberia Meteorological Service (LMS), have signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance collaboration in meteorological and climate data sharing, particularly on alerts related to floods, extreme rainfall, and heatwaves.

The MOU establishes a framework for cooperation aimed at strengthening Liberia's early warning systems, improving weather-based training, and enhancing community preparedness and resilience through timely and reliable weather and climate information dissemination. The signing of the agreement comes at a critical time when Liberia continues to experience the growing impacts of climate change, including the increasing frequency and intensity of floods, heatwaves, and heavy rainfall events.

Under the terms of the MOU, the Liberia Meteorological Service (LMS) will provide the Red Cross with timely weather alerts and early warning bulletins, while the LNRCS will utilize its extensive network of chapters, branches, and community-based volunteers to disseminate this information to at-risk communities across the country.

The collaboration will also include joint planning, training, and implementation activities throughout the five-year period, with the possibility of renewal upon mutual agreement.

The signing ceremony of the MOU was held at the Headquarters of the Liberia National Red Cross Society in Monrovia where the Secretary General of the LNRCS, Mr. Gregory T. Blamoh, signed on behalf of the Red Cross, and Assistant Minister for Administration and Insurance at the Ministry of Transport, Mr. James Karpu Momo, signed on behalf of the Ministry and the Government of Liberia.

In his remarks, Mr. Blamoh expressed gratitude for the partnership, noting that it marks an important milestone in advancing Liberia's disaster preparedness and climate resilience efforts. He emphasized that proactive collaboration between humanitarian and government institutions is vital to reducing disaster impacts on vulnerable populations.

"If we are going to help communities withstand disasters and make the impact less severe, we must act before disaster strikes. Being able to alert and move people or their valuables in time makes all the difference," Blamoh added.

Speaking at the ceremony, Assistant Minister James Karpu Momo reaffirmed the Ministry of Transport's commitment to strengthening coordination with the Red Cross in providing timely and accurate weather information for disaster risk reduction and response.

"The integration of meteorological services into the operations of the Red Cross will undoubtedly enhance our ability to respond to emergencies effectively. Through this partnership, we aim to strengthen our capacity to serve the people of Liberia, particularly in rural and vulnerable communities," Momo noted.

The collaboration underscores the complementary roles of the Liberia Meteorological Service and the Liberia National Red Cross Society in saving lives, protecting livelihoods, and building community resilience in the face of climate-related challenges.



PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED



600-MFDP EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FIRST AID TRAINING

The Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) has commenced a comprehensive Workplace First Aid and Safety Training for 600 employees of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP). The training marks the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the two institutions to strengthen workplace safety, emergency preparedness, and health awareness among public servants.

First Aid is the immediate care given to a person who becomes suddenly ill or injured, aimed at minimizing the effects of the condition until professional medical assistance is available.

Beginning Tuesday, November 11, and running through December 4, 2025, the First Aid training program will equip MFDP staff with practical skills and confidence to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies in the workplace. It also seeks to foster a culture of safety, preparedness, and timely intervention in line with occupational health and safety best practices for government institutions.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Liberia National Red Cross Society, Gregory T. Blamoh, commended the Ministry's leadership for taking a proactive step toward workplace safety and employee well-being. "Workplace accidents are unforeseen events resulting in injury or illness due to work duties, conditions, or the environment. Accidents can also result from contact with objects, exposure to hazards, or acts of violence. Accidents at work can result in both non-fatal and fatal injuries", he noted.

The Red Cross CEO believes that through the partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, workplace safety will be promoted and ensured. "Ensuring workplace safety is a shared responsibility. Every injury prevented means a life protected, a family preserved, and productivity sustained. Therefore, when we prioritize safety, we protect our most valuable asset—our people.

