

# PRESIDENT METER PROJECT REPORT JAN 2018- JAN 2020

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**Promoting Democratic Accountability, Improving  
Government's Performance and Inclusive Service  
Delivery in Liberia through the President Meter Project**

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## ACRONYMS

AFL	Armed Forces of Liberia
AfT	Agenda for Transformation
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 and Industry
MoD	Ministry of National 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
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 performance of President George Manneh Weah and the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) against promises made during and after the election. The President Meter Project seeks to monitor, track, document, rate and report on the performance of President George Weah against promises he made during and after the election as well as track the government's development agenda from January 2018 to January 2020.

This report focuses on promises contained in the CDC's Manifesto of 2017, Presidential Priority Projects of 2018, Campaign Speeches and Policy Statements made since President Weah inauguration on January 22, 2018, as the 24th President of the Republic of Liberia.

President Weah's induction symbolizes the first peaceful democratic transition of power in 73 years. It was the first generational change in national leadership through popular vote since the introduction of universal suffrage in 1951 and the launch of the National Unification and Integration Policy in 1960<sup>1</sup>.

President Weah and the CDC won on the slogan: "Change for Hope" promising equal opportunity for all Liberians. The Party's Manifesto for Election 2017 outlined four pillars including, **Pillar One: Power to the People, Pillar Two: Economy and Jobs, Pillar Three: Sustaining the Peace and Pillar Four: Governance and Transparency.**

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, the CDC Manifesto of 2017 and policy statements.

Winning the presidency during the Run-Off Election with 732,185 votes, constituting 61.5% against former Vice President, Joseph N. Boakai who received 457,579 votes, constituting 38.5%<sup>2</sup>, his election generated huge expectations among voters, particularly young people.

On January 25, 2018, the President announced, the Presidential Priority Projects (3Ps) to begin the process of cutting waste, realigning the national budget, and re-purposing resources to address critical challenges in a range of areas relative to the new government's development plan called the "Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development". In all, 13 projects were identified. The government translated the party's manifesto into a short-term transition plan into the Pro Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), this initiative guided the transition from the Agenda for Transformation (Aft) and the Party's Manifesto to President George Weah's National Development Plan (PAPD) outlying the four pillars mentioned in the party Manifesto<sup>1</sup>.

The government has promised within the next five years (2019-2023) to address the basic needs of Liberians through income security, better access to basic services, and greater opportunities for self-improvement in an enabling environment that is inclusive and stable which will be at the core of the pro-poor agenda<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD)

<sup>2</sup> National Elections Commission (NEC)

During this period, January 2018 to January 2020, the institution tracked and rated 92 promises of which 7 promises were completed constituting 8%, 38 promises are ongoing constituting 41%, and 47 promises have not started or not rated constituting 51% due to the lack of available information to assess progress made towards implementation. This tracking was undertaken against the assumption that citizens care deeply about whether their government has followed through on what it originally promised and provides citizens the tools to cut through the misinformation that so often plagues political discourse surrounding the status of government.

**The 7 completed promises include:**

- 1. Payment of the WASSCE fees for all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (Public and Private Schools)**
- 2. Renovation of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital**
- 3. The passage of the Land Rights Act**
- 4. Reduction of salaries for public officials under the Executive Branch of Government**
- 5. Pavement of the Doe Community Road to Clara Town**
- 6. Construction of New Kru Town Fire Victims Homes**
- 7. Revised and Launched of the National School Curriculum (Grades 1-12)**

Of the 92 promises tracked, 65 promises came from the Coalition for Democratic Change Manifesto 2017 and 27 promises from campaign speeches, policy statements and presidential priority projects.

The 92 promises tracked were placed under four pillars as outlined in the CDCs Party Manifesto.

**Pillar One: POWER TO THE PEOPLE**, 32 promises were tracked of which 3 were completed, 15 ongoing, and 14 promises not started or not rated.

**Pillar Two: ECONOMY AND JOBS**, 36 promises were tracked, 4 promises were completed, 15 ongoing and 17 promises not started or not rated.

**Pillar Three: SUSTAINING THE PEACE**, 10 promises were tracked, 4 promises are ongoing and 6 not started or not rated.

**Pillar Four: GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY**, 14 promises were tracked, 4 promises are ongoing, and 10 not started or not rated.

