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VA-669-21-000010

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. **SOLICITATION NO:** VA-669-21-000010
2. **ISSUANCE DATE:** 09/24/21
3. **CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS:** 10/08/2021 at 17:30
4. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Executive Officer, email at [LiberiaHR@usaid.gov](mailto:LiberiaHR@usaid.gov)
5. **POSITION TITLE:** Computer Management Specialist (Systems Manager)
6. **MARKET VALUE:** USD 40,344 to 64,550 [USD] equivalent to FSN-11  
In accordance with AIDAR Appendix J and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value.
7. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** Initial contract will be for one year with optional years included for extension based on the programmatic needs, funding availability, and performance. This is considered a permanent position. Employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.
8. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** Monrovia, Liberia with possible travel as stated in the Statement of Duties.
9. **ELIGIBLE OFFERORS:** Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.
10. **SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED:** Facility and computer access.
11. **STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

Within the Executive Office of USAID/Liberia the Executive Office's Information Technology (IT) team is responsible for providing computer network operations and support to the Mission's approximately 107 staff. The USAID/Liberia Information Management Specialist (Systems Manager) is the principal advisor, manager and technical expert on all aspects of computer systems for USAID/Liberia and assumes all the duties and responsibilities of the IT team. Reporting directly to the Supervisory Executive Officer, the incumbent is directly responsible and accountable for the management and administration of the computer facility and related human and financial resources, systems analysis, programming, installation, testing, evaluation, monitoring capacity and performance on all platforms, maintaining security, operating systems and application programs. The incumbent will directly supervise two employees, Computer Management Assistants. The position is a member of the USAID Mission's Management Team and escalates all IT issues to the Supervisory, or Deputy Executive Officers as required.

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Systems Administration/Maintenance (30%)**
  - Plan and develop innovative ways of expansion of Mission network and all technology resources to accommodate new positions, teams, and new ways of doing business considering local business needs.
  - Provide first-hand hardware maintenance support for all ICT equipment and peripherals. Performs diagnostic tests to determine faulty components, replaces defective components, and have the components repaired by contractors if they cannot be repaired by the IT Systems staff.
  - Advise and research IT management trends, technical problems, and the need for hardware and software upgrades, ensuring that technology enhances Mission productivity and continuity.
  - Liaise with senior officials in the USAID/W Chief Information Officer (CIO) on Mission-wide network management.
  - Ensure CIO initiated strategy, vision, and specific projects are implemented in a timely and efficient manner.
  - Manage the implementation of network user management by providing accessibility to Mission network resources, including, but not exclusive to email, internet/intranet, public folders, and IT training programs.
  - Manage USAID/Liberia Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN), including servers and a complex collection of LAN devices and equipment that supports 107 users.
  - Perform systems administration functions on all platforms supported. These functions include adding, deleting, and modifying user profiles, managing network passwords, and controlling access rights to directories and files.
  - Foster the creation, and development, of customer service feedback methods in order to assess and monitor customer interests, experiences, and participation.
  - Manage the iPhone and iPad service for USAID/Liberia ensuring users access the service while in the country and anywhere in the world where service exists.
  - Manage the return on IT investment and minimize total cost of ownership by evaluating all new software and hardware for conformance to Agency needs.
  - Monitor capacity, and performance, on the network, manage system configuration.
- B. System Reporting Requirements, Procurement Plan, Budgeting, and Supervision (20%)**
  - Directly supervise two Computer Management Assistants.
  - Provide appropriate orientation, training and guidance to USAID structured on-the-job training, familiarization with system policies and configuration. Conduct periodic assessment of the IT team's progress.
  - Oversee the development, tracking, and implementation of procurement plans for the acquisition of IT equipment for USAID/Liberia offices by evaluating, prioritizing, and participating in regular, or special meetings, and in one-on-one consultations with USAID managers regarding operations, policy, practice, procedures and problems relative to USAID technology, operational needs and staff training needs.
  - Prepare reports to client management, as requested/required on the status of the computer network weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis.
  - Oversee the technical specifications for desired hardware and software, liaising with vendors on pre-sale technical issues and warranty administration.
  - Inventory all hardware and software, including PCs, printers, servers and telecommunications equipment and prepare reports as requested/required.
- C. Telecommunications Support (15%)**
  - Liaise with Liberian Telecommunications Company senior officials to ensure connectivity is at acceptable levels for staff to accomplish their work. Regularly meet with the local government Internet Service Provider (ISP) office to discuss policies related to Internet filtering and other monitoring issues that affect Internet connectivity.
  - Manage DTSP0 satellite circuit for USAID/Liberia as a backup Internet connection.
  - Ensure the Internet connection is at an acceptable level for staff to access IT resources. Ensure the local ISP provides timely service.
  - Manage and monitor local loops to connect with the Embassy or other USAID facilities locally.
  - Interface with Embassy telecommunications staff, the local telecom and IRM/TCO to analyze, troubleshoot, maintain, and monitor connectivity.
  - Manage the backup connectivity to AidNet through satellite connections to ensure back-up operations provide continuity to the Mission during failure with the local ISP's service.
- D. IT Security and Contingency Planning Compliance (15%)**
  - In conformity with Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) guidelines, enforce IT security by ensuring USAID/Liberia has zero, or negligible, vulnerabilities and all network resources meet Agency approved security guidelines.
  - Create, develop, implement, enforce, and when necessary, update Mission standard policies, guidelines, and procedures pertaining to the Management of Information Resources (ADS 541, 545, 548, NIST, etc.).
  - This includes Mission Orders, Mission Notices, and relevant information technology.