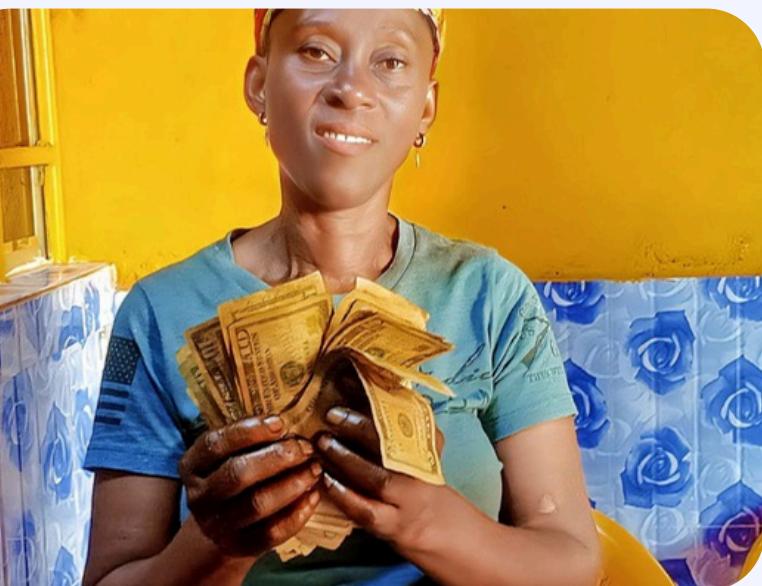
A safe workplace is the foundation for a healthy, productive, and resilient organization," Mr. Blamoh added. He further highlighted that First Aid is one of the Red Cross's key income-generating activities, helping raise local funds to support its humanitarian operations across Liberia. "Commercial First Aid training remains one of our core income streams—allowing us to support local humanitarian actions while building safer and more resilient workplaces nationwide," Mr. Blamoh added.

He emphasized that the partnership with the Ministry highlights the Liberia National Red Cross Society's unwavering commitment to promoting health, safety, and continuous capacity building. "Our collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning reaffirms the Red Cross's dedication to fostering a safe and healthy work environment where employees can operate with confidence and efficiency," he concluded.

The Liberia National Red Cross Society offers a variety of first aid training programs—including Basic First Aid, Occupational First Aid, and Emergency Life-Saving First Aid—as well as customized first aid kits for personal, office, home, and vehicle use.



CASH BENEFICIARIES: “THIS ASSISTANCE IS A LIFELINE”



ECOWAS, LNRCS, and NDMA Provide Cash Assistance to Flood-Affected Families

In the wake of devastating floods that swept across Liberia in 2024, leaving homes submerged and livelihoods shattered, a powerful wave of hope has begun to rise. For 1,820 families once engulfed by despair, the recent cash transfer initiative led by ECOWAS, the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS), and the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has become more than financial aid – it is a lifeline, a declaration of solidarity, and a promise of resilience.

From Despair to Determination

Entire communities once stood knee-deep in floodwaters, their homes damaged and their futures uncertain. Yet, through the ECOWAS Humanitarian Response Project – which approved over half a million dollars to support disaster-affected populations – families are now reclaiming dignity and rebuilding their lives.

“This project is more than a humanitarian response – it is an investment in resilience, dignity, and empowerment,” affirmed Gregory T. Blamoh, Secretary General of the LNRCS. His words echo the spirit of a coordinated effort that goes beyond immediate relief, laying the foundation for stronger, more self-reliant communities.

Stories of Courage and Gratitude

The impact of the initiative is best told through the voices of its beneficiaries, among whom the stories of courage and determination are deeply inspiring.

Among the many beneficiaries, the stories of courage and determination shine brightly. “I never received that kind of money since I became blind – today, I feel alive again,” said Joe Swen, a visually impaired resident of Matilda community. He explained the dangers of begging in the streets and the hardship of living in floodwaters that reached his knees. “The money I received today – I never saw that amount in my life since I got blind. I am very happy and grateful to ECOWAS and the Red Cross for this help. I will use it wisely to take care of my needs.” Joe’s testimony reflects how simple acts of compassion can restore dignity and transform lives, especially for those who once felt forgotten.