Of the 92 promises tracked under the four pillars, 11 promises were focused on **Education and Training** of which 2 are completed, 6 ongoing and 3 not started, 8 promises on **Health and Sanitation** 1 completed, 5 ongoing, and 2 not started, 3 promises on **Gender Equality**, 1 ongoing and 2 not started, 5 promises made on **Youth Reorientation and Empowerment**, 3 promises are ongoing and 2 not started, 5 promises on **Physically Challenged and Senior Citizens None Started** and 4 promises on **Accountability and Anti-Corruption** none started.

Additionally, 12 promises on **Sustainable Economic Growth**, 1 completed, 5 promises are ongoing, 6 not started, 7 promises on **Agriculture and Forestry**, 1 completed, 3 ongoing, 3 not started, 16 promises on **Infrastructure Development** 2 completed, 6 ongoing and 8 not started, and 5 promises on **Justice and Human Rights** 1 ongoing, 4 not started.

It was observed that during the 2 years period, President George Weah's administration has taken no tangible actions on promises around **Accountability and Anti-Corruption** as well as promises on



**Physically Challenged and Senior Citizens;** while limited efforts have been placed on **Gender Equality,** and **Justice and Human Rights in Liberia.**

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

**Completed:** This is when a promise has been confirmed to be achieved,

**Ongoing:** This is when the government is working toward achieving a promise, but the promise has not been fully achieved,

**Not rated:** This is when information is not easily accessible to verify whether an action has been taken on a promise,

**Not started:** This is when no concrete action has taken place in response to a given promise.



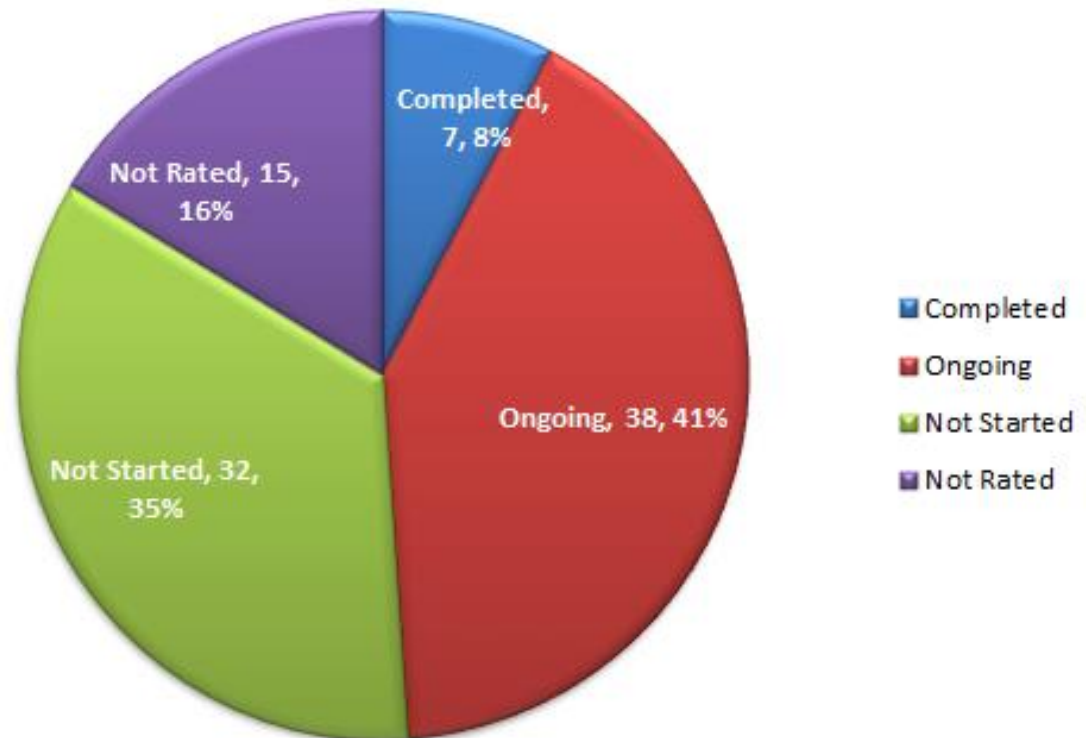
**Photo of the revised National School Curriculum (Grades 1-12)**