- Prepare, update, and enforce system security and contingency plans.
- Design, improve, and upgrade USAID/Liberia hardware and software support systems in compliance with Agency standard requirements and regulations.
- Review, implement, and test, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning procedures and ensure Mission data is safeguarded and prevent accidental loss of data.
- Ensure, and review, appropriate permissions to access various resources in compliance with CIO IT policy and deploy non-default complex passwords.
- Escalate all security incidents promptly reported to the Mission ISSO and take remedial steps to educate, and inform, staff on security violations.

- E. Project Support, USAID Developed Applications, Financial Management Systems Support (10%)**
  - Provide Technical Support and play an advisory role to Development Objective Teams' ICT project implementations. Provide procurement, planning, monitoring, and analytical support as required.
  - Work closely with the designated Application Coordinators, or other staff, within respective user offices to assist in the implementation, and operation, of the various USAID-developed applications.

- F. Information Systems Strategic and Change Management Planning (10%)**
  - Develop new configurations to accommodate changes in the network due to mission staff size fluctuations, physical office moves, or other environmental changes. This work will be done in conjunction with DOS/ISPs, and IMO staff, using standard AID-DOS hardware/software/network configurations and involves designing the layout of networking equipment and wiring to support LAN/WAN connections. The Systems Administrator/Manager may be required to interface with vendors when the mission procures new hardware/software, and to facilitate/manage shipping, warranty, and maintenance issues.
  - Systems Manager will be responsible for the Change Management (CM) process to plan for, implement, and document major network changes. A Change Management (CM) process should be in place to cover technical work that may have a serious impact on the network in terms of availability of services or performance. This process ensures that the end users, and mission management, are aware of the technical work to be executed ahead of time and that adequate resources to carry out the work are available. A Change Management (CM) plan should also outline the expected results and include a detailed "bailout" plan in the event the work fails.

**Supervision controls**

Reports directly to the Supervisory Executive Officer who provides general policy guidance and direction. The incumbent carries out most responsibilities with minimal oversight, including direct interaction with Information Technology staff and Mission users.

**Supervisory Relationship**

The incumbent supervises, assigns work, and provides guidance and training to two employees at CCN-9 grade.

**12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

**III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION**

1. **Education:** Minimum of bachelor's degree in computer sciences/Technology field, or Information Systems, is required.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** Minimum of Five (5) years of progressively responsible technical, and administrative, computer operation experience is required.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** For applicants who are not Liberian Citizens, valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia are required. **This information should be clearly stated in the application package.**
4. **Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in speaking and writing English Level IV (fluent) is required.

**III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS**

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application, and their oral interviews.

**1. Selection Process**

After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be interviewed. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

**2. Evaluation Factors**

Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant's writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

**FACTOR #1:** Please describe how your technical, administrative, and operations experience directly relates to the major duties and responsibilities of this position.

**3. Basis of Rating**

Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factor	50 points
Interview Performance	50 points

Total Possible Points 100 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's ability to:

- Respond in a clear and concise manner to a series of questions about your experience, skills, goals, and other areas.

**IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER**

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line VA-669-21-000010 – Computer Management Specialist (Systems Manager) [LiberiaHR@usaid.gov](mailto:LiberiaHR@usaid.gov)

Applicants may submit an application package prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents, or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant's references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
3. A narrative of not more than 250 words how your qualifications meet the Evaluation Factor above.

Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. At the time of applications, candidates must also meet in full the work experience requirement. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

# EDITORIAL

## Stop killing our women

A SILENT BUT gruesome attack on women for whatever reason is raging in Liberia like business as usual. Every other day across the country, including the capital, Monrovia the dead body of a woman is discovered and reported with perpetrators at large.

IN LESS THAN a month the number of murder-related deaths involving women is not only scaring, but attention-drawing though no one seems to be listening, not even the government.

THE ATTACKS RANGE from domestic violence to ritualistic killings that specifically target women with some of the victims narrowly escaping their captors by the skin of their teeth. To cite but a few, a young lady was discovered murdered on September 18th along the beach in Sinkor, Monrovia. Next, a female survivor narrated her ordeal from riding a commercial bike when a male passenger that sat behind suffocated her by placing a handkerchief on face, forcing her to go unconscious.

SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY taken to an unknown destination where she saw other fellow women subjected to cruelty of unimaginable proportion, but managed to escape after her captors put her aside because she was in her menstrual cycle, so she was able to narrate her experience to the media.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, the body of a reportedly insane woman was found dead in Caldwell, Montserrado County in an apparent attack with no arrest made.

THESE MYSTERIOUS KILLINGS are occurring at a time Liberians gear up for several by-elections across the country, including Montserrado County. Killing for ritualistic purposes, particularly to gain political power in Liberia is an age old practice.

BUT WHAT IS even more regretting is lack of intervention by state security forces, specifically the Liberia National Police. The inaction of the Police in terms of arrest is leaving citizens to think otherwise about their government.

THE SITUATION HAS reached an alarming level to an extent that the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Liberia Cllr. Dampster Brown recently raised serious concern about mysterious deaths and disappearances in the country.

CLLR. BROWN DESCRIBED such incidents as basic human rights issues that need to be addressed. We agree with him wholeheartedly that there is need for swift intervention by relevant state institutions to halt the secret killings in our country, particularly those targeting women.

EVEN SINCE VIOLENCE from our civil war ceased about 17 years ago, respect for basic human rights continue to elude Liberians with arbitrary killings being the order of the day. We call on the Weah administration to halt the secret murders across the country to restore public confidence in the administration. Failure to do so risks citizens taking the law into their own hands to protect themselves.

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# COMMENTARY

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## Reinvigorating Multilateralism

MADRID - Last year, the United Nations conducted a worldwide consultation involving more than one million people from 193 countries. The feedback pointed to some important facts. And this year's UN General Assembly must respond by bolstering rules-based multilateralism.

