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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2024, Naymote Partners for Democratic Development achieved remarkable strides in shaping the future of Liberia and Africa through its various programs. At the heart of this transformation were young leaders, empowered by initiatives like the Young Political Leadership School Africa (YPLS Africa), Democracy Impact Fellowship, and the Lead Mentorship Program. These programs did more than impart knowledge; they ignited a wave of leadership that continues to drive social change.

Through the Young Political Leadership School Africa, emerging leaders from across the continent learned how to navigate the complex landscape of democratic governance. From political campaigning to electoral management, participants like Mary Kerkula and Mustapha N. Kanneh have used their newfound skills to address critical national issues. Kanneh, a former leader of the Student Unification Party, played a key role in reopening the University of Liberia Students Union Building and advocating for the “Fix the Country” campaign, a movement aimed at holding the government accountable. These young leaders, now armed with the knowledge gained through YPLS Africa, are transforming their communities and shaping national dialogue on democracy.

The Democracy Impact Fellowship brought together 50 emerging civic leaders, politicians, and civil society members. This program not only equipped fellows with leadership skills but also fostered emotional intelligence, a critical trait for impactful governance. Participants, like Jameline Famah Gbarbea, spoke of discovering their potential beyond traditional measures of success, realizing that leadership is about the ability to inspire and influence others. Fellows emerged from the program with enhanced self-awareness, confidence, and a commitment to fostering civic engagement in marginalized communities.

The Lead Mentorship Program, designed for alumni of the YPLS Africa program, took leadership development a step further by offering a 12-week intensive course. Guided by seasoned mentors, participants refined their personal brands, storytelling skills, and communication strategies. J. Ben Nyahn, one of the program’s participants, reflected on how the mentorship broadened his understanding of self-worth and leadership, highlighting the transformative nature of the experience.

Naymote’s influence extended beyond personal development; it was also a catalyst for systemic change. Through its Legislative Internship Program, Naymote helped bridge the gap between lawmakers and citizens. Interns played an instrumental role in advocating for political accountability and transparency, further solidifying the organization’s impact on Liberia’s governance landscape.

As Naymote continues to train, mentor, and inspire a new generation of leaders, its legacy is becoming a testament to the power of youth-driven change. What began as an initiative to educate young people has blossomed into a movement—one that is nurturing civic-minded, accountable leaders prepared to tackle Africa’s most pressing challenges. From local communities to national platforms, Naymote’s programs are crafting a brighter, more democratic future for all.



ABOUT THE INSTITUTION



Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is a distinguished civil society organization established in 2001 by student leaders and activists, committed to fostering accountable democratic governance, political accountability, robust civic engagement in Liberia and throughout the continent. The institution has educated numerous prominent emerging politicians in Africa, consistently contributing to the fortification of Liberia's democratic institutions and empowering citizens to participate actively in the governance process.

The institution is highly recognized in Africa. It possesses highly skilled program and financial management teams with extensive experience, operating nationwide. The institution operates two offices: One located in the Capital City of Monrovia and a regional office situated in Gbarnga City, Bong County.

Naymote envisioned a democratic society where dividends are guaranteed and leaders are held accountable.

The institution has extensive experience in managing large grants for donors as principal recipient, within the formal partnerships and consortia. www.naymote.com www.yplsa.org

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am thrilled to share this message as we conclude another remarkable year in 2024. It has been an honor to lead a team of passionate, innovative minds who are dedicated to advancing accountability, democratic governance, and strong civic engagement across Liberia and Africa—a commitment we have upheld for nearly two decades. This year has once again shown the incredible power of collaboration, determination, shared purpose.

Our success is the result of a collective effort that includes our Board of Directors, resilient team members, partners, volunteers, alumni, and supporters. Together, we have cultivated a community of compassionate and driven leaders who are shaping a more inclusive and democratic society. Through programs like the Young Political Leadership School Africa, we have trained 1,130 emerging politicians, activists, social society leaders from across Africa, equipping them with the tools to lead change and influence democratic decision-making in their communities. The Liberia Emerging Political Leaders Training (LEPLT) which fosters leadership from marginalized communities and developing leaders from the grassroots and the Democracy Impact Fellowship Program grooming a new generation of democratic defenders and activists.

The institution President Meter Project (PMP), is providing a channel for public accountability helping citizens to learn about the performance of their President and are demanding fulfilment of campaign and post campaign promises. This year, we released a report tracking the promises made by President Joseph Numah Boakai Sr., a report that has gained recognition from citizens, national stakeholders, and international partners as a reference for discourses that borders on political accountability in Liberia.

This year, we made significant strides, including signing an MOU with the University of Liberia to develop a curriculum for a six-month executive political leadership diploma course—an exciting new chapter in our work. We also hosted Liberia's first national summit on democracy and political accountability,

among other impactful initiatives. I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed, and I remain inspired by the incredible impact we are making together.

At Naymote, we believe that a vibrant civil society is essential for a thriving democracy. Over the years, our institution has been instrumental in sustaining peace and strengthening democratic gains in Liberia.

In these pages, you'll find the story of our continued impact and progress in advancing democracy in Liberia and empowering young people across Africa. Thank you for your unwavering support as we move forward in this journey of empowering leaders, fostering democratic governance, advancing political accountability and building a pathway for sustainable peace and social cohesion in Liberia.

Sincerely,

Eddie D. Jarwolo
Executive Director
Naymote Partners for Democratic Development





INTRODUCTION

The 2024 Annual Report for Naymote Partners for Democratic Development reflects the institution’s unwavering commitment to empowering leaders and driving sustainable change in Liberia.

This report highlights the significant influence of essential initiatives, such as the Young Political Leadership School Africa, the Democracy Impact Fellowship Program, the Lead Mentorship Program, the Legislative Internship Program, and the Liberia Emerging Political Leaders Program.

These programs empower emerging leaders by providing them with crucial skills and knowledge for effective political leadership and the defense of democratic values. A large number of young people who participated in these programs are using the skills to make a difference in their communities, and eventually leading their society.

Naymote takes pride in the inspiring journeys of its fellows, exemplified by J. Ben Nyahn, who shares his growth through the Lead Mentorship Program. The institution also highlights the significant contributions of participants from the Young Political Leadership School Africa and celebrates the success of its Peace Dividends Projects in Lofa and Nimba Counties, emphasizing its dedication to fostering peace and democracy in Liberia.

In addition to these achievements, Naymote has been actively involved in civil society actions aimed

at enhancing healthcare delivery and promoting social accountability within communities. The report also details the engagement of lawmakers in fostering accountability, the success stories from the Legislative Internship Program, and Naymote’s role in advancing political accountability, encapsulated in the theme “Promises Made, Promises Kept 2024.”

As Naymote reflects on its journey, it acknowledges that empowered leaders are crucial for meaningful change and remain committed to cultivating a future where democracy thrives. Young leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow. The report will further explore the institution’s efforts in building Liberia’s leadership from the grassroots level, the amazing journey of emerging leaders like Alpha of Africa, Alex and the impact of social media on civil society engagement in Liberia.

