

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT?

Liberia's President Meter Project Report



Tracking and documenting
President's George M. Weah
government's performance in 270 days

Promoting
democratic
accountability
and
strengthening
public service



ACRONYMS

AFL	Armed Forces of Liberia
CDC	Coalition for Democratic Change
EU	European Union
FPA	Front Page Africa
GoL	Government of Liberia
LACE	Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment
LEC	Liberia Electricity Corporation
LGA	Local Government Act
LLRA	Liberia Land Rights Act
LRA	Liberia Revenue Authority
LWSC	Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation
MCCTV	Monrovia City Corporation Television
MFDP	Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
MoA	Ministry of Agriculture
MoCI	Ministry of Commerce & Industry
MoD	Ministry of Defense
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
NAYMOTE	Naymote Partners for Democratic Development
NDMA	National Disaster Management Agency
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NTA	National Transit Authority
OSIWA	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
PAPD	Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development
PDU	President's Delivery Unit
PMP	President Meter Project
SAPEC	Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement and Commercialization
SONA	State of the Nation Address
UL	University of Liberia
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WAEC	West African Examinations Council
WASSCE	West Africa Secondary School Certificate Examination
WHO	World Health Organization

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The President Meter is an independent monitoring tool that enables Liberians and civil society actors to evaluate the implementation of campaign and post-campaign promises made by President George Manneh Weah and the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC). This report focuses on promises contained in the Manifesto of the coalition as well as promises made since President Weah was formally inaugurated into office on January 22, 2018.

In 2017, Liberians voted H.E. George Manneh Weah as the 24th President and Madam Jewel Howard-Taylor as the first female Vice President of the Republic of Liberia. This was the first peaceful and democratic transition of power in 73 years. They won on the party's slogan: "Change for Hope". Although the President did not participate in any of the public debates attended by other presidential candidates where campaign pledges and promises were presented to the voters; President Weah's presented his promises through campaign speeches and the CDC Manifesto 2017. His election generated huge expectations among voters, particularly young people.

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development, Liberia's prime democratic advancement institution through the President Meter has tracked, documented, monitored and rated 85 promises (65 promises from the CDC Manifesto 2017 and 20 promises from campaign speeches, policy statements and presidential directives). These 85 promises are expected to be monitored and rated over the period of five (5) years depending on availability of funding as the first year is a pilot test with the support from the Open Society Initiative of West Africa. Since the ascendancy of the President and his government to power, actions have been taken towards the implementation of promises made during the first 270 days in office.

The institution monitored and tracked 85 promises over a period of nine months (January 22 to October 31, 2018). Of these promises, ten (10) were focused on education, eight (8) dealt with health, twelve (12) focused on the economy, seven (7) highlighted agriculture and forestry, twelve (12) dealt with infrastructure development, one (1) highlighted transportation, five (5) on justice and human rights, four (4) on youth reorientation and empowerment, three (3) on security and national defense, five (5) on foreign policy and diplomatic relations, four (4) on decentralization of institutions and systems, three (3) on gender equality, five (5) on senior citizens and physically challenged, two (2) on reconciliation and four (4) on accountability.

Overall, 24 of these promises are directed toward the economy and infrastructure development. At the same time, since his inauguration, the President has highlighted in many public statements that infrastructure development, particularly the construction of roads remain the top priority of his government. However, to achieve this, it will require intensive capital investment while accessing the needed capital to make this happen remains a major challenge.

These promises were categorized based on four scales as highlighted below:

1. **Completed:** This is when a promise has been tracked, monitored, verified and confirmed to be achieved.
2. **Ongoing:** This is when the government is working toward achieving a promise, but the promise has not been fully achieved.
3. **Not rated:** This is when information is not easily accessible to verify whether an action has been taken on a promise.
4. **Not started:** This is when no concrete action has taken place in response to a given promise.