**Photo of the Construction of New Kru Town Fire Victims Homes**

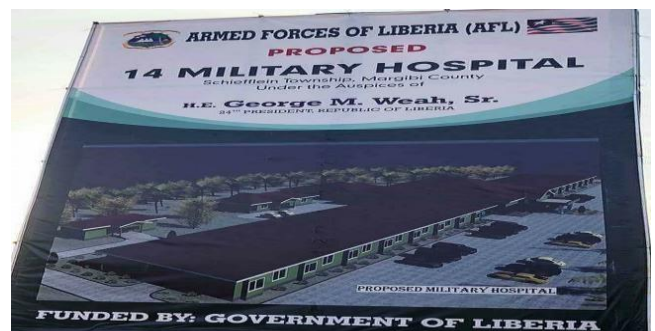
## 1.1 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROGRESS RATING

### Rating President George Weah Performance Against Promises Made in two years





## 1.2 PICTORIAL OF SOME GOVERNMENT'S GOING PROMISES



## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of promises tracked, documented and rated against progress made by President George M. Weah between the periods January 2018 to January 2020.

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's 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 the status of promises, it engenders the following:**

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

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 some 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 seven national radio stations<sup>3</sup> 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 stations<sup>4</sup> 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.

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<sup>3</sup> ELBC, Truth FM, ECOWAS Radio, Power FM, Prime FM, OK FM, and Fabric 101. <sup>4</sup> ELTV which is State managed TV, and SKY TV, and Power TV both commercial stations.



## 4.0 PROGRESS RATING OF PROMISES PER PILLAR

### **Pillar One: POWER TO THE PEOPLE.**

During the two years reporting period, the institution (NAYMOTE) tracked, documented and rated 32 promises of which 3 were completed, 15 ongoing, and 14 promises not started or not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken. Renovation of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Launched of the National School Curriculum (Grades 1-12) and Payment of WAEC Fees were confirmed completed under pillar one.



### **Pillar Two: ECONOMY AND JOBS.**

The institution tracked, documented and rated 36 promises under the pillar: Economy and Jobs, 4 promises were completed, 15 ongoing and 17 promises not started or not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken. Reduction of salary for members of the executive branch of government, passage of the Land Rights Act, Pavement of Doe's Community Road and Construction of New Kru Town Fire Victims Homes were promises completed under pillar two.



### **Pillar Three: SUSTAINING THE PEACE**

During the two years period, the institution tracked, documented and rated 10 promises under pillar three: Sustaining the Peace, none of the promises are completed, 4 promises are ongoing and 6 not started or not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken.



### **Pillar Four: GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY**

The institution tracked, documented and rated 14 promises under pillar four: Governance and Transparency, none of the promises are completed, 4 promises are ongoing, and 10 not started or not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken



## Performance Analysis: Government Promises & Current Status (Two Years in Office)

### PILLAR ONE: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
	<b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING (11 PROMISES)</b>		<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>		
1	Pay the West African Examination Council (WAEC) fees for all students sitting the exam	Education	<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>	Interviews conducted, Newspaper publication	Promise Completed
2	Optimize Online Registration Platform & Free Wi-Fi Internet at UL	Education	<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>	Interviews conducted with students, site visit and the University of Liberia Website: (link to e-portal <a href="http://ulportal.net/login.aspx?login=1">http://ulportal.net/login.aspx?login=1</a> Link to the launched story <a href="https://ul.edu.lr/?p=12780">https://ul.edu.lr/?p=12780</a> )	Registration E-Portal active and an MTN Mobile Money Fees Payment Launched. Wi-Fi Internet remain a challenged
3	Review and reform school curriculum to address 21 <sup>st</sup> century development and labor needs	Education	<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>	MOE Website: <a href="http://moe-liberia.org/national-curriculum/">http://moe-liberia.org/national-curriculum/</a> , MoE Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LiberiaMOE/">https://www.facebook.com/LiberiaMOE/</a> & Deputy Minister/Administration <a href="https://www.facebook.com/latim.dathong/posts/3721744561185247">https://www.facebook.com/latim.dathong/posts/3721744561185247</a>	The Ministry of Education revised and launched national school curriculum (Grades 1-12) to address 21 <sup>st</sup> century development and labor needs.
4	Provide free Tuition for students in all public universities	Education	<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>	President George M. Weah State of Nation Address (January 29, 2019).	An Act has been submitted to RATIFY AND AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA OF TUITION FEES FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN LIBERIA
5	Enroll PSL teachers on Government Payroll	Education	<span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">C</span>	<span style="background-color: #FFA500; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">O</span>	<span style="background-color: #D9534F; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NS</span>	<span style="background-color: #70AD47; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NR</span>	Interviewed on ELBC, Latim Da-thong, Deputy Minister for Administration, Ministry of Education	1100 teachers from supplementary are now placed on the regular payroll