Thanks to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through the Embassy of Sweden, Naymote has been able to upgrade its internal controls, publish more important documents, conduct audits of its operations, install solar systems in its regional and national offices, improve its logistics support and improve the quality of its programs, among other things.

So, take a moment to dive into the pages ahead and discover the inspiring stories, impactful initiatives, and the unwavering spirit of a nation on the rise. Enjoy the read! For more information about the institution check www.naymote.com or www.yplsa.org.





DEMOCRACY IMPACT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

As a means of addressing political and societal issues in Liberia, young leaders are reshaping democracy and community development through new ideas, tools, and strategies through support from Naymote Partners for Democratic Development.

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is collaborating with the American Spaces at the Public Diplomacy Section, US Embassy to host a 24-week Democracy Impact Fellowship Program, (June to November 2024) for 50 emerging leaders including activists, civic leaders, politicians, and civil society leaders. The overall objective of the Democracy Impact Fellowship Program is to develop a new generation of leaders who, by their responses to societal and political issues, influence democracy and the development of communities.

As Naymote, we stand with the fellows as they work to strengthen democracy and bring about social change in their communities, the followers have elected a strong and effective leadership who are leading activities to improve community development by planning, developing, and implementing civic engagement activities across marginalized communities.

Over the past weeks, participants learned about civic engagement, community organizing, human rights, the rule of law, democratic values, leadership, inclusivity, and self-assessment, building emotional intelligence and social skills for confident leadership. They learned about the longstanding ties between Liberia and the United States, American politics, cultures and misinformation/and disinformation.

These sessions are facilitated by leading professionals and diplomats from the United States Embassy, University of Liberia and civil society.

Participants Kangar W. Topoe has committed to being cautious about sharing information on group chats and posts, emphasizing the importance of verifying the accuracy of information before dissemination; Workadah J. Bouh pledged to have the courage to correct misinformation when encountered.

Fellows have established a fact-checking movement on Facebook (#Rumor, #Truth, and #Fact), and they are undertaking high school and college campaigns on misinformation and disinformation, they are training high school students on fact-checking, misinformation, and disinformation as a means of reducing fake news, improving accurate information and they are hosting town hall meetings and radio program to educate citizens about democratic values, rights and responsibilities, fact-check and human trafficking, etc.

Development Quotes From Fellows

“*The Democracy Impact Fellowship Program transformed my life. It empowered me to overcome my shyness and find my voice as a leader and advocate for change. I’m grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in my community.*” - Marjueh Juliette Coope, Democracy Impact Fellow.

“*True democracy thrives when citizens prioritize patriotism over personal interests and engage with one another responsibly. As a Democracy Impact Fellow, I have seen the power of this civic-minded approach to strengthen and sustain democratic institutions.*” - Varmuyah Aloysius Fofana, Democracy Impact Fellow.

“*The Democracy Impact Fellowship has been transformative for my professional development. Through valuable networking with diverse, like-minded individuals, I have gained skills to enhance my leadership style and confidence. Most importantly, this program has equipped me with the tools to make a meaningful, positive impact in my career and community. Thank you Naymote for the platform of young people like myself to learn and be inspired.*” - Austin C. Glay, Democracy Impact Fellow.

“*The Democracy Impact Fellowship has been a profound personal transformation for me. After becoming disconnected from my emotional intelligence and authentic self through the normalization of radical politics, this program helped me reconnect with my composure, self-awareness, and social impact. Learning how my words and actions affect others, I have been able*





to mend broken relationships and strengthen existing ones - even earning the trust of my fellow Fellows to serve as their cohort President. This journey of rediscovering my emotional intelligence has been invaluable.” - Printiss Domah, Democracy Impact Fellow.

“ *The Democracy Impact Fellowship showed*

me that true leadership has nothing to do with age, credentials, or experience – it is about the ability to influence, inspire, and motivate others. Though I initially felt less qualified than my fellow members, the program’s focus on emotional intelligence and leadership skills empowered me to become an effective leader, regardless of my background. My experience at the Democracy Impact Fellowship has been invaluable equipping the leader I should be.” - Jameline Famah Gbarbea, Democracy Impact Fellow.

“ *The Democracy Impact Fellow Program has been a remarkable journey. It offered me a unique chance to expand my knowledge, build meaningful connections, and advance leadership skills. The program allowed me to delve into research, spark meaningful conversations, and develop deep insights that have profoundly influenced my perspective on leadership governance and emotional intelligence. This experience has not only refined my abilities but also equipped me to make a more significant impact in my community and beyond. Thanks to Naymote for providing the opportunity.” - Crystal Martina Marvey, Democracy Impact Fellow.*



THE LEAD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IMPACT



at the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI).

Throughout the 12 weeks, participants engaged in interactive sessions and one-on-one mentorship, benefiting from the insights and experiences of a seasoned leader and an expert. The Lead Mentorship Program not only provided theoretical knowledge but also practical strategies and real-world applications, fostering a holistic growth environment. This initiative has been instrumental in reinforcing the leadership capabilities of our alumni, empowering them to take on more significant roles within their communities and beyond. The positive feedback and observable improvements in the participants underscore the program's success in nurturing a cadre of well-rounded, confident, and dynamic young leaders ready to drive change and innovation.

“The mentorship program has empowered me to become a better person, sharpening my storytelling and communication skills to an unmatched level. It has also helped me build a strong personal brand identity.” - Mafilla Kamara, mentee.

In January 2024, the organization established the 12-week-long Lead Mentorship Program for 15 alumni as part of its continued effort to support the professional growth of Young Political Leadership School Africa alums.

“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.” - John C. Crosby.

This initiative was meticulously designed to enhance the existing skills, knowledge, and attributes of our alumni, ensuring they are well-equipped for effective leadership. The program's curriculum covered a range of crucial topics, including personal branding, storytelling, and effective communication skills. These areas were selected to help participants craft their unique leadership identities, articulate their visions compellingly, and communicate more effectively with their constituencies and peers. This mentorship was facilitated by one of Africa's best mentors, coaches, and leaders. Charles Kojo Vandyck, Head of the Capacity Development Unit





J. BEN NYAHN: Personal Experience From The Lead mentorship Program

For me, what I found to be most valuable from the program was the sense of self-worth, achievement and accomplishment. After experiencing both droughts and floods back-to-back, understanding about change has helped me be patient and tolerant. I walked away from the program with new insight, self-respect and confidence, and an overwhelming sense of respect and pride for the people within our society.

Taking this mentorship program has allowed me the opportunity to review and adjust my leadership style to become a more effective leader. Learning more about my team members was helpful. Also, the format and level of interaction made it easier to stay focused and not get bored.

During the Personal Branding session, I learned

the importance of establishing a personal brand that reflects my values, strengths, and aspirations. I was encouraged to identify my unique qualities and communicate them effectively to stand out in various environments.

In addition to that, the program emphasized storytelling as a powerful tool for connection and influence. I practiced crafting my narratives to share experiences, challenges, and successes, which helped me to engage with others and convey my messages more compellingly.