For starters, the consultation found that the expectations and hopes of the world's women, men, girls, and boys are strikingly similar. People want better access to basic health care, sanitation, and education. They also want to see more solidarity with those hit hardest by the pandemic and with those living in poverty. Respondents' top concern over the longer term is the twin crisis of climate change and accelerating biodiversity loss. Almost 90% of participants agree that global cooperation is vital to deal with today's challenges, and a majority believe that the pandemic has made international cooperation even more urgent. Especially encouraging is that young people worldwide clearly want more international cooperation.

Last year's consultation was a call to action. Now, UN Secretary-General António Guterres has released Our Common Agenda, which follows on the UN75 Political Declaration adopted by all UN member Heads of State and Government one year ago. The new agenda sets out a bold plan for how we can tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow.

The threat of breakdown must be viewed as an opportunity for a breakthrough. That is why we are committing to step up our countries' support for the secretary-general's efforts to translate the UN's ambitious agenda into reality.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which we are still battling at the global level, has driven home the message that we live in an interconnected and interdependent world. Moreover, in the last few months, we have seen record numbers of people affected by heat waves, devastating floods, and some of the largest wildfires in recent history, confirming once again the unparalleled threat posed by our changing climate.

The UN is the heart of the international system. The fact that the world came together 76 years ago to create an organization to "achieve international cooperation in solving international problems" is extraordinary in itself. But even more striking is that this organization, despite its challenges and shortcomings, has endured. It has shown that the path to a better, more peaceful, and sustainable future is paved with cooperation, not zero-sum competition.

However, the world's international organizations were built primarily to resolve inter-state challenges, not problems that transcend borders, such as financial crises, pandemics, terrorism, crime networks, threats to our oceans, or climate change. We therefore must modernize our multilateral institutions, making them fit for purpose and

better equipped to deal with the global and cross-generational challenges we face.

Having observed the stark differences between the world of the UN's founding generation and the world of today, we decided last year to revive the debate about reforming the UN Security Council, and to continue the work of revitalizing the General Assembly and strengthening the Economic and Social Council. In line with the Joint Statement that we signed on November 10, 2020, in Madrid, we see three areas of action that should be emphasized in order to advance our common goal of reinforcing multilateralism.

First, we need a renewed commitment to international cooperation. Multilateral organizations must be furnished with the means and the mandate to make a difference on the ground. Cooperation among the UN, regional organizations, and international financial institutions must improve at both the policy and the operational level. The multilateral system needs to be more open and inclusive to give young people, civil society, the private sector, academia, and others a spot at the table.

We are already putting this into practice. On the margins of this year's General Assembly, we have organized the virtual event "Delivering the UN Common Agenda: Action to Achieve Equality and Inclusion" in collaboration with the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies initiative. We intend to ensure that all voices are heard.

Second, we must act on the secretary-general's agenda of bold steps to revive and strengthen our capacity to tackle poverty and inequality; ensure inclusion, equal participation, and justice; address the climate crisis and accelerating biodiversity loss; and equip ourselves for future threats of pandemics.

We have learned from the COVID-19 crisis that we need to strengthen our collective ability to anticipate, prevent, and manage complex risks such as disease outbreaks, new wars, massive cyberattacks, environmental disasters, or other unforeseen events. We therefore welcome the secretary-general's suggestions for how to strengthen global foresight and risk-management capacity, including the proposal for a new global "Emergency Platform."

Lastly, we welcome the proposal for a Summit of the Future in 2023, and we should use that opportunity to step up our efforts to strengthen international cooperation. In today's world, with so many issues reverberating across borders and generations, we must seize this moment to create a more agile, effective, and accountable multilateral system that delivers for all citizens and enables us to tackle the global challenges we face.

We want to be at the forefront of this endeavor. Together, we can and must reinvigorate rules-based multilateralism, with a stronger and more inclusive UN at its core. This is the great political task of our times.



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The Liberia Telecommunications Corporation invites sealed bids from reputable companies for the following:

Tender No	Description of Jobsitems	Qty	Bid Submission Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/006/2021	Supply and Delivery of Electrical Materials	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

The bids will be opened on the above date & time in the presence of participating bidders or their representatives who wish to attend

Detailed tender requirements are available on the Ground Floor, Procurement Unit, Procurement Department, Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LTC Mobile), Broad & Lynch Streets, Monrovia, Liberia

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/008/2021	Supply and Delivery of Building Materials	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/004/2021	Supply and Delivery of Cleaning Tools	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/005/2021	Supply and Delivery of Generator Spare Parts	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/002/2021	Supply and Delivery of Janitorial Supplies	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/014/2021	Supply and Delivery of Lubricants	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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IFB No. LIBTELCO/NCB/015/2021	Supply and Delivery of Power Equipment	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

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Tender No	Description of Jobstems	Qty	Bid Submission Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
IFB No. LTC MOBILE/NCB/003/2021	Supply and Delivery of Vehicles Spare Parts	In Bid Doc	September 20, 2021 – October 18, 2021 9:00AM – 5:00PM	October 19, 2021 1:00PM

The bids will be opened on the above date & time in the presence of participating bidders or their representatives who wish to attend

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Department of Procurement  
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Email: procurement@libtelco.com.lr

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# ADFD and Liberian Foreign Minister discuss strengthening joint cooperation