Of the 85 promises, four (4) have been rated as completed which include the following:

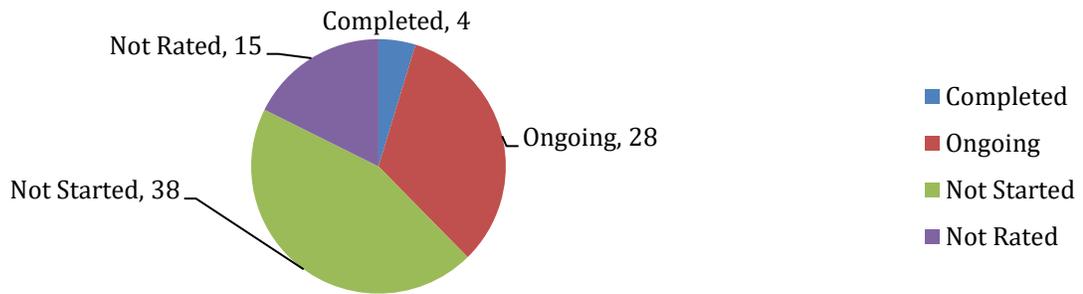
1. **Payment of the West African Examination Council (WAEC) fees for all students who sat the WAEC exams in 2017 across the country.**
2. **Renovation of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital.**
3. **Ensure the passage of the Land Rights Act.**
4. **Reduction of salaries for public officials under the Executive Branch of Government.**

Of the remaining eighty-one (81) promises, twenty-eight (28) are rated as ongoing, thirty-eight (38) as not started and fifteen (15) as not rated.

This report has rated twenty-eight (28) promises as ongoing. While this number is significant, it is important to state that some of the 28 ongoing promises were initiatives undertaken by former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's government. For example:

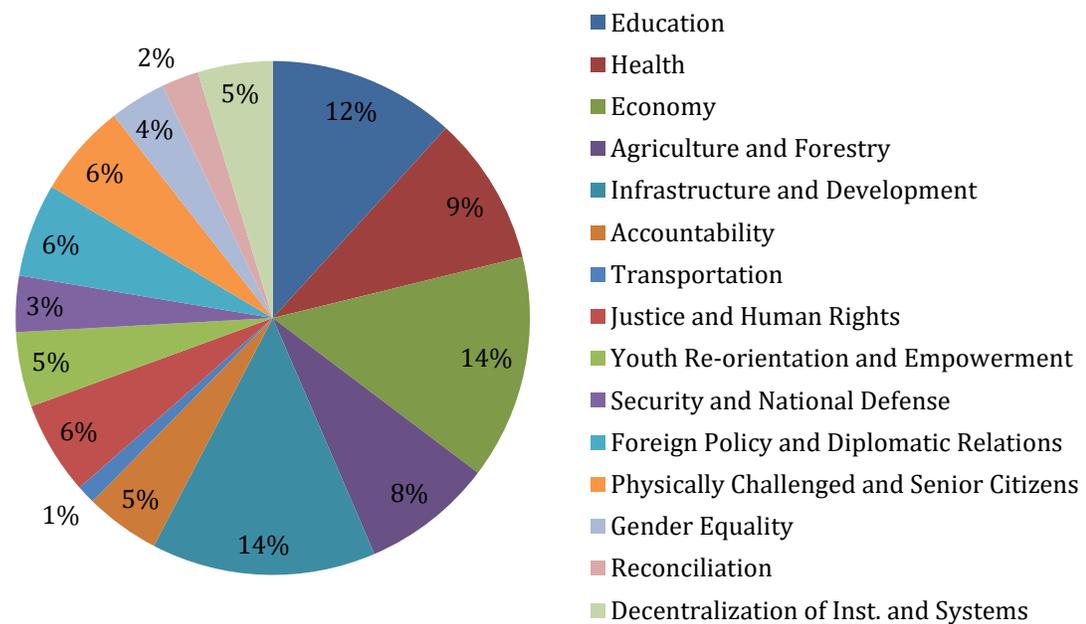
1. The deployment of Peacekeeping Mission to Mali started under former President Sirleaf government but the mission has been maintained and the number of soldiers (AFL) has been increased under the current administration.
2. Advocating against Gender Based Violence and the Promotion of Girls' Rights was amplified under the former administration while the current government has made commitments and demonstrated efforts toward the promotion of Girls' Rights.
3. Strengthening emergency preparedness and response mechanism and institution to prevent diseases as well as improve childhood preventable disease vaccination coverage were initiated under the previous government but the current government has demonstrated efforts to sustaining these gains and is currently instituting measures to strengthen emergency preparedness and childhood vaccination across the country.
4. The renovation of the JFK Memorial Hospital started as far back as 2016 under President Sirleaf and substantial work was done when the transition took place. This President Weah augmented the efforts of the former President Sirleaf and additional work was done and the hospital was formally launched a few months after taking office.