6	Double efforts and resources to reinforce and implement the current national compulsory free education policy and Act	Education		<b>O</b>			The MOE Website: ( <a href="http://moe-liberia.org/">http://moe-liberia.org/</a> )	The Ministry of Education is enforcing some section of the Education Act 2011
7	Reintroduce and expand the school feeding program in public schools.	Education		<b>O</b>			President George M. Weah State of Nation Address 2019 <a href="https://thenewdawnliberia.com/school-feeding-enhances-students-performance/">https://thenewdawnliberia.com/school-feeding-enhances-students-performance/</a>	The Government of Liberia has secured a US\$30 Million Investment from the United States Government through USAID to expand the School feeding to four counties in the Southeast.
8	Provide adequate and special attention to vulnerable students with a history of misconduct, learning and physical disabilities.	Education			<b>NS</b>			No available information
9	Prioritize early learning and adult illiteracy programs in pre-schools and local communities.	Education			<b>NS</b>			No available information
10	Revitalize and upgrade teaching and learning facilities and programs in existing TVET institute.	Education		<b>O</b>			Interviewed with Assistant Education Minister for Research	TVET programs are ongoing and revitalized with modern equipment
11	Submit for passage of the Liberia Technical Vocational Education and Training Commission Act.	Education				<b>NR</b>		No available information yet



	HEALTH AND SANITATION (8 PROMISES)							
12	Renovate the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	Health	C				Site visit, media monitored, dedication ceremony	Part of the JFK Hospital Renovated, Equipped and Dedicated.
13	Construction of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Military Hospital	Health		O			Meeting, interviews conducted, media monitor/ELBC, Jan 22, 2019, Ministry of Defense Facebook Page, Newspaper Publication, Bush chicken: <a href="https://bushchicken.com/india-provides-us2-million-to-finance-completion-of-14th-military-hospital/">https://bushchicken.com/india-provides-us2-million-to-finance-completion-of-14th-military-hospital/</a>	Completion of 85% of the Construction work of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Military Hospital. The hospital's construction is nearing completion and is expected to be dedicated early 2020. Military personnel send outside Liberia for specialized training to manage the hospital.
14	Construction of New Redemption Hospital	Health		O			Onsite Visitation, interview conducted , Newspaper publication: ( <a href="https://allafrica.com/stories/201808120193.html">https://allafrica.com/stories/201808120193.html</a> & <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOS4fvm7znI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOS4fvm7znI</a> )	Phase 1 of the construction work completed including groundbreaking, fencing of premises, construction of warehouse and the foundation of the picritic and maternity center. Phase 2 is nearing completion.
15	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.
16	Establish a functional emergency medical service including referral system between primary, secondary and tertiary care	Health				NR		No available information
17	Strengthen Emergency Preparedness and Response mechanisms and institutions to prevent diseases	Health		O			Media reports (WHO Website, UNDP Facebook Page and ELBC), Newspaper (Front Page Africa- November 30, 2018)	Emergency and disaster policy formulated. NPHIL refurbished and dedicated Liberia veterinary diagnosis laboratory in Fendall, Human laboratory for testing diseases for potential outbreak established.