For Theresa P. Moore, a single mother living in a zinc structure, the assistance was nothing short of a lifeline. “For too long, my children and I lived in the water – today, I can finally start rebuilding our home,” she said after receiving her payment. With gratitude, she added: “I really appreciate ECOWAS and the partners for their goodwill. The water damaged my zinc shop and embarrassed me and my children. I will buy bricks to raise the foundation and zinc to fix the roof. Even if the water fills the yard, it should not enter our room again.” Her determination to rebuild reflects the resilience of countless families who refuse to be defeated by disaster.

Another beneficiary, Angeline Joe, fought back tears as she shared her experience. “The water broke my house down – the sticks were rotting, and when it rained, it sounded like the house would collapse,” she recalled. “I received 250 U.S. dollars. With that, I will buy sticks and dirt to fix my house. I thank ECOWAS, the Red Cross, and the NDMA for coming to our aid. I am so happy that I don’t even know what to say.” Her words capture the relief and gratitude felt across affected communities, where hundreds of similar stories echo – tales of hardship turning into hope, and despair giving way to determination through this initiative.





Beyond Relief: Building Resilience

Beyond immediate cash transfers, the project is taking a holistic approach by investing in long-term resilience. It is restoring safe water access through the construction of 19 new handpumps, two solar-powered water towers, and the rehabilitation of 36 facilities, while also strengthening food security by training and equipping 200 farmers with seeds, tools, and climate-smart practices.

These efforts go beyond just disaster relief; they empower communities to recover sustainably and better withstand future shocks.

A Declaration of Solidarity

At the launch, ECOWAS Ambassador to Liberia, H.E. Josephine Nkrumah, captured the essence of the initiative: "This project is not just a symbol of support – it's a declaration of solidarity. ECOWAS stands with the people of Liberia not just in words, but in meaningful action."

Her words remind us that humanitarian response is not charity; it is shared humanity. It is about restoring dignity, livelihoods, and hope for families who once felt forgotten.

A Future Rebuilt on Unity and Strength

As floodwaters recede, what remains is not just damaged homes but a renewed sense of unity. The partnership between ECOWAS, LNRCS, and NDMA demonstrates that when compassion, coordination, and community strength converge, no disaster is too great to overcome. This initiative is more than aid – it is a testament to resilience, a beacon of hope, and a powerful reminder that together, we rise.

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-H.E. Josephine Nkrumah

The Stories of Courage:

• **Joe Swen**, a visually impaired resident, shared with emotion: "I never received that kind of money since I became blind – today, I feel alive again." His words reflect the transformative power of compassion, turning vulnerability into renewed strength.

• **Theresa P. Moore**, a single mother, described the assistance as a lifeline: "For too long, my children and I lived in the water – today, I can finally start rebuilding our home." With bricks and zinc sheets, she is determined to protect her children from future floods.

• **Angeline Joe**, whose home collapsed under the weight of floodwaters, expressed gratitude through tears: "I received 250 U.S. dollars. With that, I will buy sticks and dirt to fix my house. I am so happy that I don't even know what to say."



COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTERS: A BEACON OF HOPE AND PREPAREDNESS



Information is as vital as food and water—especially in times of crisis. For communities across Liberia's Sinoe, Grand Kru, and River Gee counties, the establishment of Community Information Centers (CICs) under the GIRL Project (Green Inclusive and Resilient Liberia) has become a transformative achievement, ensuring that life-saving messages reach people when they need them most.

The most recent milestone was the completion of the CIC in Nrokvia Community, where residents gathered with pride to witness the opening of a hub designed to empower them with knowledge, strengthen resilience, and foster unity.

Each center is equipped with solar lights, horn speakers, a mixer, amplifier, and microphones—tools that enable trained members of the Community-Based Action Teams (CBATs) to share timely information. Whether it is an early warning about floods, health alerts, or guidance during emergencies, these centers ensure that communities are not left in the dark.