Progress Ratings of Government Promises & Performance

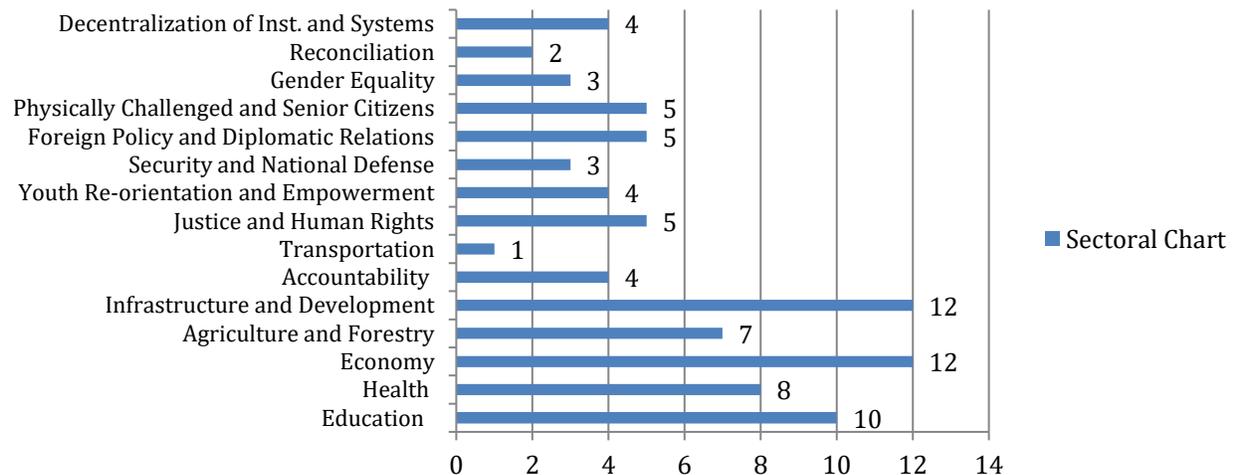


1.1 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROGRESS RATING PER SECTOR

Sectorial Chart Of Promises Tracked



Sectorial Chart Of Promises Tracked



1.2 PICTORIAL OF SOME GOVERNMENT'S PROJECTS



Photo from the Redemption Hospital Under Construction



Photo from the Doe Community Road Pavement



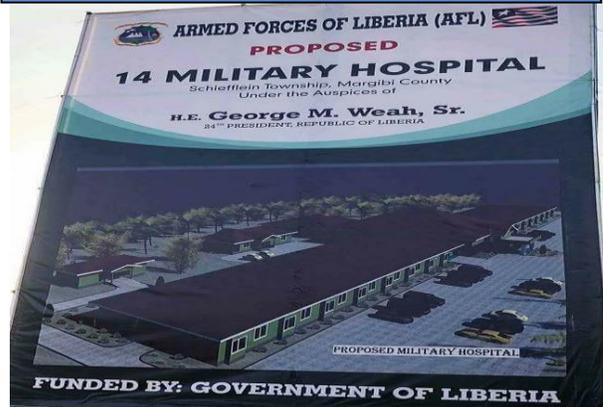
Photo from the 14 Military Hospital Under Construction



Photo from community road projects launched



Onsite Visit of NAYMOTE's Team at the Redemption Hospital Under Construction/Verification



2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of promises tracked, documented, monitored and rated against progress made by President George M. Weah and the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC). The report highlights NAYMOTE's evaluation of the government's implementation of campaign promises and performance between the periods January 22 to October 31, 2018.

This project is based on the following theories of change:

1. When citizens have access to information on status of promises, it engenders the following:

- They become civically engaged
- They are more informed about government actions
- They are able to make informed decisions at the ballot box

2. When citizens are more informed about government actions, it leads to the following:

- They hold their government to account
- It incentivizes the government to break fewer promises
- Government communicates what it has done more openly
- Citizens' trust in politics/government is increased.

3. When citizens have access on status of promises, it engenders the following:

- They become more informed about government actions
- It minimizes misinformation coming from the government
- It makes misinformation less attractive to the government

During the period (February - October 2018), Naymote Partners for Democratic Development reviewed, tracked, documented and rated 85 promises taken from CDC Party Manifesto 2017, campaign speeches and policy statements as well as presidential directives or instructions. Of this number, 4 were considered as completed, 28 ongoing, 38 not started and 15 could not be rated because no tangible actions were identified or information available to assess progress towards implementation.

The overarching objectives of the President Meter Project are to promote democratic accountability, improve government's performance, strengthen public service delivery, counter misinformation, educate citizens on what the government is doing, and to create a line of communication between the governed and the government.