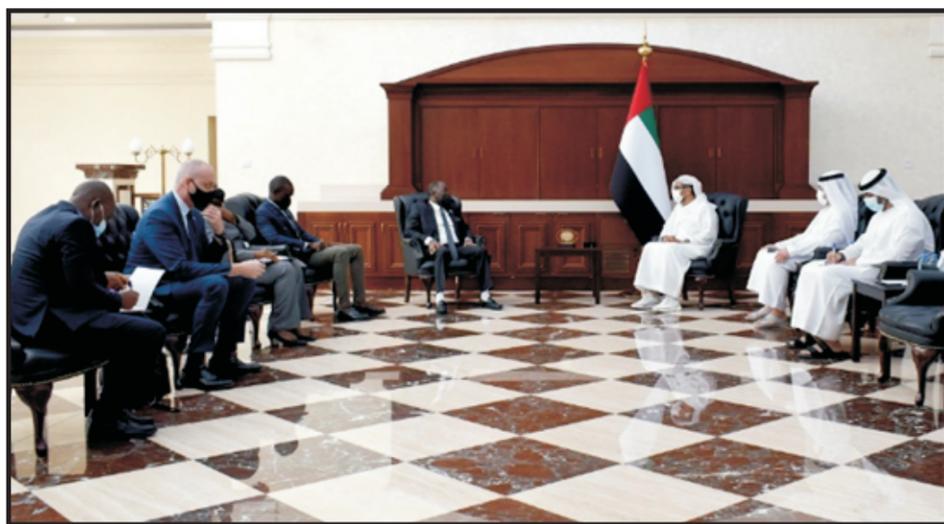
Director General of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), Mohamed Saif Al Suwaidi received a delegation from the Republic of Liberia headed by His Excellency De-Maxwell SahKemaye, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral relations and ways of exploring cooperation in several key areas, including the role of the Fund in supporting the nation's objectives of advancing sustainable economic development.

H.E. Muhammad Saif Al-Suwaidi said: "The visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia and the accompanying delegation represented an important

SahKemaye expressed his appreciation to the United Arab Emirates and ADFD for the development aid it provides to his country, praising the Fund's efforts supporting economic and social development in developing countries worldwide.

His Excellency De-Maxwell SahKemaye said: "Through this visit, we sought to strengthen our relationship with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and discuss opportunities that have the potential to contribute to building and strengthening priority strategic sectors in Liberia. These sectors will have a direct positive impact on the economy and will help Liberia to achieve its sustainable



opportunity to enhance cooperation between ADFD and Liberia. Our first project in Liberia was in 2019 to develop social services in the country. We are excited to work together to strengthen our relationship and we look forward to exploring future development projects."

H.E. Muhammad Saif Al-Suwaidi pointed out the importance of ADFD's relationship with many African countries supporting key development projects that serve to improve the quality of life for citizens while contributing to sustainable economic development.

His Excellency De-Maxwell

development goals." ADFD has financed two projects in the Republic of Liberia valued at around AED 48 million. These projects serve the social services and renewable energy sectors.

About Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD)

Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) is a leading national entity for economic development aid owned by the Abu Dhabi government. Established in 1971, it aims to help emerging countries by providing concessionary loans to finance sustainable development projects as well as

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SITTING IN ITS SEPTEMBER TERM A.D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONORABLE J. VINTON HOLDER, JUDGE, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT, MONT. CO. R.L.

IN RE: THE PETITION OF MR. JOTA NUPURLOR, OF PAGOS ISLAND, CONGO TOWN, MONROVIA, LIBERIA, PRAYING COURT FOR THE READING OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE JOHNSON W. FLOMO.

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THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE INSTRUMENT PURPORTED TO BE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE JOHNSON W. FLOMO. WAS IN DUE FORM BROUGHT TO THE MONTHLY AND PROBATE COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY AND SAME READ IN OPEN COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF LIBERIA ON THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2021. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS FURTHER INFORMED THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL PERSONS HAVING LEGAL OR FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED "PETITION" ARE TO FILE SAME IN THIS HONORABLE COURT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE AFORESAID COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT  
THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2021



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CLERK, MONTHLY & PROBATE COURT  
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**HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH**

**Happy, Happy Birthday, Our Beloved President!!!**

*Your Excellency Dr. George Manneh Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia, as you celebrate another milestone on this wonderful occasion marking your 55th Birth Anniversary on today, October 1, 2021, the Minister Hon. Samuel D. Tweah, Jr. and the entire Senior Management Team, as well, the staff of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning wish you God's abundant blessings.*

*It is our fervent prayers that God continues to bless you with good health and wisdom as you lead Liberia to Economic Growth and Prosperity.*

*May your outstanding leadership continue to inspire us and generations of our people to selflessly serve our country in collectively building a great and vibrant nation!*

*Happy, happy birthday to you, Mr. President!!!*



*Wishes You*

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# VP Taylor alarms over uncontrollable deaths

**--Urges police to be vigilant and step up their game**

By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia's Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor has alarmed over the uncontrollable waves of mysterious deaths and kidnapping across the country, referring to them as an "alarming emergency."

Speaking at a press conference Wednesday, 29

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# Dillon, partners dedicate rehab center

**--Divert 3K from Development Council to Mental Health**

By Lincoln G. Peters

At long last, Montserrado County Senator Abraham Darius Dillon has officially dedicated a multipurpose newly renovated Center for Rehabilitation and Integration (CRI) which he financed to provide mental health counseling, rehabilitation and technical vocational skills training for mental health patients and disadvantaged youth to become productive citizens.

The dedication program took place Thursday, 30 September 2021 at the rehabilitation facility in Cooper Farm Community, Paynesville, Montserrado

County, and brought together several current and past government officials.

Among those who graced the program were Vice President Jewel Howard-Taylor, former Vice President and Unity Party standard bearer Joseph NyumahBoakia and Liberty Party political leader and Grand Bassa County Senator NyonbleeKanga-Lawrence.

Others attending the program were All Liberian Party political leader Benoni W. Urey, Justice Minister Cllr. Frank Musa Dean and Youth and Sports Minister D. Zeogar Wilson and several other members of the 54th Legislature.

Giving an overview of the project, Senator Dillon who also

those of us who are national leaders to speak out," said VP Taylor.

She noted that national leaders should add their voices to the many that enough is enough and the police should ensure the safety of the children, women and girls here.