More so, through the mentorship activities, I developed essential leadership skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, and team collaboration. I learned how to inspire others and take initiative in group settings, fostering a sense of responsibility and accountability.

Furthermore, effective communication was highlighted as a critical skill for personal and professional success. I also engaged in exercises that improved my verbal and non-verbal communication abilities, enabling me to express ideas clearly and listen actively.

Lastly, the program also taught the value of building relationships within our communities. I learned how to network strategically, leveraging connections for opportunities while also offering support to peers.

Remarkably, the training has broadened my professional skills not forgetting the interesting teaching style too and the fun I had during each session. Kudos to the organizers of the Lead mentorship program for YPLS Africa alumni for the opportunity to meet new people and network with them during interactive sessions and after rubbing minds, we learned from each other greatly.





EMPOWERING EMERGING AFRICAN LEADERS

A Story of the Young Political Leadership School Africa

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development completed the 11th cohort of the Young Political Leadership School Africa (YPLS Africa) from August 12-16, 2024, in Monrovia, Liberia. This flagship program brought together 100 emerging leaders from across Africa under the theme **“Empower the Future: African Youth Leaders for Sustainable Development, Peace, and Security.”**

The Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, Hon. Jeremiah Kpan Koung, delivered the keynote address and called on African youth to take charge of leadership and actively participate in shaping the future of the continent. He urged the youth to take ownership of their future, stating, **“If the government can’t, you must. You are the architects of your future. Give your all to correct the odds, and be competitive among your peers in other countries and on the global stage.”**

The Ambassador of the United States to Liberia, Mark Toner, delivered a motivational statement that expressed confidence in Africa’s potential and praised the spirit of its people. **“There are good, smart, and hardworking people here and across the continent, responsible citizens who have their country’s best interests at heart and are willing to work hard – in whatever capacity – to achieve them. That indomitable human spirit is Africa’s greatest resource.”**

“For democratic development to truly advance, it requires more than just laws, regulations, and elections. The media, civil society, and engaged young people - like those participating in the Young Political Leadership School of Africa - who critically examine power structures, are essential pillars.” - Nikolina Stålhund, Second Secretary Program Officer, Democracy and Human Rights.

This year’s cohort includes young politicians, activists, civic leaders, and civil society representatives. The week-long training included 16 intensive learning sessions led by ten international and national experts. The curriculum covered a wide range of topics crucial to political campaigns, political communication, electoral management, ethics and anti-corruption, gender in politics, ethical leadership, emotional intelligence, advocacy and networking, leadership in political parties, political ideology, and the Africa Agenda 2063.

Notable facilitators including Omolara T. Balogun, Head of Policy Influencing and Advocacy at the West Africa Civil Society Institute in Ghana; Mr. Emmy Otim, Regional Manager for the Program for Young Politicians in Africa/Uganda; Dr. Hannah Issatta Sao-Kpato Macarthy, Minister of Water Resource and Sanitation of Sierra Leone; and Hon. Francis Ben Kaifala, Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone.

Tanya A. Garnett, PhD, Associate Dean, Amos C. Sawyer College of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Liberia, Senator Edwin M. Snowe Jr., Head of Delegation at the ECOWAS Parliament, and Michael Johannes, Elections and Political Processes Team-Lead, USAID Liberia, Angela Ferrer, Political Economic Administrative Assistant at the US Embassy, and S. Aaron Weah-Weah, III, County Technical Lead/Project Manager IREX etc.





Impacts of the YPLS Africa

The Young Political Leadership School Africa, (YPLS Africa) has been and still one of Africa's leading political leadership schools grooming young people for democratic development. This institution and its events have expanded young men and women's ability to learn, share, collaborate, network, and dialogue to improve their skills in political leadership, electoral administration, and democratic governance. The institution has trained 1,130 most prominent young politicians and civic leaders in Africa.

Progressively, we are extremely pleased with our achievements through the YPLS Africa, to name a few: 13 graduates from Nigeria and Liberia have the guts to compete for legislative and parliamentary posts using their skills and knowledge gained from the trainings. YPLS Africa has produced six (6) junior ministers in previous governments and seven (7) junior ministers now serving in this current government in Liberia. Away from Liberia, in Namibia, a YPLS Africa alumna was elected as Assistant Mayor; two were appointed as Senior Special Assistant and Executive Assistant Director of the program's office



of the Senior Special Assistant on Citizenship in Nigeria, and another won a seat in the Local Assembly Elections in Ghana among others.

Diplomatic embassies in Liberia and regional authorities acknowledge the program as a platform for grooming young leaders for politics, community service, and contributing to a better society. The governor of Delta State in Nigeria has also recognized and annually sponsors young people from his state to attend the program because of the impact in his state. The Vice President of Sierra Leone has also supported alumni of YPLS Africa in hosting the first-ever Mano River Union Summit on preventing electoral violence and enhancing democracy among young people in March 2022.

Eddie D. Jarwolo, the founder of YPLS Africa, emphasized the importance of empowering Africa's youth to transform their role in politics and democratic processes. "The numerical strength of young people in Africa is an asset, but there needs to be a paradigm shift in how they engage in politics. YPLS Africa was created to equip young leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize their



political participation and decision-making, and to cultivate a new value system that will position them as the next generation of leaders,” Jarwolo stated.

Quotes

“*If you don’t confront the challenges*

head-on today, the problems will only worsen. As the generation with the highest stakes, you have the responsibility to address these issues. As the leaders of today, we must do everything in our power to uphold the rule of law and protect Liberia, the only home we have.” - Gregory O. W. Coleman, Inspector-General of the Liberia National Police.

“*The Young Political Leadership*

School Africa session in Monrovia was an interesting exploration of fighting corruption, building effective campaigns, and the critical role of youth. The participants were eager to continue the discussion, demonstrating their commitment to this cause. As a country and generation, we must collectively work together to combat corruption. I am inspired by the YPLS program efforts to bring together diverse young leaders across Africa to drive this vital fight.” - Francis Ben Kaifala, Commissioner, Anticorruption Commission, Republic of Sierra Leone

“*If you have made new friends, you’ve networked. If you have become more tolerant as a leader, and if, through this process, you have been inspired by any*

of the content, facilitators, or colleagues, then I would like to say that the YPLS Africa 2024 has been very successful”. - Emmy Otim, Regional Manager, Program for Youth Politicians in Africa.

“*The front of Africa activism will not be empty. It is a mandate to reproduce activist, advocacy requires a network; you cannot do it alone.”* - Omolara Balogun Board Chairperson, Naymote. Policy Influencing and Advocacy Unit, WACSI

“*I gained a great understanding of emotional intelligence in leadership and politics, as well as the critical role of youth in achieving Africa’s Agenda 2064. I also learned about the importance of networking in advocacy, effective strategies for social change, and best practices for youth-led advocacy campaigns. This deepened my insights and reshaped my thinking about team management, task execution, and communication.”* - Eric Kruboson Zubah, Participant, YPLS Africa.