Several fundamental principles were adhered to in tracking and documenting the promises. They include:

- **Non-partisan:** The outcome of the tracking is freed of political biases.
- **Demonstrate Objectivity:** The findings of this tracking are not based on any person's opinion or driven by their emotions but objectively verified.
- **Evidence-based:** The findings are informed by evidence triangulated from at least three sources demonstrating due diligence.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

In tracking and documenting promises, several distinct yet inter-related quantitative data monitoring tools were used. They included:

Extraction: In order to avoid a subjective approach in the selection of promises, all promises contained in the CDC Manifesto 2017 that informed campaign speeches and post-election promises were tracked. Ideally, NAYMOTE would have conducted an opinion poll to select the promises for tracking but due to limited resources this could not be done.

Verifying promises: During the campaign period, candidates made promises that were not descriptive, verifiable, concrete and measurable and this makes it difficult to hold them to account. This is evident in the CDC Manifesto 2017. At the same time, most of the post-election promises made by President Weah were verifiable and could be easily tracked.

Tracking and Monitoring: Promises were systematically tracked using different sets of tools or checklists (See performance analysis matrix). Tools were developed to track statements made by the President on radio and television stations or statements made by public officials on the implementation of promises made by the President. Tracking of radio stations (seven in all) was done daily during the morning and afternoon hours focusing on radio talk shows, news, and special features where government officials appeared as guests.

Three television stations¹ were monitored daily during the evening hours to track visual presentation of progress made on the implementation of promises. Newspapers were also monitored daily for stories on pre and post campaign promises. In addition to these tracking tools, on-site visits were made to locations where physical infrastructure development projects linked to pre and post campaign promises were taking place. Furthermore, online platforms including the Executive Mansion website were monitored. Formal written communications were also sent to government officials requesting information on the status of promises being implemented.

A database was established where all information generated from the various tracking tools was stored and collated. In order to ensure accuracy, information on promises tracked was triangulated using primary data source (Government official records), Non-partisan Think Tank reports, civil society reports and independent media reports, and interviews conducted with government officials. The outcome of this triangulation was also reinforced by the findings of on-site visits by NAYMOTE staff.

Through this triangulation method, data was analyzed, findings were generated, and conclusions made whether a promise could be classified as completed, ongoing, not started or not rated.

¹ ELTV which is State managed TV, and SKY TV, and Power TV both commercial stations.

Performance Analysis: Government Promises & Current Status (270 Days in Office)

Key Indicators (Status) C Completed O Ongoing NS Not Started NR Not Rated

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
	EDUCATION (10 PROMISES)		C	O	NS	NR		
1	Pay the West African Examination Council (WAEC) fees for all students sitting the exam	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted, Newspaper publication	Students who sat 2017/2018 exams fees were paid in fulfillment of campaign promise.
2	Optimize Online Registration Platform & Free Wi-Fi Internet at UL	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted, Newspaper pub, site visit and written communication	Students are using online platform to register & Wi-Fi coverage limited
3	Review and reform school curriculum to address 21 st century development and labor needs	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Letter of comm., follow-up calls and interviews	Development and revision of curriculum and CSE curriculum already piloted in 4 counties in the Southeast.
4	Provide free Tuition for students in all public universities	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted with students and student Leaders from the University of Liberia and written communication	Students benefiting from free tuition at UL but information at other universities not readily available.
5	Enroll PSL teachers on Government Payroll	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available or concrete interventions
6	Double efforts and resources to reinforce and implement the current national compulsory free education policy and Act	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
7	Reintroduce and expand the school feeding program in public schools.	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action on the promise
8	Provide adequate and special attention to vulnerable students with a history of	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place

	misconduct, learning and physical disabilities							
9	Prioritize early learning and adult illiteracy programs in pre-schools and local communities.	Education			NS			No concrete action has taken place
10	Revitalize and upgrade teaching and learning facilities and programs in existing TVET institute	Education			NS			No concrete action has taken place
HEALTH (8 PROMISES)								
11	Renovate the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	Health	C				Site visit, interviews conducted, media monitored, dedication ceremony by President	Following the renovation, the JFK was officially dedicated.
12	Construction of the 14 th - Military Hospital	Health		O			Meeting, written communication and interviews conducted	Initial work has been done.
13	Construction of New Redemption Hospital	Health		O			Onsite Visitation, interview conducted	Construction ongoing including ground breaking, fencing of premises, constructed warehouse.
14	Enact legislation to establish a functioning health subsidy program for citizens below the poverty line	Health			NS			The legislation is yet to be submitted to the legislature.
15	Establish a functional emergency medical service including referral system between primary, secondary and tertiary care	Health				NR		No tangible information available
16	Strengthen Emergency Preparedness and Response mechanisms and institutions to prevent diseases	Health		O			Media reports (WHO Website, UNDP Facebook Page and ELBC)	Emergency and disaster policy formulated.
17		Health		O			Media reports, MoH Website (http://moh.gov.lr/category/news/) and Onsite Visit	The Ministry of health has completed a nationwide vaccination for newly born.