She warned that these things have international implications, with strong emphasis on the economic, peace, security and investment climate of our country if it's not addressed.

According to Madam Taylor, what is happening in the country is being posted on the internet and investors and others are seeing it, adding that if it is not mitigated and investigated by the Justice Ministry, Liberia stands the risk.

The Vice President noted that as far as she knows, it's the government's responsibility to provide security, peace and protection for all its citizens through all its security forces.

"Limited resources should not be used by the Liberia National Police and other security forces to shield themselves from providing security and protection for citizens," she argued.

"They have taken the responsibility to do so and they should do. They should revamp their night checkpoint and begin to re-engage the community and make sure that people are searched at night," VP Taylor continued.--Edited by Winston W. Parley

chairs the Board of Directors of the Center for Rehabilitation and Integration, said the project is in fulfillment of his dream to cater to mental health patients across the country.

"All my dream as a Senator is to rehabilitate a single Liberian citizen instead of constructing a school building in my name that children and [the] community will have to pay fees to me before they can attend," he said.

"However, the three thousand United States dollars that I cut from my salary monthly to make some intervention in the county through the Montserrado County Development Council will be directed toward this

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# 38-year-old man jailed for sodomizing boy, 12

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

A 38-year-old man has been incarcerated in Harper City, Maryland County Electoral district#1 for allegedly sodomizing a 12-year-old minor.

Suspect Edward D. Knight, aka Adebaryo, is a shopkeeper and resident of Harper City's Larma Cox community.

On Friday, September 24, 2021, parents of the victim alerted the Women and Children Protection Section of the Liberia National Police in Harper that their son had been sexually abused by Suspect Knight.

He was immediately rushed to a nearby health center in the county where health authorities conducted examination and confirmed penetration.

Narrating the entire ordeal to reporters in Harper, the minor said, he had gone to buy

and said I should take off my clothes; then he took off his clothes too", the minor disclosed.

"He told me not to talk and promised to give me money and bread. That is how he put his 'toto' (penis) in my butt and I started crying. He later took it from there and said he didn't enjoy it good; that I should come back next time so he can enjoy himself good, good."

The 12-year-old boy explained further that Suspect Knight warned him not to tell anybody or else, he will die, so he kept silent.

However, after few days, he felt pains in his stomach, so he immediately informed his grandmother about the act.

The Grandmother, Felecia Doe, was totally broken upon noticing the situation and taking the child for medical



Suspect Edward D. Knight, a shopkeeper

pepper for his grandmother at a local shop operated by Suspect Knight when the suspect asked for his assistance to get him some water to drink.

But the victim quickly insisted that his grandmother was waiting for the pepper that he had gone to buy.

He said Knight then agreed but insisted that the boy should return after handing the pepper to his grandmother.

The victim continued that after delivering the paper to his grandmother, he returned quickly to assist Suspect Knight but the defendant asked him to come back again, this time at night, citing that someone had already assisted him with some water to drink.

"When I came back, he (Adebaryo) asked me to come behind the counter in the shop

examination when doctors diagnosed the victim had been sexually abused.

Grandma Doe is worried about her grandchild's health and future, and called on well-meaning individuals to help her get justice to deter such practice from the Liberian society.

Defendant Knight was initially arraigned before the Harper Magisterial Court on Monday, September 27, 2021 for a preliminary hearing before being forwarded to the circuit court, on grounds that the case is beyond the lower court's jurisdiction.

Though the suspect denied the allegation when he was arrested by the Liberia National Police Detachment in Harper, he spent a night behind bar before

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# Français

## Des citoyens de Lofa veulent que le

**A**u moins environ 1 609 citoyens du comté de Lofa ont signé une pétition qu'ils ont déposée devant le juge en chambre Joseph N. Nagbe demandant à la cour supérieure de contraindre le Sénat à déclarer vacant le siège sénatorial de leur comté.

Le siège avait été remporté par l'ancien ministre de la Défense Brownie Samukai lors des élections sénatoriales spéciales du 8 décembre 2020, mais des batailles juridiques l'ont empêché d'être certifié par la Commission électorale nationale (NEC) pour siéger au Sénat.

Les batailles juridiques découlent de sa condamnation le 24 mars 2020 pour le détournement d'environ 1 147 656,35 \$ US de l'argent des retraites de soldats, alors qu'il occupait le poste de ministre de la Défense sous l'ancienne présidente Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

La situation a laissé le comté sous-représenté et a également créé un écart de leadership au milieu de diverses opinions et commentaires politiques.

Dans une pétition de 54 pages déposée par d'éminents citoyens de Lofa parmi lesquels M. Vamuyan M. Kanneh, Kesselle Gayflor, Sengbe T. Kawala, Sumor Sannoh, l'ancien ministre de la Justice Kobo Johnson et les électeurs inscrits du comté qui ont participé et voté lors des élections spéciales. Les requérants demandent au tribunal d'obliger les membres de la Chambre du Sénat à se conformer à l'article 37 de la Constitution libérienne.

L'article 37 stipule : « En cas de vacance au sein de l'Assemblée législative causée par un décès, une démission, une expulsion ou autre, le président en avise dans les 30 jours la Commission électorale. La Commission électorale doit, au plus tard 90 jours après, organiser une élection partielle. Mais au cas où une telle vacance survient dans les 90 jours précédant des élections générales, elle doit être comblée par ces élections générales.

Che et l'ensemble du Sénat devraient comparaître (pour déposer leurs déclarations) devant le juge de la Chambre Nagbe le 4 octobre 2021.

L'ancien ministre de la Défense Samukai et ses deux anciens adjoints : M. Joseph P. Johnson et M. James Nyumah Dorkor ont été reconnus coupables de plusieurs charges le mardi 24 mars 2021 près de 9 mois avant l'élection sénatoriale spéciale.