Community members expressed their gratitude and excitement. “Before, we relied on rumors and word of mouth, which often came too late,” said Eathedline Wilson, the Women Leader in Nrokvia. “Now, with the Information Center, we hear accurate messages quickly. It gives us peace of mind knowing we can protect our children.”

For elders, the centers are more than just a communication tool—they are cultural spaces. “This is where we can pass down our stories, our values, and our wisdom to the younger generation,” shared Elder Henry Sieh. “It is not only about warnings; it is about teaching unity and peaceful living.”

The impact of these centers extends beyond disaster preparedness. It provides information of health and the environment and on moral and peaceful coexistence. In this way, the CICs are strengthening the social fabric of communities while building resilience against future challenges.

The success of this initiative would not have been possible without the generous support of the Swedish Embassy and the Swedish Red Cross. Their commitment to empowering communities in Liberia has brought hope and practical solutions to areas that often face isolation during emergencies. “We are deeply thankful to our Swedish partners,” said the GIRL Project Officer Mary-Anne Kpangbai. “Their support means we can save lives and build stronger communities.”

As the GIRL Project concludes, the CIC is one of the key deliverables and stands as a shining example of how access to information can transform lives. They remind us that resilience is not only about infrastructure, but about people—empowered, informed, and united.

With community participation and international solidarity, the Liberian Red Cross is building a future where no one is left behind and where information truly becomes a lifeline.



COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ACTION:



Volunteers Clearing Drains and Stagnant Water – Greenville, Sinoe, October 2025



Red Cross School Club Members in Action – Tappita, Nimba County, October 2025

Red Cross Strengthens Environmental Protection and Humanitarian Leadership

In Greenville, Sinoe County, the Liberia National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) has once again demonstrated the power of community service and volunteerism. During the rainy season, residents endured heavy flooding that disrupted transportation, slowed business activities, and affected daily life. The situation seemed overwhelming—until Red Cross volunteers stepped in with determination and compassion.

Armed with tools and an unwavering spirit, volunteers cleared major drainages and cleaned the environment, restoring the free flow of water and improving movement for both pedestrians and motorists. Their timely intervention not only eased the flooding and removed the still water but also safeguarded public health, safety, and dignity. This effort forms part of the Volunteers' Green Response initiative, a program dedicated to keeping communities clean, green, and safe.

"This is more than just cleaning drains," explained the Field Officer of Sinoe Otis F. George. "It's about protecting lives. When water flows freely, we prevent diseases, accidents, and hardship. We are proud to serve our community."

Community members echoed this sense of relief and gratitude. "For weeks, we struggled to move around. Our businesses suffered, and our children could not get to school easily," said a prominent Business Woman Miatta Karmo. "The Red Cross volunteers gave us back our community. Their work has brought hope and dignity."

But the Red Cross's impact goes beyond immediate action. Through its Humanitarian School Clubs, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), LNRCS is nurturing the next generation of humanitarian leaders.

Young people from Nimba, Lofa, and Grand Bassa Counties are being empowered to champion environmental protection, good hygiene, health practices, and gender inclusion.

"These clubs are teaching us that protecting the environment is protecting ourselves," shared student Adolphusline Sonkarlay of Sarah Doe. "We are learning to lead change in our schools and communities. It feels good to know we can make a difference."

By combining direct action with education, the Red Cross is building resilience at every level of society. Volunteers are tackling today's challenges, while youth are preparing for tomorrow's. Together, they are shaping communities that are cleaner, safer, and more united.

The call to action is clear: community members must join hands, act early, and take responsibility for their environment. As the Field Officer for Nimba put it Winifred Zarboe put it, "The Red Cross cannot do it alone. Every person has a role to play. When we work together, we prevent disasters and protect our families."

With compassion, resilience, and the support of partners, the Liberia National Red Cross Society continues to uplift communities across the nation. Their work is a reminder that service, solidarity, and awareness are the true foundations of a stronger, greener, and more resilient Liberia.





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