	Improve childhood preventable disease vaccination coverage							
18	Support health professionals' in-service training and career advances	Health		O			Media monitored, Newspaper (Daily Observer Oct. 16, 2018)	Trainings being conducted for health practitioners outside of Liberia
ECONOMY (12 PROMISES)								
19	Reduction of Salary for members of the executive branch of government	Economy	C				Interviews conducted, Newspaper publication (Daily Observer April 26, 2018)	Cabinet resolved that no head of public cooperation or autonomous agency will make more than 7,800 US\$
20	Reduce tariffs on all basic commodities imported into the Country	Economy		O			Interviews conducted with marketers, Newspaper publication (New Public Trust, May 30, 2018)	Executive order issues instructing LRA to reduce tariffs on commodities imported.
21	Review Concession Agreements entered between companies and the previous government.	Economy		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publication (Reuter Feb. 15, 2018/Executive Mansion Website April 17, 2018)	President set-up committee to review concession agreements. No report released to the public on outcome of the review.
22	Ensure concession companies are fulfilling their social corporate responsibilities outlined in concession contracts.	Economy		O			Newspaper publication (Daily Observer, October 18, 2018).	Provisions of Corporate Social Responsibilities are ongoing in education, roads and health, etc.
23	Stabilize the rapidly declining value of the Liberian dollar by reducing export stocks	Economy		O			Media monitored, Newspaper publications (FPA 2018)	Gov't infused USD \$25 million into the economy to stabilize the rapidly declining value of the Liberian dollar
24	Develop and implement strategic manufacturing and industrial policies and action plans to invest in rural, coastal, and inner city	Economy			NS			No concrete action has taken place

25	Undertake financial sector reform to deepen financial markets, promote financial inclusion, enhance regulation of the financial institutions	Economy			NS			No concrete action has taken place
26	Reform business legislation thus eliminating red tape process	Economy				NR		No tangible information available
27	Introduce non-discriminatory loan and grant facility to support Liberian-owned businesses	Economy		O			Media report, Deputy Minister, Wilfred Nehwon Bangura, III (Truth FM, July 19, 2018)	Gov't established 1 million US\$ credit loan for small Liberian business across 15 counties
28	Develop and enforce an effective Liberalization program in accordance with a "local content policy" for Liberians in the procurement of public goods and services	Economy			NS			No concrete action has taken place
29	Encourage and facilitate equity-based public-private partnership business arrangements	Economy			NS			No concrete action has taken place
30	Strengthen the current legal and fiscal regulations to improve government support services for both local and foreign investors	Economy			NS			No concrete action has taken place
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (7 PROMISES)								
31	Ensure the speedy passage of the Land Rights Act	Agri.& Forestry	C				Media report, and signing ceremony (FPA /Daily Observer Sept. 6, 2018)	The LRA was passed into law & signed by President Weah even though it is yet to be published into Hand Bill.
32	Formulate and pursue policies on processing of raw material into agriculture products such	Agr.& Forestry		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publications, radio/MoA website/ Daily Observer Feb. 28, 2018)	SAPEC project ongoing in 12 counties, farmers are processing improved

	as Oil Palm, Mango, Cassava etc.					(Source: Executive Mansion and World Bank Websites)	cassava varieties into flour, fufu, gari. World Bank 25 million support to STAR-P project
33	Technical, financial and mechanical support to farmers for the development of low agricultural land and swamp land	Agr.& Forestry			NS		No concrete action has taken place
34	Formulate policies to minimize the export of raw wood and implement policies to enhance local production and processing of wood	Agr.& Forestry			NS		No concrete action has taken place
35	Public Extension Workers programs to assist small and medium famers shall be revisited	Agr.& Forestry				NR	No tangible information available
36	Encourage farmers to use simple machines to maximize yields and form stronger cooperatives and cross-national partnerships	Agr.& Forestry			NS		No concrete action has taken place
37	Establish an Agriculture Bank dedicated to providing loans, grants and equity participation in the agro enterprises.	Agr.& Forestry			NS		No concrete action has taken place
INFRASTRCTRE DEVELOPMENT (12 PROMISES)							
38	Pavement of the Doe's Community Road to Clara Town	Infras. Development		O		Onsite visitation, Executive Mansion Website May 7, 2018/ Public Agenda June 18, 2018	Substantial portion of the road has been completed.
39	Install 2,000 street lights in Monrovia and other places	Infras. Development		O		Onsite visitation, newspapers publication, etc. Daily Observer March 12, 2018/ Executive Mansion Website June 4, 2018	Verified instillation of some new street lights by LEC at Rehab, ELWA Junction,