18	Improve childhood preventable disease vaccination coverage	Health		O			Media reports, MoH Website: ( <a href="http://moh.gov.lr/category/news/">http://moh.gov.lr/category/news/</a> )	The Ministry of Health continues to carryout nationwide health vaccination for new born. In 2019, the MOH held measles and polio vaccines.
19	Support health professionals' in-service training and career advances	Health		O			Media monitored, Newspaper (Daily Observer Oct. 16, 2018)	Trainings being conducted for specialized health practitioners in Kenya and additional health workers placed on payroll

#### GENDER EQUALITY (3 PROMISES)

20	Review existing gender policies and strengthen where needed to ensure gender equality in public and private sectors	Gender Equality				NR		No available information
21	Establish in communities within various counties a viable adult literacy program for rural farming and market women	Gender Equality				NS		No available information
22	Continue to support and strengthen existing acts and regulations on Violence Against Women	Gender Equality		O			FrontPage Africa reports: ( <a href="https://frontpageafricaonline.com/front-slider/liberia-house-of-representatives-finally-passed-domestic-violence-bill/">https://frontpageafricaonline.com/front-slider/liberia-house-of-representatives-finally-passed-domestic-violence-bill/</a> )	The Government of Liberia through the House of Representatives has passed the Domestic Violence awaiting concurrence from the Liberian Senate. The bill, among other things, is seeking tighter punishment for perpetrators of domestic violence and protection for victims/survivors.

#### YOUTH RE-ORIENTATION AND EMPOWERMENT (5 PROMISES)

23	Construct 7 modernize mini soccer stadiums across 7 counties capital	Youth Re-or. & Emp.				NS		No available information
24	Design and execute a strong reputable national inter-school competition agenda respectively at primary, junior and senior high school and university levels	Youth Re-or. & Emp.		O			Monitored newspaper reports, radio (ELBC, MCCTV), Postline: MCC Facebook page November 5, 2019	Inter-school intellectual debates and have taken place. National Spelling Bee competition held to promote primary education in line with goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals: Quality Education.

25	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.		O			Newspaper publication (Front Page Africa and Daily Observer, December 9, 2018)	<p>MYS National Youth Empowerment and Employment program launched and recruitment of project beneficiaries started.</p> <p>MYS launched 20 million grant project sponsored by EU, support to 6 TVET institutions. Entrepreneurship programs and provision of labor subsidy to over 3,000 youth engaged in farming. Construction of entrepreneurship centers and skills training for youths.</p>
26	Establish and operate, in partnership with national and international enterprises, a comprehensive integrated Sports and Academic Academy	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS			No available information
27	Submit for passage the National Youth Act			O			<p>President George M. Weah State Of Nation Address 2019, Media Reports : <a href="https://allafrica.com/stories/201904100776.html">https://allafrica.com/stories/201904100776.html</a>)</p>	<p>The bill submitted to the House of Representatives already by President George M. Weah.</p> <p>In April 2019, the House of Representatives begin the process scrutinizing the bill.</p> <p>"This Act, when passed into law, will endorse the policy document, which is expected to enhance young people's human capacity, innovation, unity and sense of responsibility towards our socio-economic and political processes," President Weah in his communication to the House of Representatives.</p>

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (5 PROMISES)							
28	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 Citiz			NS		No evidence to show that a bill has been drafted.
29	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 Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
30	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 Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
31	Ensure the provision of free medical service and recreation centers for senior citizens beyond the age of 70 years	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
32	Strengthen education, training and equal employment opportunity policies, programs and processes where they exist for persons living with disabilities	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place

## PILLAR TWO: ECONOMY AND JOBS

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH (12 PROMISES)							
33	Reduction of Salary for members of the executive branch of government	Sustainable Economic Growth	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\$
34	Reduce tariffs on all basic commodities imported into the Country	Sustainable Economic Growth		O		Interviews conducted with marketers, Newspaper publication (New Public Trust, May 30, 2018)	Executive order issued instructing LRA to reduce tariffs on commodities imported.
35	Review Concession Agreements entered between companies and the previous government.	Sustainable Economic Growth		O		Monitored Newspaper reports/ publication (Reuter Feb. 15, 2018/Executive Mansion Website April 17, 2018)	President set-up committee to review concession agreements. Legislature commits to review concession agreements.
36	Ensure concession companies are fulfilling their social corporate responsibilities outlined in concession contracts.	Sustainable Economic Growth		O		Newspaper publication (Daily Observer, October 18, 2018). Monitored social media posts: ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pwlib/posts/2727648810607840">https://www.facebook.com/pwlib/posts/2727648810607840</a> )	Provisions of Corporate Social Responsibilities are ongoing in education, roads and health, etc. In specific terms, ARCELORMITTAL has started the GANTA – YEKEPA Road Project of sixty-seven kilometers (67 km). GoL signed an agreement with Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc, for Constructing and Rehabilitating Laterite Roads in its area of Operations.
37	Stabilize the rapidly declining value of the Liberian dollar by reducing export stocks	Sustainable Economic Growth		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