Les anciens responsables ont été inculpés en 2020 pour vol présumé de biens,

association de malfaiteurs, sabotage économique, détournement d'argent public et blanchiment d'argent. Mais Samukai et d'autres ont fait appel.

Le fonds de pension de l'AFL a été créé en tant que régime d'épargne obligatoire en juillet 2009. Les salaires des soldats étaient déduits et placés sur un compte en tant que prestations de retraite supplémentaires pour servir de fonds d'assistance aux soldats blessés et aux familles des soldats décédés.

Avant les élections

Alors que l'appel contre leur condamnation était devant la Cour suprême, un groupe appelé Consortium of Lofa Citizens demande à la NEC de refuser la candidature de Samukai aux élections sénatoriales du comté sur la base de sa condamnation dans un procès pénal.

Le mardi 20 octobre 2020, le conseil des commissaires de la NEC confirme la décision de son conseiller-auditeur donnant le feu vert à Samukai pour se présenter aux élections sénatoriales de mi-mandat du 8 décembre.

Mécontent que la NEC prenne la décision de qualifier Samukai pour se présenter aux élections du 8 décembre, le groupe demande l'intervention de la Cour suprême.

Le mardi 17 novembre 2020, la Cour suprême rejette la requête visant à annuler la décision de la NEC et d'autoriser Samukai à se présenter aux élections sénatoriales de 2020.

Après l'élection

Immédiatement après les élections du 8 décembre, trois des candidats défaits : James K. Marley, Hamet Kromah et Gayflor Tarnue déposent une requête devant la NEC invoquant des irrégularités et des fraudes. Ils demandent en outre à la NEC de ne pas certifier Samukai. Mais la NEC statue en faveur de se dernier.

Non satisfaites de la décision de la NEC, les parties lésées demandent à la Cour suprême de suspendre la certification de Samukai.

Alors que cette affaire était pendante, le 8 février 2021, la Cour suprême confirme la décision du tribunal inférieur condamnant Samukai et ses deux anciens adjoints.

Cependant, la Cour suprême a statué dans l'affaire de corruption que les peines seraient suspendues à condition que les anciens responsables du ministère de la Défense remboursent le montant total de 1,147 656 millions de dollars américains ou (payent) la moitié dans un délai de six mois, et après cela, prendre les dispositions appropriées pour payer le reste de l'argent au cours d'une année civile. À la suite de la décision rendue dans l'appel de la condamnation de Samukai, le représentant du district électoral n°1 du comté de Lofa, Francis S. Nyumalin, Sr., a déclaré que les

## COMMENTAIRE

By Carlos Alvarado Quesada, Jacinda Arden,

Stefan Löfven, Cyril Ramaphosa, Macky Sall, Pedro Sánchez

## Donner un second souffle au multilatéralisme

**M**ADRID - L'année dernière, les Nations Unies ont organisé une consultation qui a mobilisé la participation de plus d'un million de personnes dans 193 pays. Les commentaires ont mis en évidence des faits importants. Par ailleurs, l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies de cette année doit répondre en renforçant le multilatéralisme fondé sur des règles.

Tout d'abord, la consultation a constaté que les attentes et les espoirs des femmes, des hommes, des filles et des garçons du monde sont étonnamment similaires. Les gens veulent bénéficier d'un meilleur accès aux soins de santé de base, à l'assainissement et à l'éducation. Ils veulent également voir davantage de solidarité vis-à-vis de ceux qui sont les plus touchés par la pandémie et de ceux qui vivent dans la pauvreté. La principale préoccupation à long terme des répondants est la double crise du changement climatique et l'accélération de la perte de biodiversité. Près de 90 % des participants estiment que la coopération mondiale est essentielle pour faire face aux défis actuels. En outre, une majorité d'entre eux estiment que la pandémie a rendu la coopération internationale encore plus urgente. Il est particulièrement encourageant de constater que les jeunes du monde entier appellent clairement à davantage de coopération internationale.

La consultation de l'an dernier a été une invitation à l'action. Le Secrétaire général de l'ONU António Guterres a publié le rapport Our Common Agenda qui fait suite à la Déclaration politique 75 de l'ONU adoptée par tous les chefs d'État et de gouvernement membres de l'ONU il y a un an. Ce nouvel ordre du jour définit un plan audacieux pour relever les défis actuels et à venir.

La menace d'effondrement doit être considérée comme une possibilité d'innovation. C'est pour cette raison que nous nous engageons à renforcer le soutien de nos pays en faveur des efforts du Secrétaire général qui visent à donner corps à l'ambitieux programme de l'ONU.

La pandémie de COVID-19, contre laquelle nous continuons à lutter au niveau mondial, a fait passer le message suivant : nous vivons dans un monde interconnecté et interdépendant. En outre, ces derniers mois, nous avons vu un nombre record de personnes touchées par des vagues de chaleur, des inondations dévastatrices et certains des plus grands incendies de forêt de l'histoire récente, confirmant une fois de plus la menace sans précédent posée par le changement climatique.

L'ONU est le cœur du système international. Le fait que le monde se soit réuni il y a 76 ans pour créer une organisation qui « parvienne à la coopération internationale pour résoudre des problèmes internationaux » est extraordinaire en soi. Mais ce qui est encore plus frappant, c'est que cette organisation ait perduré malgré ses défis et ses lacunes. Elle montre que la voie vers un avenir meilleur, plus pacifique et plus durable est pavée de coopération - et non de concurrence à somme nulle.

Cependant les organisations internationales du monde entier ont été édifiées principalement pour résoudre des problèmes inter-étatiques et non des problèmes qui transcendent les frontières, comme les crises financières, les pandémies, le terrorisme, les réseaux criminels, les menaces envers nos océans ou le changement climatique. Nous devons donc moderniser nos institutions multilatérales, les adapter à nos objectifs et les mieux doter pour faire face aux défis mondiaux et

intergénérationnels auxquels nous sommes confrontés.