							Bushrod Island and around Monrovia.
40	Construction of 568 housing units across the 15 sub-political divisions	Infras. Development			NS		No physical evidence that construction work has started.
41	Prioritize resources allocation to ensure passible farm-to-market roads	Infras. Development		O		Monitored Newspaper reports/publications, radio /Daily Observer Feb. 15, 2018/ MoA Website	Some feeder roads are being worked on through budget allocation and county social development funds.
42	Construct Coastal Highway	Infras. Development			NS		This is the top priority for the government, but it is capital intensive and the government has not been able to negotiate the resources needed to start the project.
43	Construct Mini City on “Bali Island” to Become a New City of Monrovia	Infras. Development			NS		No visible evidence that the project was started.
44	Upgrade and Modernize township of West Point by constructing 2,000 housing units	Infras. Development			NS		No concrete action has taken place
45	Expansion of the Robertsfield Highway by four lanes	Infras. Development			NS		No evidence that expansion work has started.
46	Policies and measure put in place to expand and ensure affordable and accessible electricity supply for our people	Infras. Development				NR	No tangible information available
47	Policies and measure put in place to improve current air, road, and sea transportation	Infras. Development			NS		No concrete action has taken place

48	Review, and if necessary, reform the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation	Infras. Development		O			Media monitoring/ LWSC Website http://www.lwsc.gov.lr/2content.php?sub=13&related=7&third=13&pg=sp	Water and Sewer is expanding access to other areas outside of Monrovia
49	Prioritize the development of public infrastructure projects.	Infras. Development		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publications, radio	There is evidence of infrastructural work taking place, community road projects, etc.
ACCOUNTABILITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION (4 PROMISES)								
50	Review structures, mandates and operations of the four major existing agencies with responsibilities for ensuring accountability and transparency	Account. & Anti-Corruption				NR		No tangible information available
51	Review and build upon the current Code of Conduct for Public Officials together with the Assets Declaration Platform	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place
52	Review mandates, structures, administrative procedures and staffing levels and requirements of current Ministries and Agencies and undertake necessary restructuring exercises	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place
53	Pursue without fear or favor legal actions against companies involved in bid rigging, price fixing and corrupt practices	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place
TRANSPORTATION (1 PROMISE)								
54	Repair NTA Buses to aid with public transportation	Transportation		O			Media monitoring, interview and Newspaper publication (Bush Chicken)	The number of transport buses repaired and has

						(http://www.bushchicken.com/new-nta-leadership-met-only-17-functional-buses/) NTA Website	increased to 32 buses from 17
JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (5 PROMISES)							
55	Review and strengthen the Judiciary System ensuring that only men and women of proven integrity with requisite professional qualification are appointed to serve	Justice & Human Rights		O		Monitored Newspaper reports/publications (Liberia News Agency Oct. 28, 2018)	Some appointments of judges who are law school graduates and members of the Liberia Bar Association have taken place
56	Removal of the racial clause in the Liberian Constitution that restricts citizenship to negro decent.	Justice & Human Rights			NS		No public discourse on the issue has taken place since the promise was announced.
57	Design and put in place a functioning judicial information system to be accessible by both legal practitioners and the general public	Justice & Human Rights			NS		No concrete action visible
58	Enhance the capacities of the judicial system, through the creation of additional courts outside of the capital	Justice & Human Rights			NS		No records or evidence of the opening of new courts.
59	Strengthen the National Commission on Human Rights with the intent to enhancing its operational capacity.	Justice & Human Rights				NR	No tangible information available
YOUTH RE-ORIENTATION AND EMPOWERMENT (4 PROMISES)							
60	Construct 7 modernize mini soccer stadiums across 7 counties capital	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS		No concrete action has taken place
61	Design and execute a strong reputable national inter-school competition agenda respectively at primary, junior	Youth Re-or. & Emp.		O		Monitored Newspaper reports, radio (ELBC, MCCTV)	Inter-school intellectual debates have taken place.