38	Develop and implement strategic manufacturing and industrial policies and action plans to invest in rural, coastal, and inner city	Sustainable Economic Growth			NS			No available information
39	Undertake financial sector reform to deepen financial markets, promote financial inclusion, enhance regulation of the financial institutions	Sustainable Economic Growth				NR		No available information
40	Reform business legislation thus eliminating red tape process	Sustainable Economic Growth				NR		No available information
41	Introduce non-discriminatory loan and grant facility to support Liberian owned businesses	Sustainable Economic Growth		O			Newspaper publication-Daily Observer, December 20, 2018, FPA Dec 22, 2018	President Weah Launches US\$3M Loan Scheme for Small Businesses
42	Develop and enforce an effective Liberalization program in accordance with a “local content policy” for Liberians in the procurement of public goods and services	Sustainable Economic Growth			NS			No available information
43	Encourage and facilitate equity-based public-private partnership business arrangements	Sustainable Economic Growth			NS			No available information
44	Strengthen the current legal and fiscal regulations to improve government support services for both local and foreign investors.	Sustainable Economic Growth				NR		No available information

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (7 PROMISES)								
45	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
46	Formulate and pursue policies on processing of raw material into agriculture products such as Oil Palm, Mango, Cassava etc.	Agri.& Forestry		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publications, radio/MoA website/ Daily Observer Feb. 28, 2018) (Source: Executive Mansion and World Bank Websites), Newspaper pub. (New Democrat, January 7, 2019)	SAPEC project ongoing in 12 counties, farmers are processing improved cassava varieties into flour, fufu, gari. World Bank 25 million support to STAR-P project. MoU signed between MoA /SAPEC and 8 local construction companies to build and rehabilitate 6 markets in 6 counties (Cape Mount, Bassa, Grand Kru, Margibi, Maryland and Rivergee) within 11 months
47	Technical, financial and mechanical support to farmers for the development of low agricultural land and swamp land	Agr.& Forestry		O			FrontPage Africa, January 17, 2019, MoA website ( <a href="https://www.moa.gov.lr/content.php?press&amp;related=7&amp;news_id=97&amp;pg=sp">https://www.moa.gov.lr/content.php?press&amp;related=7&amp;news_id=97&amp;pg=sp</a> )	World Bank 25 million support to STAR-P project. GoL through the MoA has secured a development financing of USD 32 million from the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) to support the Tree Crop Extension Project (TCEP) and (STAR-P) project.
48	Formulate policies to minimize the export of raw wood and implement policies to enhance local production and processing of wood	Agr.& Forestry			NS			No available information
49	Public Extension Workers programs to assist small and medium famers shall be revisited	Agr.& Forestry				NR		No available information



50	Encourage farmers to use simple machines to maximize yields and form stronger cooperatives and cross national partnerships	Agr.& Forestry		O			Media Monitor, Frontpage Africa, Jan 24, 2019 and ELBC news	Ministry of Agriculture, Internal Affairs Sign MOU for Communal Farming
51	Establish an Agriculture Bank dedicated to providing loans, grants and equity participation in the agro enterprises.	Agr.& Forestry			NS			No available information

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (16 PROMISES)								
52	Pavement of the Doe's Community Road to Clara Town	Infras. Development	C				Onsite visitation, Executive Mansion Website (December 26, 2018), Newspaper publication (New Dawn, January 17, 2019)	Road construction completed and dedicated by President Weah
53	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 streetlights by LEC at Rehab, ELWA Junction, Bushrod Island and around Monrovia.
54	Construction of 568 housing units across the 15 sub-political divisions	Infras. Development			NS			No physical evidence that construction work has started.
55	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, Ministry of Public Works social media page ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pwlib/posts/2720014134704641">https://www.facebook.com/pwlib/posts/2720014134704641</a> )	Some feeder roads are being worked on through budget allocation and county social development funds.
56	Construct Coastal Highway	Infras. Development			NS		Media Monitoring, Executive Mansion Website	No construction works confirm yet; but, the Government of Liberia has secured a US\$50 Million loan from the European Bank for Investment &