Empowered leaders, lasting impact

The Young Political Leadership School Africa, (YPLS Africa) Outstanding Alumni Award this year recognizes a remarkable group of emerging leaders whose dedication and accomplishments embody the mission of igniting leaders for positive change. As we celebrate the 11th cohort of YPLS Africa, we proudly honor these distinguished alumni who have made a significant impact in their communities and beyond, exemplifying the transformative influence of the program.

Mary Kerkula, the Standard Bearer of the Revolutionary Vanguard Student Unification Party (SUP), Africa’s oldest mass-based student movement, stands out as an icon of leadership and dedication. Mary has been a formidable advocate for student rights and development, using her platform to champion issues that matter to young people.

Mustapha N. Kanneh, a former leader of the Revolutionary Vanguard Student Unification Party (SUP), has made a profound impact through his visionary leadership. Under his guidance, SUP achieved milestones such as reopening the University of Liberia Students Union Building and, as a very influential leader contributed to the “Fix the Country” campaign, which brought attention to critical national issues within the Weah administration. As a YPLS Africa alumnus, Mustapha continues to channel his leadership skills toward justice and empowerment, inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Titilope Omo Anifowose, a lawyer and entrepreneur igniting a fire of leadership in Nigeria’s next generation.

As founder of The Eagles Foundation, she’s empowered thousands of leaders and Nigerian communities fostering a culture of civic engagement and community development. Her book, “Unleashed Dreams,” equips youths and student leaders to transition into mainstream politics. As Head of Programs at the Office of the SSA to the Nigerian President on Citizenship and Leadership, Titilope drives initiatives promoting active citizenship and leadership development. Her work inspires a new wave of change-makers, shaping Nigeria’s future.

Samuel James Kpartor, Vice President of the Water Youth Network and National Program Manager at the Federation of Liberian Youth, is advancing water sustainability and youth development in Liberia. His work reflects YPLS Africa’s commitment to nurturing leadership in critical areas that contribute to societal advancement. He played an active role in Liberia’s democratic elections and transition bringing innovation in electoral observation and voter education.

Christopher B. Jones, a Chief Technological Officer for Ezee Market, has provided invaluable technical support and expertise to YPLS Africa. His contributions have been instrumental in advancing the program’s initiatives, demonstrating the diverse impact of alumni across various fields. These alumni represent the pinnacle of YPLS Africa’s mission to ignite leaders for positive change. As the organization continues to expand and evolve, it remains dedicated to fostering ethical, accountable leaders who are equipped to tackle tomorrow’s challenges and drive progress toward a more just and equitable society.

Elvis Akpobi serves as the Senior Special Assistant for Youth Mentoring and Development in Delta State, Nigeria, and is a prominent ambassador for YPLS Africa. As the Chief Executive Officer of Not Too Young To Lead, Elvis has driven youth empowerment and engagement in governance. His leadership role in annually leading the Delta State delegation to YPLS Africa, including the 11th cohort, exemplifies his unwavering commitment to fostering future leaders and advancing youth initiatives. **We ignite leaders for positive change.**





BUILDING LIBERIA'S LEADERSHIP FROM THE GRASSROOTS

“The best education I received was working with people in the community on a grassroots basis. Because what it taught me was that ordinary people, when they are working together can do extraordinary things.” - Barack Obama, former President of the United States of America.

In 2022, Naymote established the Liberia Emerging Political Leaders Training Program intending to strengthen youth civic involvement, advocacy, and grassroots organizing abilities. Over 1,225 young people ages between 15 to 29 have benefitted from the program so far with 50% being females across the country.

The program started with the recruitment and training of 15 community organizers as trainers from all the 15 political subdivisions with 6 of them being females. These ToTs played a crucial role in extending the program's impact by collectively conducting 47 training sessions and coordinating civic engagement activities within their respective counties. As county leads, they remained actively engaged with their trainees, helping them contribute to various community initiatives. Notably, 4 of the trainers have furthered their professional development by participating in the Young Political Leadership School Africa

program, leveraging this opportunity to enhance their skills and expand their networks. This strategic engagement has not only strengthened their leadership capacities but has also enriched the overall impact of the program across Liberia increasing the voices and leading advocacy for community development.

The Liberia Emerging Political Leaders Training (LEPLT) has made significant strides in shaping the political landscape of Liberia by training 1,225 individuals, of which 50% were females and 7% were persons with disabilities (PWD). The recruitment strategy was comprehensive, ensuring diversity by drawing participants from local communities, schools, youth organizations, media outlets, civil society organizations (CSOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and marginalized institutions. This approach not only enhanced the inclusivity of the program but also ensured that a wide range of voices and perspectives were represented in the training.

The training sessions were structured over two intensive days, utilizing a participatory methodology that encouraged active engagement and practical learning. Participants were educated on six crucial modules: Civic Responsibility, the Liberian Constitution and Political History, the Electoral Process, Transformative Leadership, Introduction to Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation, and Opportunity for Action. These modules provided a holistic understanding of governance, leadership, and the role of citizens in building a peaceful and democratic society, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to effect positive change in their communities.





The impact of the program has been particularly evident during the 2023 elections, where approximately 40% of the grassroots leaders trained through the program played active roles in the electoral process. These grassroots leaders were instrumental in educating registered voters and promoting peace during the campaign period, contributing to a more informed and peaceful electoral environment. At least 75 participants from this training program are currently contributing to Naymote's County Accountability and Advocacy Team (CAAT) to monitor and advocate for better service delivery in all 15 political subdivisions of Liberia. A significant number of them have gone on to establish their own initiatives mostly in rural Liberia where they are engaged with their community with peacebuilding activities and other development initiatives.

Beneficiaries of the program have been active in student politics at high schools and universities across the country by contesting for key positions such as student government President, Vice President, and General Secretary, and some are winning and others are playing leadership roles in their communities and schools.

Two student union Vice Presidents at both Cuttington and the United Methodist Universities who happen to be females are all graduates of the LEPLT program. Another most recent success story of our graduates in leadership is the case of young Caroline J. Geroah from River Gee County who contested for the River Gee Student Union Presidency (the County Chapter of Liberia National Student Union) and won alongside

her colleague Alvin Sarbu Dweh who also won the General Secretary post. Both of them were inspired by our recent training in July 2024.

Their involvement underscored the effectiveness of the training in preparing leaders who can positively influence the political and social dynamics in their communities. Also, apart from just seeking leadership positions, several graduates have been engaged in capacity-building opportunities. We are glad to announce that 6 graduates (5 females and 1 male) of the program have taken part in both cohorts 10 & 11 of the Young Political Leadership Africa Annual summits. This serves as a testament to graduates insatiable desire to constantly advance themselves and continue to build their network not just in Liberia, but across Africa.

The program's success is also reflected in the growing ambition among participants, with some expressing their intention to run as representative candidates in the 2029 elections. Notable amongst our many graduates who aspire for national leadership roles in the not-too-distant future is Joseph T.K. Barfeh, a visually impaired young man from Barro Dugboken. Serving as the NOUD Coordinator in his district, James has expressed his desire to contest as a representative candidate in district #3, Maryland County. For the 2023 elections, the program had only one participant who contested in Montserrado district #17 and subsequently got appointed as a Deputy Director for the National Copyright office. This progression from training to active political participation highlights the long-term impact of the LEPLT in fostering a new generation of grassroots leaders committed to democratic principles and community development in Liberia.