Après avoir observé les différences marquées entre le monde de la génération des fondateurs de l'ONU et le monde d'aujourd'hui, nous avons décidé l'année dernière de relancer le débat sur la réforme du Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU et de poursuivre les travaux de revitalisation de l'Assemblée générale et de renforcement du Conseil économique et social. Conformément à la Déclaration commune que nous avons ratifiée le 10 novembre 2020 à Madrid, nous voyons trois domaines d'action qui doivent être mis en avant afin de faire progresser notre objectif commun de renforcement du multilatéralisme.

Premièrement, nous avons besoin d'un engagement renouvelé en faveur de la coopération internationale. Les organisations multilatérales doivent être dotées des moyens et du mandat nécessaires pour faire la différence sur le terrain. La coopération entre l'ONU, les organisations régionales et les institutions financières internationales doit s'améliorer tant au niveau politique qu'opérationnel. Le système multilatéral doit être plus ouvert et plus inclusif pour que puissent s'exprimer les jeunes, la société civile, le secteur privé, le monde universitaire ainsi que d'autres interlocuteurs.

Nous mettons déjà cela en pratique. En marge de l'Assemblée générale de cette année, nous avons organisé l'événement virtuel « Réaliser le Programme commun de l'ONU - Action pour atteindre l'égalité et l'inclusion » en collaboration avec l'initiative Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies initiative (Initiative Pionniers pour des Sociétés pacifiques, justes et inclusives). Nous avons l'intention de nous assurer que toutes les voix pourront se faire entendre.

Deuxièmement, nous devons agir dans le cadre de l'ordre du jour du Secrétaire général en adoptant des mesures audacieuses en vue de relancer et de renforcer notre capacité à lutter contre la pauvreté et les inégalités, d'assurer l'inclusion, l'égalité de participation et la justice, résoudre la crise climatique et l'accélération de la perte de biodiversité et nous doter du matériel nécessaire à la lutte contre les futures menaces de pandémie.

La crise de la COVID-19 nous a appris que nous devons renforcer notre capacité collective à anticiper, prévenir et gérer des risques complexes tels que les épidémies, les nouvelles guerres, les cyberattaques massives, les catastrophes environnementales ou d'autres événements imprévus. Nous nous félicitons donc des suggestions du Secrétaire général sur la manière de renforcer la prospective mondiale et la capacité de gestion des risques, en particulier la proposition d'une nouvelle « plateforme d'urgence » mondiale.

Enfin nous nous félicitons de la proposition d'un Sommet de l'avenir en 2023 et nous devons profiter de cette occasion pour intensifier nos efforts en vue de renforcer la coopération internationale. Dans le monde d'aujourd'hui, grevé de tant de problèmes ayant des répercussions au-delà des frontières et des générations, nous devons saisir l'occasion présente pour créer un système multilatéral plus agile, plus efficace et plus responsable, destiné à tous les citoyens et nous permettant de relever les défis mondiaux qui nous font face.

Nous voulons être à l'avant-garde de cet effort. Ensemble, nous pouvons et nous devons donner un second souffle à un multilatéralisme fondé sur des règles, portant en son sein une ONU plus forte et plus inclusive. Voilà la grande tâche politique de notre temps !



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# ALP fires back at ANC

By Lincoln G. Peters

Opposition All Liberian Party (ALP), a constituent party of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP), has termed the Alternative National Congress' (ANC's) queering outburst against ALP political leader Mr. Benoni W. Urey as lewdly and profanely indecent.

Addressing a press conference Wednesday, 29 September 2021, ALP Deputy Secretary General Jethro Emmanuel Kolleh said his party remains a mature and

prompted an internal investigation.

But Mr. Kolleh claimed that it was ANC's usual charade of diversionary tactics whenever it is involved in an unwholesome behavior, alleging that it is a known fact that Mr. Toe criminally notarize a photocopy-version of what was purported to be a framework document of the CPP and submitted it to the National Elections Commission (NEC).

Kolleh disclosed further that the ANC's action was meant to cover up this grave action of

CPP framework documents.

"That is why we are asking loudly, Cummings and the ANC, WHERE IS THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE framework documents YOU CLAIM WE ALL SIGNED? But the ALP wishes to emphatically state that it stands by its call for an investigation of the framework documents and it will not be deterred by unsubstantiated lies by the ANC," Mr. Kolleh vowed.

He indicated that the ALP will make available all of its facts to the investigative committee, and assured the Liberian people that there will be no business as usual regarding this matter.

Mr. Kolleh insisted that the ALP believes very strongly that there were deliberate procedural violations and the content of the document was manipulated in several different ways by the ANC.

"We believe that we will be vindicated and the Liberian people will see the true culprit," he added.

According to Mr. Kolleh, on 23 June 2020, a legal committee made a presentation in the presence of the political leaders after asking for the lawyers' assistance in this process and changes were recommended.

According to him, what is not being told is that the entire document was to be rewritten and presented back to the CPP for the constituent political parties to review and seek approval from their various executive committees after which it should have been presented to the political leaders for their signatures.--*Edited by Winston W. Parley*



serious political party that will not get involved in verbal attacks and exchanges that have no merits but are only geared towards misinforming Liberians and sowing seeds of discord in the CPP.

At a recent press conference, ANC Secretary General Aloysius Toe spewed invectives on CPP constituent member Mr. Urey, and threw disrespectful jabs at the political leaders of other CPP constituent parties including the Liberty Party which currently chairs CPP, and Unity Party.