	and senior high school and university levels						
62	Design and execute a well-structured occupational skill-determination program focusing on re-orienting and refocusing the minds and attitudes of at least 250,000 street and out of-school youths over a five-year period	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS		No concrete action has taken place
63	Establish and operate, in partnership with national and international enterprises, a comprehensive integrated Sports and Academic Academy	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS		No concrete action has taken place
SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE (3 PROMISES)							
64	Focus attention on making the army attractive for our youth to serve Liberia and participate in international peacekeeping missions	Security & Nat'l Defense		O		Media Monitoring and Meeting (MoD Website) Truth FM 96.1	Liberian army participating in International Peace Keeping Mission in Mali, training and promotion ongoing, promotion examination administered by the AFL,
65	Strengthen the technical and operational capacities of the National Police and public security agencies in our urban and rural cities	Security & Nat'l Defense				NR	No tangible information available
66	Continue and improve upon the professional and operational development program of the Armed Forces of Liberia with focus on securing better equipment, strategic recruitment of new soldiers, and physical and skill training	Security & Nat'l Defense		O		Media Monitor, Truth FM 96.1 and (MoD Website)	Ongoing training has taken place for security personnel
FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (5 PROMISES)							

67	Establish strategic partnerships with countries that share mutual commitments towards and respect for the protection of human rights, democracy and negotiate development-oriented agreements	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations		O			Executive Mansion Website September 6, 2018, EU Website, Newspaper reports-Daily Observer (September 7, 2018)	The President has made several regional and international visits to other countries to strengthen relationships, recommit to one China Policy and EU political & economic partnership
68	Develop and maintain a cordial working relationship with the Foreign Affairs Committees of both houses of the legislature on matters related to the formulation and implementation of foreign policy	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR		No tangible information available
69	Review the staffing, premises, and operations of our Diplomatic Missions abroad and put in place requisite diplomatic and consulate machineries, structures and approaches to effectively meet 21st century diplomatic challenges	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR		No tangible information available
70	Initiate and undertake measures that would ensure that foreign policy agenda and its implementation are guided by the principles of good governance	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR		No tangible information available
71	Secure national interests by forging and maintaining closer and stronger ties of friendship and economic partnerships with our traditional allies	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations		O			Monitoring of newspaper reports, Daily Observer -September 7, 2018, FPA-October 26, 2018	Gov't seeking and establishing Private Sector Partnership with China, EU and other nations.
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (5 PROMISES)								

72	Enact legislation to establish a functioning health subsidy program for our citizens below the poverty line, and to prioritize adolescent female health	Physically Chal. & Senior Citz			NS			No evidence to show that a bill has been drafted.
73	Work in partnership with the private sector to ensure appropriate infrastructure in public places that will accommodate the special needs of our physically challenged brothers and sisters in transacting their daily enterprises	Physically Chal. & Senior Citz			NS			No concrete action has taken place
74	Initiate and pursue the establishment of at least two functioning Mental Health Centers where patient's rehabilitation treatment can be undertaken, and their improvement progress monitored	Physically Chal. & Senior Citz			NS			No concrete action has taken place
75	Ensure the provision of free medical service and recreation centers for senior citizens beyond the age of 70 years	Physically Chal. & Senior Citz			NS			No concrete action has taken place
76	Strengthen education, training and equal employment opportunity policies, programs and processes where they exist for persons living with disabilities	Physically Chal. & Senior Citz			NS			No concrete action has taken place
GENDER EQUALITY (3 PROMISES)								
77	Review existing gender policies and strengthen where needed	Gender Equality				NR		No tangible information available

	to ensure gender equality in public and private sectors							
78	Establish in communities within various counties a viable adult literacy program for rural farming and market women	Gender Equality			NS			No concrete action has taken place
79	Continue to support and strengthen existing acts and regulations on Violence Against Women	Gender Equality		O			Monitored Newspaper reports, New Liberia Website May 16, 2018 and July 23, 2018, radio	Some efforts made by Gov't to address Violence Against Women and the proposed "She Decides Campaign", national awareness campaign on SGBV
RECONCILIATION (2 PROMISES)								
80	Organize in various counties "Pavala Hut" peace initiative meetings involving youths, elders, and women groups to reconcile our people and nation	Reconciliation				NR		Resources to perform this task are not available.
81	Create an inclusive government and employment opportunities, not based on the common practice of winner takes all	Reconciliation				NR		No tangible information available
DECENTRALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS (4 PROMISES)								
82	Initiate and execute a nation-wide consultation process on the extent and structures of a viable	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems		O			MIA Website http://www.mia.gov.lr/2press.php?news_id=175&related=7&pg=sp	Several consultations/town hall meetings have been held by the Ministry of Internal Affairs across the country.