SUSTAINING PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION IN LOFA AND NIMBA COUNTIES

In the aftermath of Liberia’s devastating civil war, Lofa and Nimba counties were left scarred by deep-rooted ethnic tensions, land disputes, and the lingering trauma of conflict. These areas, marked by violence and unresolved grievances, struggled to rebuild their fractured social structures. Women, in particular, faced significant marginalization, with limited access to the resources needed for their empowerment and advancement. Meanwhile, people living with disabilities often faced even greater challenges, as they were frequently excluded from opportunities available to others. Amidst this backdrop, the project was launched with a vision to foster peace, and social cohesion, empower marginalized communities, and rebuild trust among stakeholders. This project has become a beacon of hope, illustrating the power of community ownership, economic empowerment, and collaborative peacebuilding in transforming these once-volatile regions.

Through a series of well-targeted interventions, the project began its journey by focusing on the importance of community ownership in the peacebuilding process. Recognizing that true peace can only be achieved when those affected by conflict are at the forefront of resolving it, the project erected ten peace dividends projects and facilitated ten community dialogues across

Lofa and Nimba. These initiatives directly engaged over 500 participants, equipping them with the skills to resolve disputes peacefully and access justice in non-violent ways. The result was remarkable: communities that were once hotbeds of conflict saw a significant reduction in violence. Social cohesion grew stronger as community members took ownership of their peace processes, turning their homes into areas of stability and cooperation, showcasing the transformative power of community-driven peacebuilding.

One shining example of this transformation is reflected in the words of Emmanuel Treaka Sr., Youth President of Sugar Hill Community: “As the youth president, I am thrilled about the new resource center dedicated to peacebuilding. It will empower us to take an active role in resolving conflicts and fostering unity within our community. This space will be a catalyst for change, allowing us to collaborate, innovate, and lead by example in creating a more harmonious future. This is the first of its kind, and we are grateful to UNDP and Naymote for this groundbreaking ceremony today.” His words capture the excitement and hope that the project has instilled in the youth of Nimba County, who are now at the forefront of leading their communities toward peace.

Simultaneously, the project recognized that peace without economic stability would be fleeting. In rural communities like those in Lofa and Nimba, economic opportunities were scarce, especially for women who had been historically marginalized. To address this, the project provided mentorship and support to ten social groups, helping them design and implement



peace dividends projects aimed at improving their socio-economic conditions. Women played a crucial role in these efforts, using the training they received to strengthen their communities both socially and economically.

One of the most significant outcomes of this empowerment was the participation of over 250 individuals who previously benefitted from Naymote program in a Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) loan program. The knowledge and skills they gained from the Naymote training enabled them to easily pass the loan application exams, securing much-needed financial resources.

This success not only enhanced their economic stability but also demonstrated how integrating economic empowerment with peacebuilding can lead to sustainable, long-term development. The lives of these individuals were transformed as they became financially empowered, contributing to the overall prosperity of their communities.

Another testament to the project's success is the establishment of a women's center in Zolowee Community. This center, selected and supported by the community itself, will serve as a hub for education and conflict resolution. Madam Kou Thompson Dahn, Chairlady of the Zolowee Community, expressed her gratitude, saying, "We are grateful to Naymote for thinking about our community in this way. You see, peacebuilding is important, but the means of bringing people together to discuss is also important. That is why we selected the construction of a women's center. This center will be a place for educating our community on conflict and helping to bring them together. We are happy and say thank you to Naymote, the UNDP and Peacebuilding Office for the support." Her words highlight the critical role of inclusive spaces in fostering dialogue and unity, further reinforcing the impact of the project.

The project also reached out to marginalized groups such as people living with disabilities, who had long been excluded from many community development opportunities. The construction of a center equipped with a rice mill machine was a landmark achievement for the Lofa United Blind Association of Liberia (LUBAL). As Flomo D. Jallah, Executive Director of LUBAL, expressed, "Most often, people living with disabilities are not equally opportune like those who have their sights. Having such an opportunity is very important to us. For many years now, we have been harvesting our rice and paying more money

to the owners of rice mills simply because we don't have a rice mill machine and a center to facilitate our work. But today, Naymote's contribution will go down in history for us with a disability. We will now have a center of our own, and we believe initiatives like these can also strengthen peacebuilding, and we are grateful to form part of this initiative." Jallah's words underscore how the project has not only empowered marginalized groups economically but also integrated them into the broader peacebuilding process, further enhancing social cohesion.

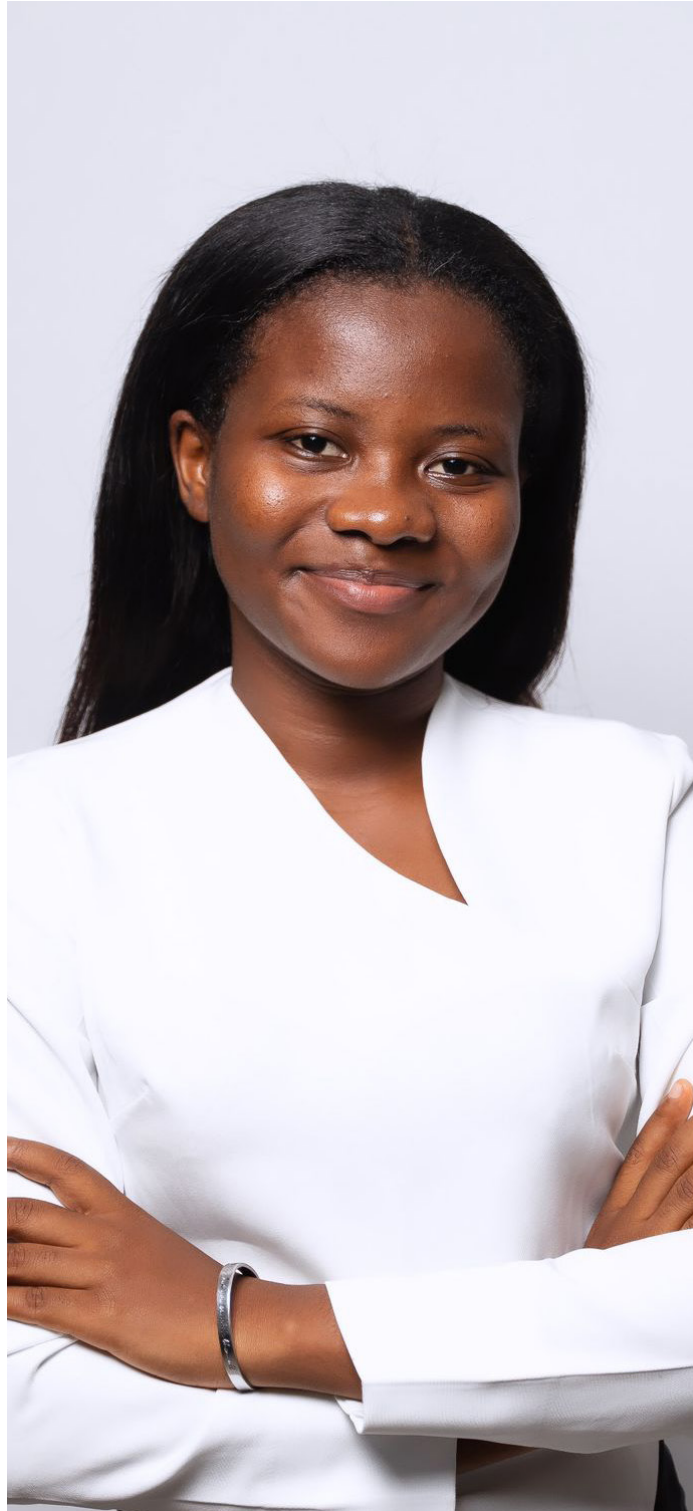
While community ownership and economic empowerment were key pillars of the project, the success of the initiative also hinged on the commitment and collaboration of a wide range of stakeholders. In post-conflict Liberia, rebuilding trust among local authorities, civil society organizations (CSOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and community leaders was crucial for lasting peace. The project brought together 100 stakeholders from Zolowee and Voinjama in two inception meetings, fostering a shared understanding of the project's objectives and securing their commitment to its success. Training programs were also provided to 30 community members, equipping them with skills in proposal development, financial management, and monitoring and evaluation.