Mr. Toe had called the press conference to deny allegations that the ANC had altered CPP's framework document, which has

dishonesty, adding that the ALP is not surprised that the ANC chose not to address this issue during its press conference, but dwelled on smear campaign of misinformation and character assassination against Mr. Urey.

Kolleh claimed that up to date, the ANC has failed to produce the original copy of the framework agreement, adding that it continues to masquerade with photocopy versions of the



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administering long-term investments and direct contributions. In addition to managing development grants offered by the Abu Dhabi government, ADFD has

adopted a policy of supporting the national economy and financing UAE private sector investments.

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the Police forwarded him to the Magisterial Court.

The case will be transferred to the Fourth Judiciary Circuit Court during the November Term of Court for trial.

The Sodomy is a breach of

Section 14.70 of the Revised Rape law of Liberia which states that a person who has sexual intercourse with another (Male or Female) has committed rape if; (a) He intentionally penetrates the vagina, anus, mouth or any other opening of

another person (Male or female) with his penis without the victim's consent.

Penalties include life imprisonment or 10 years sentence, depending on gravity of the crime. -*Editing by Jonathan Browne*

## 38-year-old man

# Investigate and prosecute more trafficking cases

The United States Government has urged the Government of Liberia to increase efforts in investigating and prosecuting trafficking cases in Liberia, including internal trafficking and officials accused of complicity.

Accordingly, the U.S. maintains Liberia on its Tier 2 (trafficking) Watch List.

The 2021 Trafficking in Persons Report released by the U.S. State Department Wednesday, September 29, 2021 says the Government of Liberia does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to achieve this, including opening a new shelter for child trafficking victims, investigating a high-profile labor trafficking case in cooperation with foreign governments, and allocating funding to NGOs to conduct awareness campaigns.

Department report declares.

The report calls on the government here to train law enforcement and judicial officials on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting trafficking cases under the 2005 anti-trafficking law. It also wants the law amended to remove the requirement of force, fraud, or coercion in child sex trafficking cases, as well as amend the law to prescribe penalties for adult trafficking that are sufficiently stringent and commensurate with the penalties of other crimes.

The U.S. recommends a need for expanded services, especially for victims outside Monrovia, males, and victims requiring long-term care as well as increase financial or in-kind support to NGOs that support trafficking victims.

At same time the U.S. Department of Labor Thursday, September 30, 2021 released its 2020 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor. Titled the



However, it notes the government did not demonstrate overall increasing efforts compared to the previous reporting period, even considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its anti-trafficking capacity", the report notes.

It says during the period under review, the government identified fewer victims, initiated fewer investigations, prosecuted fewer defendants and did not convict any traffickers, while law enforcement officials continued to lack adequate resources and understanding of trafficking to effectively investigate and prosecute trafficking crimes in the country.

"Shelter services for victims remain in sufficient, and the government did not support NGOs providing care to victims. Therefore, Liberia was downgraded to Tier 2 Watch List", the State

Trade and Development Act Report (TDA), the Report includes an assessment of the Government of Liberia's actions to eliminate the worst forms of child labor in the country, assessing Liberia as making "moderate advancement", the second highest of five assessment levels.

The Embassy of the United States near Monrovia congratulates Liberia for the progress, but stresses that each person must do their part to ending exploitation and exposing those who engage in abusive labor practices.

It notes that the challenge is immense but so are the opportunities for action.

"We hope the government of Liberia will use the information in this report to take concrete steps to make these injustices relic of the past", the Embassy says. Details of the report come in our subsequent publications. *Compiled by Jonathan Browne*

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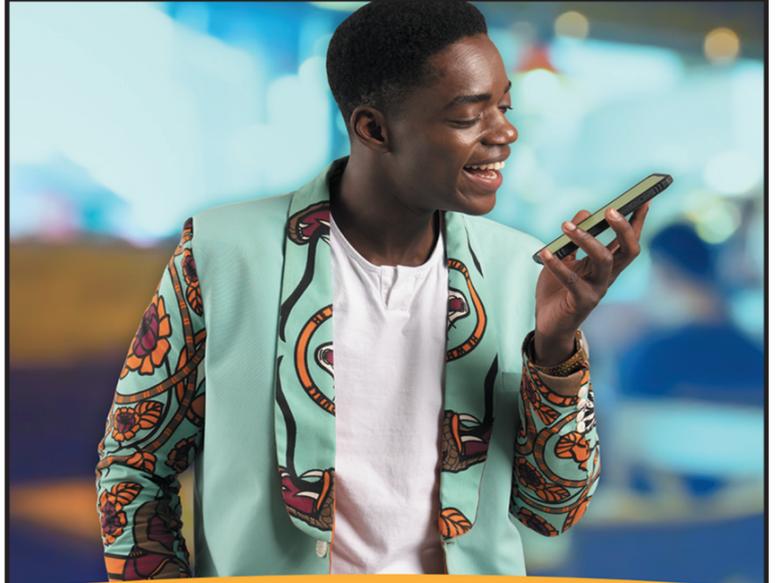
## Handball Federation decries lack of support



By Naneka Hoffman (Contributor)  
Handball is one of the fastest growing and fourth sports in Liberia behind football, basketball and tennis.  
But handball is the least supporting sport in the

country despite being the fastest growing game.  
The secretary general of the Liberia Handball Federation Hadji Musa A. Sesay says since his ascension to leadership, the Federation has not received a dime from government to

support the game.  
However, he says his dream is to decentralize handball in the 2021/2022 league.  
Sesay emphasizes that decentralizing the game in at least six counties including Margibi, Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Bong County and Nimba is also his dream.  
He laments that Handball is being promoted thru personal pockets of individuals just for the love of the game by playing matches in few counties across Liberia, including Bomi, Margibi, and Montserrado on their own initiative.  
He underscores a need for government to support and promote the game thru tournaments in schools across the country and at the national level. -Editing by Jonathan Browne



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