							Development (EBID) for the purpose of constructing the costal corridor.
57	Construct Mini City on “Bali Island” to Become a New City of Monrovia	Infras. Development			NS		President George M Weah State of the Nation Address No construction works has started; but an Act has been passed into law NAMING THE BALI ISLAND TO THE MAHATMA GANDHI CONVENTION CENTER
58	Upgrade and Modernize township of West Point by constructing 2,000 housing units	Infras. Development			NS		No available information
59	Expansion of the Robertsfield Highway by four lanes	Infras. Development			NS		No available information
60	Policies and measure put in place to expand and ensure affordable and accessible electricity supply for our people	Infras. Development				NR	No available information
61	Policies and measure put in place to improve current air, road, and sea transportation	Infras. Development			NS		No available information
62	Review, and if necessary, reform the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation	Infras. Development		O			Media monitor, Website ( <a href="http://www.lwsc.gov.lr/2content.php?sub=131&amp;related=31&amp;third=131&amp;pg=sp">http://www.lwsc.gov.lr/2content.php?sub=131&amp;related=31&amp;third=131&amp;pg=sp</a> ), Interviews, Executive Mansion Website (November 2, 2019), Monitored media reports-FPA & Daily Observer Water and Sewer is expanding access to other areas outside of Monrovia The LWSC is rehabilitating the White Plains Water Treatment Plant and 36-Inch, and 21 KM Transmission Pipeline from the Plant to Paynesville Redlight. Gov’t broke ground for the construction of US\$18 million raw water pipeline project between the dam of the Mount Coffee Hydro-power Plant and

								the White Plains Water Treatment Plant but actual work hasn't started.
63	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, feeder roads etc.
64	Pavement of all feeder roads in Monrovia and its environs	Infras. Development		O			President George M. Weah State of the Nation Address (January 29, 2019)	More than sixty-five percent (65%) of community roads are near completion. DOE COMMUNITY TO CLARA TOWN road and CHUGBOR ROAD are completed and dedicated.
65	Provide affordable housing for Liberians	Infras. Development			NS		Newspaper Publication (FPA Oct. 5, 2019, Observer January 14, 2019, Monrovia Times-July 23, 2018).	2 MoU signed between Gov't and partners for construction of housing units but actual work haven't started
66	Pave the road ELWA Junction to Coca-Cola Factory.	Infras, Development		O			Onsite visits, Media Monitoring and President George M Weah State Of Nation Address 2019	Funding has been made available by the World Bank and construction works are currently ongoing.
67	Construction of the New Kru Town Fire Victims Homes in 60 days.	Infras, Development	C				Media Monitoring, Executive Mansion Website	Housing units completed, dedicated and turned over to the fire victims on August 9, 2019.

TRANSPORTATION (1 PROMISE)						
68	Repair NTA Buses to aid with public transportation	Transportation		O		<p>Media monitoring, interview and Newspaper publication (Bush Chicken (<a href="http://www.bushchicken.com/new-nta-leadership-met-only17-functional-buses/">http://www.bushchicken.com/new-nta-leadership-met-only17-functional-buses/</a>) NTA Website</p> <p>Executive Mansion website (December 23, 2019), Newspaper Reports-Daily Observer (December 18, 2019)</p>
						<p>The number of transport buses repaired and has increased to 32 buses from 17.</p> <p>On 17<sup>th</sup> December, the NTA received 45 new buses from the Government of India to boost and aid public transport.</p>

### PILLAR THREE: SUSTAINING THE PEACE

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment	
JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (5 PROMISES)									
69	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	
70	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.	
71	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 available information	
72	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.	
73	Strengthen the National Commission on Human Rights with the intent to enhancing its operational capacity.	Justice & Human Rights				NR		No available information	
RECONCILIATION (2 PROMISES)									

74	Organize in various counties “Pavala Hut” peace initiative meetings involving youths, elders, and women groups to reconcile our people and nation	Reconciliation		O			Interview conducted, reports	The Gov’t through MIA/ Peace Building Office “Advancing Reconciliation Through Legislative Reforms and Civic Engagement” . Several Peace building and reconciliation dialogues held.
75	Create an inclusive government and employment opportunities, not based on the common practice of winner takes all	Reconciliation				NR		No available information
<b>SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE (3 PROMISES)</b>								
76	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 and President George M Weah State Of Nation Address (January 29, 2019)	Liberian army participating in International Peace Keeping Mission in Mali and Sudan, training and promotion ongoing, promotion examination administered by the AFL, deployed 4 rotation troops to Mali.  Additionally, the Gov’t have deployed a total of one hundred personnel, bringing the present strength of troops to 105 personnel