The fruits of this collaborative effort were evident in the development and successful implementation of ten innovative peace dividend proposals. These achievements underscored the importance of stakeholder engagement and capacity building in driving sustainable community development.

The project's success lay not only in the peaceful outcomes but also in the strengthened relationships and increased capacities that would support these communities long after the project's conclusion.

The project stands as a testament to the power of integrated, community-driven approaches to peacebuilding. Through the combined efforts of community ownership, economic empowerment, and stakeholder collaboration, Lofa and Nimba Counties have embarked on a journey toward lasting peace and prosperity. The success stories born from this project are a powerful reminder that with the right support and commitment, even the most conflict-ridden areas can find a path to peace and development.





THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF ALPHIA OF AFRICA

Alpha Faith Kemokai is a dynamic young leader and a driving force behind youth empowerment in Liberia and across Africa. As the Program Manager of the Young Political Leadership School Africa, she has been instrumental in shaping the next generation of political leaders. Her leadership and advocacy were showcased when she delivered a powerful speech on behalf of the youth of Liberia during the Farmington River Declaration for a Peaceful Election in 2023. Her unwavering dedication to youth development earned her the prestigious USAID Youth of the Year award in 2023, recognizing her significant contributions to creating opportunities and amplifying the voices of young people.

In 2024, Alpha extended her influence beyond Liberia by actively engaging with like-minded institution across Africa. Her participation in the Program for Young Politicians in Africa (PYPA) in Mombasa, Kenya, demonstrated her commitment to fostering collaboration and sharing ideas with youth leaders across the continent. Her outstanding leadership qualities did not go unnoticed; she was invited by President Joseph Boakai, Sr to speak on a panel representing youth in politics and governance during the Presidential Townhall Meeting with the youth of Liberia. During the program, she made a policy recommendation for the establishment of a Presidential Youth Advisory Committee which the President has committed to establishing. This invitation underscores her pivotal role in the youth community and her impact on shaping the future of Liberia.

She stands as a remarkable example of what young people can achieve when they are given the platform and support to lead. She started a continental program called Youth Development Dialogue a platform to amplify young people's voices across Africa, she is surely a continental influencer and she is now pursuing studies in Foreign Service at the Gabriel L. Dennis Foreign Service Institute. ***She is an amazing leader in our team. Congratulations Alpha of Africa.***



FROM NAYMOTE TO MAYNOOTH

Our Heartfelt Thanks to the Irish Embassy for Their Support

We are proud to announce that Alex Kayee, our Advocacy and Community Engagement Manager, has been awarded a fully funded scholarship through the Ireland Africa Fellowship Programme to pursue a one-year master's degree in International Peacebuilding, Security, and Development Practice at Maynooth University in Ireland. The knowledge and expertise gained from this program will significantly enhance our institution's capacity to advance peacebuilding and development initiatives, further empowering our team to drive impactful community engagement and advocacy efforts across Liberia.

Our institution has been involved with peacebuilding and access to justice programs in Liberia for many years. With the new ideas and skills Alex will gain from his studies, he will be able to contribute to the development of new tools and strategies to advance peacebuilding, social cohesion, and development initiatives at the community levels which will contribute to the national decentralization process to enhance community and local government development.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Irish Embassy in Liberia for facilitating this remarkable opportunity. Their support is instrumental in strengthening the professional growth of our staff, which, in turn, will greatly benefit our organization's mission to foster peace, security, and development in Liberia. This collaboration not only enhances the skills of our team members but also reinforces the partnership between our institution and the Irish Embassy, contributing to the broader goal of sustainable development in our country.



THE NAYMOTE STORY: CIVIL SOCIETY ACTION TO ENHANCE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN LIBERIA

As a subcontractor with the USAID Liberia Civil Society Activity, (CSA) Naymote Partners for Democratic Development provides capacity-building support to CSA’s Health Coalition. The coalition, comprising six civil society organizations has made significant strides in fostering accountability and transparency in Liberia’s health sector. From July 2023 – September 2024, the coalition has strengthened the capacity of 480 Health Facility Development Committees (HFDCs) across the project counties Montserrado, Margibi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Nimba and Lofa, monitoring the supply chain for USAID donated drugs at 120 health facilities in the above-referenced counties, and improved accountability and transparency at various health facilities through routine visitations and monitoring.

Additionally, the coalition has increased public trust in the health system & citizens’ access to health facilities, enhanced collaboration and partnership with County Health Teams (CHT) and health stakeholders, improved arrangement, storage and management of USAID donated drugs at health facilities, increased citizens access to health services for underserved communities, supporting HFDC work and linking citizens and health

system together. More highlights of the coalition’s impact are detailed below. Coalition monitors also found some of the challenges facing the healthcare sector at the public health facilities monitored.

Coalition members include Public Health Initiative Liberia (PHIL), Community Health Education and Social Services (CHESS-Liberia), Youth Network for Positive Change (YOUNETPO), Humanity Above Oneself Foundation (HAOSF), Volunteers United for Development (VUD), and Efficient Research and Development Institute (ERDI).

CSA Health Partners Coalition interventions have led to increased public trust to health facilities, improved accountability of health services, improved health facilities, and citizens now benefit from more transparent and efficient health services at 120 health facilities monitored across the project counties.

480 Health Facility Development Committees (HFDCs) are actively creating awareness for the free health services donated by the USAID, monitoring usage of the donated drugs, hosting regular stakeholders meetings, linking the community members with the county health teams to improve coordination, and support advocacy for better health services for the communities and calling on the government to support the health system.





Coalition members host monthly consultative meetings: Through these meetings, county stakeholders share information regarding the healthcare status in their communities, get feedback from the county health team, and HFDC, and actions are taken to improve the service delivery.