	decentralized governing system						
83	Call for a national referendum and submit to the nation a comprehensive framework that would ensure full participation of our peoples, national unity and sustained development	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS		No concrete action has taken place
84	Design the physical layout of the designated proclaimed city-area to host the new Capital City of Liberia	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS		No evidence to show progress
85	Governing systems, and responsibilities shall be decentralized within three demarcated geopolitico regions, (Western, Central, and Eastern)	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS		No policy or law formulated to implement this promise.

4.0 CONCLUSION:

This is the first time that the President Meter is being used in Liberia to monitor, track and document progress made in the implementation of campaign and post campaign promises. This government has been in power for almost a year and this report has shown that while 4 promises have been completed, twenty-eight other promises are ongoing. If efforts stay on course, these twenty-eight promises could be completed over time. The thirty-eight promises that have been categorized as “not-started” do not mean or suggest that they cannot be achieved with time. It is the intent of this report that the government will take the recommendations in good faith to make some strategic decisions and resource allocations to deliver on ongoing promises.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are advanced for consideration by the government:

Formulate communication strategy: Develop a results-based communication strategy to facilitate a two-way flow of information between the government and citizens.

Promises should be informed by analysis: Promises are policy statements and they should be informed by analysis based on empirical evidence.

Limit the pronouncement of more promises: Focus on the completion of ongoing promises and limit pronouncing new ones.

Establish an inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism: Establish an inter-ministerial committee to coordinate government’s efforts in fulfilling promises.

Develop a system for tracking promises: Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for monitoring government’s promises and link them to the pillars of the Pro-Poor Agenda and its implementation.

Solicit funding for the remaining years of the Project: The project is expected to be implemented over the period of five (5) years depending on availability of funding. The first year which is a pilot project is supported by the Open Society Initiative of West Africa (OSIWA) and expected to end in June 2019. With the increase level of citizens’ interests and demand for democratic accountability, better public service delivery, and transparency, NAYMOTE is seeking partnership for the sustainability of the project, which is designed to promote democratic accountability and public trust in government.

ABOUT PARTNERS

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is a prime democratic advancement institution in Liberia with 17 years of professional experience. We have trained some of the most prominent young politicians (males and females) in Liberia. The institution was established in 2001 by student's leaders and activists to promote citizens' understanding of democratic processes and the long-term benefits of their participation in these processes. The institution has been one of the leading grassroots organizations promoting democracy, peace building, human rights and civic engagement in Liberia. NAYMOTE is a member of the World Movement for Democracy, the World Youth Movement for Democracy, the African Movement for Democracy and the National Civil Society Council.

The institution since 2001 has initiated several programs to foster political accountability, thereby making elected leaders more accessible, responsible and accountable to the electorates. Naymote has built the capacity of local leaders to be more effective in-service delivery, increase youth and women participation in decision making processes, conducted research on citizens' perception on the working of their lawmakers and governance, assessed the quality of governance in Liberia, produced publications on youth participation in local government, fostering social accountability, a legislative guide to organize town hall meeting, a civic and voter's education guide amongst others.

The institution's executive director holds master's degree of Public Administration and Finance and Administrative Officer hold a master's degree of Finance from the Cuttington University Graduate School in Liberia while the Program Director holds Masters of Conflict and Dispute Resolution from the University of Oregon, School of Law, USA. Our management team has benefitted for local and international trainings and has developed skills to facilitate training programs, conduct community dialogue, campaign planning, community organizing, public speaking, and conduct research etc.

The Center for Democratic Governance is a Think Tank civil society organization that has been operating in Liberia since 2016. The CDG does research work on a wide range of governance issues including land reform, accountability, electoral violence, electoral reforms, political transition, transitional justice and inclusive service delivery. The CDG uses the outcomes of its different research to develop policy briefs for advocacy targeting high level policy makers. The executive director is Atty. Oscar Bloh he has over 25 years of professional experience.

The President's Meter is a flagship intervention of OSIWA's Political Governance and Democratic Consolidation Program implemented by Naymote Partners for Democratic Development in Partnership with the Center for Democratic Governance. The President's Meter marks the seventh of such initiatives that OSIWA has sponsored in the sub region

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