							Negotiated with the US Embassy for the expansion of training opportunities for personnel of the Ministry of National Defense and the Armed Forces of Liberia.
77	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 available information
78	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, MoD Website and Facebook page ((Source: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/modliberia/">https://www.facebook.com/modliberia/</a> )  Ongoing training has taken place for security personnel  The Gov't continues to train new recruit into the Armed of Forces Liberia and existing soldiers are receiving certificates, diploma and military and security trainings from renowned institutes across the world.



## PILLAR FOUR: GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

Key Indicators (Status)



Completed



Ongoing



Not Started



Not Rated

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
DECENTRALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS (4PROMISES )								
79	Initiate and execute a nation-wide consultation process on the extent and structures of a viable decentralized governing system	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems		O			Newspaper report, interviewed with MiA Minister and social media	Several consultations/town hall meetings have been held by the Ministry of Internal Affairs across the country.
80	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		O			Online Monitoring, Executive Mansion Website <a href="https://www.emansion.gov.lr/doc/Official_National_Referendum_2020_20191015_2.pdf">https://www.emansion.gov.lr/doc/Official_National_Referendum_2020_20191015_2.pdf</a>  Newspaper report Daily Observer) October 2, 2019 <a href="https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/legislature-set-agenda-for-popular-referendum/">https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/legislature-set-agenda-for-popular-referendum/</a>	The GoL through the National Elections Commission has set October 13, 2020 as the date for referendum ,  The Liberia Official Gazette on The National Referendum - 2020 Published By Authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RL (VOL. XIX TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019, NO. 52)
81	Design the physical lay-out of the designated proclaimed city-area to host the new Capital City of Liberia	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS			No available information
82	Governing systems, and responsibilities shall be decentralized within three demarcated geo-politico regions, (Western, Central, and Eastern)	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS			No policy or law formulated to implement this promise.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION (4 PROMISES)							
83	Review structures, mandates and operations of the four major existing agencies with responsibilities for ensuring accountability and transparency	Account. & Anti-Corruption				NR	No available information
84	Review and build upon the current Code of Conduct for Public Officials together with the Assets Declaration Platform	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS		No available information
85	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 available information
86	Pursue without fear or favor legal actions against companies involved in bid rigging, price fixing and corrupt practices	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS		No available information

FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (6 PROMISES)							
87	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			<p>Newspaper reports-Daily Observer (September 7, 2018), In profile Daily, (November 30, 2018)</p> <p>Executive Mansion Website, Daily Observers, Inquirer Newspaper)</p> <p>The President has made several regional and international visits, recommit to one China Policy.</p> <p>Several Ambassadors presented letters of Credence to President Weah and pledged support to the Government of Liberia. The Government secured a US\$120 Million grant from USAID and U.S Government through direct support.</p> <p>Liberia have signed a MoU become a member of China's One Belt One Road</p>

							Initiative and secured of \$54 million United States dollar grant to Liberia to aid the construction of two overhead bridges to ease traffic movement at the Ministerial Complex and the SKD Boulevard respectively
88	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 available information
89	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 available information
90	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 available information
91	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  President George M. Weah State of the Nation Address (January 29, 2019)  Gov't seeking and establishing Private Sector Partnership with China, EU and other nations.  "Gov't is solidifying her ties with traditional African allies, Israel, EU, China and U.S Government through USAID." President Weah
92	Implement a Visa-upon-Arrival program, as well as the issuance of Tourist Visas.	Transportation			NS		President George M. Weah State of the Nation Address (January 29, 2019)  No available information



## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are advanced for consideration by the government:

- **Cooperation** from government institutions in terms of providing timely information to our President Meter project team.
- Develop a results-based **communication strategy** to facilitate a two-way flow of information between the government and citizens.
- **Establish an inter-ministerial committee** to coordinate government's efforts in fulfilling 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.

## 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 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, etc.

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 Graduates 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, and public speaking, 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 15 years of professional experience.

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