Coalition members host regular stakeholder engagement with HFDC where citizens listen, learn, and act on activities that are building public trust within the health system and are aware of the HFDC's roles and responsibilities, this activity is contributing to better health outcomes for many community members.

Coalition members are conducting a Citizen Score Card initiative as a platform for communities, HFDCs, and health facilities to give feedback on the quality of health service delivery. This has improved public education, health services, and transparency of the USAID-donated drugs.

Coalition members and Naymote are actively involved with media campaigns aimed at creating awareness of health status, educating citizens on the importance of national support toward quality healthcare services, using the media for budget advocacy, and educating

citizens about the CSA project and its impacts.

Coalition members, Naymote, the County Health Teams, and other health stakeholders within the project counties are hosting regular meetings where information is shared, recommendations are made and actions are taken to improve healthcare delivery.

The coalition members, Naymote and other partners interventions resulted in an increase in the national health budget to an estimated of 80M. While this is not enough, the coalition members are still working with legislators to improve the health budget in adherence to the Abuja Declaration of 15%.





ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY, ACCOUNTABILITY, & LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The institution, Naymote in April 2024, conducted and released an Institutional and Operational Capacity Assessment of Five County Service Centers and Citizens' Feedback on the Quality of Services Accessed in Margibi, Grand Bassa, Bong, Nimba, and Lofa Counties. Five county coordinators of the County Service Centers, (CSCs) were interviewed on the institutional and operational capacity of the CSCs, while questionnaires were developed for three hundred and one respondents to solicit their feedback on the quality of services accessed at the CSCs.

The outcome of the assessment of the county service centers shows that CSCs are highly relevant to citizens in rural parts of the country, with 86% of respondents reporting contact with the centers in the past year. Despite the drawbacks of some services at the CSCs, with service centers offering an average of 13 out of 21 services, the assessment shows that some services, once exclusively obtained in Monrovia, are being accessed at the county level, thereby reducing transportation costs to travel to Monrovia to access services and lowering the physical risk of traveling long distances by road. 65.12% of the respondents (end-users) say that they have not given bribes or gifts to obtain service at the CSCs, which makes the CSCs less burdensome to access services.

An overwhelming majority of respondents (73%) support the idea that a portion of revenues generated from the CSCs should remain at the Centers for operational cost. Of this number, 51% of females are in agreement with this view as compared to their male counterparts with 49%. It was revealed that a common trend of the challenges facing the County Service Centers included limited operational funds, inadequate office supplies, and equipment, as well as inadequate supply of electricity. On sustainability, the County Service Centers lack financial autonomy, despite generating substantial resources; the research revealed there was no full implementation of relevant Acts and regulations, and all five county service centers coordinators interviewed said they didn't have employment letters, etc.

The survey report was officially released to the public and presented to the government through the Deputy Internal Affairs Minister for Planning and Research, Edwin Mulbah, he acknowledged the concerns raised: "What you have presented here is a serious concern to us as a government. This government is committed to decentralization as a means to improve the conditions of its citizens." Mulbah assured that the government would consider Naymote's recommendations seriously: "We encourage our collaborating partners to heed these recommendations, and we will provide feedback."

Indeed, this research report sparked wide conversations and public demand. The President of the Republic of Liberia has directed that 40% of revenue generated by the County Service Centers in each county across the 15 counties is retained for the operations of the Centers in fulfillment of the Revenue Sharing Act, particularly Chapter 7.2.

To improve effectiveness and coordination at the County Service Centers, the Ministry of Internal Affairs is working to recruit university graduates to serve as County Service Center Coordinators in the 15 counties and more capacity-building opportunities are ongoing by the Ministry and partners in fulfillment of the Local Government Act of 2018 which Naymote has placed a leading role in creating awareness and training people on the Act.

The Naymote's democracy by radio program is creating awareness about local governance. The media and citizen groups are demanding more accountability on the usage of social development funds, and local government officials are beginning to give greater weight to the concerns of women and young people when making decisions about the allocation of these funds especially in Bong, Bassa and Nimba counties where women are appointed as superintendents.

Naymote has observed that more women are making use of the services provided by the County Service Centers, especially the traditional marriage certificates that help to legalize unions in which women are entitled to benefits. Additionally, more young people are benefiting by the construction of community halls, bridges, and educational facilities, from the social development funds.





SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY: A PATHWAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY IN LIBERIA

A two-day Summit for Democracy and Political Accountability under the theme **Fostering Pathway for Sustainable Democracy in Liberia** was organized by Naymote Partners for Democratic Development at the Sinkor Palace Hotel from March 20-21, 2024 in Monrovia, Liberia. The summit served as a forum for policy adjustments and expectations surrounding President Boakai's development agenda, with the overall goal of starting a process that brings the government closer to the people and the voices of the people are heard.

The Summit provided a unique space for diverse stakeholders, including government officials, political parties, civil society organizations, development partners, youth, and marginalized groups, to explore the challenges and pathways for sustaining democracy in Liberia. With a focus on enhancing democratic dividends, promoting political accountability, and encouraging active citizen engagement, the event aimed at creating a conducive environment for nationwide conversations on policy and development. The discussions also underscored the importance of bridging societal divides and fostering a sense of shared purpose among Liberians.

The event brought together a total of 90 participants, representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders from eight of Liberia's fifteen counties. High-profile attendees included the Vice President of Liberia, the Chair of the Public Account Committee of the Liberian Senate, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, and key figures from the Liberia National Bar Association.

Speaking at the Summit, the Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, said, "that together with political accountability, democracy presents the surest pathway to address a nation's socio-economic challenges." He told participants that "for us to maintain a functional democracy, we must as a people, cultivate the mindset that accountability is one of the key tenets of democracy and that the citizens will always demand answers from those of us who are trusted with the torch of leadership."

Additionally, the Summit was attended by ambassadors from the British High Commission, the European Union, the Swedish Embassy, and the USAID Mission Director. Representatives from international NGOs, the President of the University of Liberia, political party delegates, civil society leaders, youth, student leaders, and persons living with disabilities also participated, making it a comprehensive and inclusive dialogue aimed at fostering sustainable democracy and political accountability in Liberia.



Impacts based on policy recommendations from the Summit

Most government institutions are now working together more often to share reports of their institutions with Naymote on the President's performance against commitments made during the campaign and after. This is a direct result of the recommendations made during the summit. Most government institutions are now positively responding to inquiries and developing a performance report detailing the president's development agenda and the party's campaign manifesto.

The joint public accounts, expenditures, and audits committee has started hosting public hearings on audit reports, using various media platforms and advancing their work on transparency and accountability in the public sector. Citizens are gradually building trust and waiting for concrete actions from the government to prosecute corrupt officials based on facts. Public conversations, coffee shops, radio stations, and media platforms can now access and discuss audit reports and the General Auditing Commission, (GAC) recognition has increased nationally and internationally.

Citizens in the top five most populated counties in Liberia (Montserrado, Nimba, Lofa, Bong, and Grand Bassa), are listening to the Democracy by Radio regularly which is educating them about the recommendations in the Summit report, on the Liberia's legal system, supreme court cases, what probation means in many high-profile cases, how the public can access justice, uphold the rule of law and local government act. These stations also host knowledgeable attorneys, county administrators, civil society leaders and police officers as guests.



LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development in January 2024 welcomed the members of the 55th Legislature and urged them to champion principles of accountability, transparency, and responsiveness in serving the needs and expectations of the Liberian people. Recognizing the pivotal role of robust legislative oversight in a thriving democracy,

The institution, Naymote after conducting a capacity-building piece of training for non-elected staff/civil servants and donating four laptop computers to the engrossing clerks and stenographers in both the Senate and House of Representatives. The institution has seen progress in record keeping and data gathering at the Legislature of Liberia. The engrossing clerks and stenographers are performing incredibly well, and they expressed their gratitude for Naymote’s partnership and support. Naymote held a lesson-learned session to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and progress made toward improving legislative openness and effectiveness, and the institution was impressed with its support as a local institution advancing political accountability.

Between January 15 and July 18, the House of Representatives and Senate performed their three critical functions of lawmaking, oversight, and representation. In performing these roles, either House has to undertake a series of compelling actions. Some include sitting for plenary sessions, enacting laws, confirming of executive officials by the Senate, etc.

The legislature held 130 sittings and passed 12 laws with 50% of law passed from the executive. The Liberian Senate confirmed a total of 893 executive officials with no record of rejection. There were 34 public hearings held during this period, with July recording the highest number of hearings (9) while January was the lowest with zero hearings.

The donation of laptops to the engrossing clerks and stenographers is helping to collect and compile legislative information on time, recordings are for the first time tracked on committee works, attendance, and public hearings, and those laptops are also now helping to digitalize long-existing paper-based documents or legislative records making it easy to access and share.





Naymote produced a Legislative Engagement Guide for Advocacy in Liberia, (LEGAL). This guide serves as a practical tool for engaging the Legislature, aimed at enhancing citizens' skills for constructive legislative advocacy and monitoring. It provides knowledge of the legislature's structures, mandates and functions, along with strategies to ensure that the legislature operates in the interest of the people. This guide has been distributed through online and offline platforms; citizens are using this for legislative advocacy and hosting town hall meetings, etc. The guide is on high demand, and many people including lawmakers are using to guide to constituent engagement.

With a huge demand for elected officials to deliver on their campaign promises and increased awareness among youth and women, the legislature has allocated funds in the 2024 national budget for legislative projects, campaign promises fulfillment, and building public trust in the government.

Success Story from the Legislative Internship Program

Six alumni of the Young Political Leadership School were allowed to work as interns in the Liberian legislature through the Legislative Internship Program, which was established by Naymote Partners for Democratic Development. They engaged in the legislative process and obtained full-time internship experience for five months, acquiring firsthand knowledge of how the legislature operates and how public policy is produced. The curriculum was a holistic experience that fostered a great understanding of the legislative and democratic processes while fusing academic knowledge with practical exposure. It additionally contributed to the interns' career and personal development.

Interns played a significant role in creating the Legislative Engagement Guide for Advocacy in Liberia, (LEGAL), utilizing the guide to inform young people about the functions of the Legislature and enhance their comprehension of our legislative system. Tete Alexandra Bonar, Shiprah Kenemassa Saydee, Abu B.W, Kamara, Sandra Jumah Dorbor, Paul Paulimo P. Paukpa, Alphonso P. Johnson are our exceptional first interns and first time in Liberia.



Interns' Success Story

By Alphonso P. Johnson, Intern

William Butler Yeats, in one of his conversations, said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." This quote is so true for the internship experience of Sandra, Shiphrah, Alexandra, Abu, Paul, and Alphonso. Our five-month internship at the Legislature did not fill the pail. Instead, it lit the fire inside of us for monitoring and advocating for legislative openness, accountability, and transparency. The five months have ended, but our responsibilities as patriotic citizens of the red, white, and blue nation will never end.

During our internship at the Legislature, we had the extraordinary privilege to immerse ourselves in the heart of legislative processes, where we observed and meaningfully contributed indirectly, to important national issues while gaining invaluable experience in public policy and governance.

Our most significant contribution came when we identified a gap in the effective tracking of lawmakers' attendance during the different settings. By highlighting this gap, we were able to develop a digital attendance tracking form that will effectively and efficiently track the dates, times, sittings, and names of lawmakers who attend sittings. Though this was done for the effectiveness of our work, and it was tried in the Liberian Senate only, the House of Representatives has asked that we develop a similar form for the effectiveness of their Secretariat. This is a success that we are proud of, and we have realized that our little help will make a big difference.

One of the key projects we worked on was constituency engagement for all lawmakers. This project aimed to address the lack of conversation/dialogue between lawmakers and the citizens following the elections. This project was fruitful when one of the lawmakers of Bong County planned and decided to engage his constituents. This he did not secretly organize, but officially invited us. We were entrusted with detailing every promise made and analyzing the potential impact of the promises on diverse communities. During this experience, we did not write report from the comfort of our office. We were in the county. We felt the life of the people. Most importantly, the people felt valued. They felt like employers who the employee was reporting to, something that is abnormal in our political space.

Another highlight of our internship was the opportunity to attend the Regular Sittings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During one of our sittings, we witnessed the enactment

of the "Act to Establish the War and Economic Crimes Court". This Act which aims to end the culture of impunity that has long divided our country was overwhelmingly vote for by majority of the lawmakers.

We consider this as a success of our internship because past administrations only talk about it, but never work on it. It was during our time in the Legislature that it was worked on and enacted. We are not just excited about its enactment, but we have rolled our sleeves to ensure that its implementation becomes a reality.

During our internship, we had many observations. One of the major ones was the challenge that members of the disabled community experienced while accessing the Legislature. For the disabled community, the paths to the polls during elections are more accessible than the paths to the lawmakers after elections. The elevators in the entire building are not functional. We brought this to the attention of the Chairman on Rules and Order at the House of Representatives but we didn't see it come to pass when we ended the internship.

In conclusion, our internship at the Legislature was a transformative experience that equipped us with a deep understanding of the legislative process, improved our research, interpersonal, time management, and analytical skills, as well as affirmed some of us (Shiphrah) commitment to pursuing a career in the House of Legislature. The mentorship we received, the relationships we built, the partnership established and the impact we made have left an indelible mark on our professional journey, individually and collectively.

We are cognizant of the fact that there are numerous smart, innovative, and intelligent young people who are out there and crave to have a similar or a better experience like this. It's our hope and prayer that they will.

Thanks to Eddie D. Jarwolo for recognizing the miniature dim in us and using the internship to turn it into an extravagant light. Thanks to Joshua Dennis Cleon for the peep talks, revision of our reports, and for the provision of lunch at the canteen beside the Joint Chamber.

Again, the five months have ended, but our responsibilities as patriotic citizens of the red, white, and blue nation will never end.





THE POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY JOURNEY: PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT 2024

“Accountability is the essence of democracy. If people do not know what their government is doing, they cannot be truly self-governing.”
 - Garry wills. ***“Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government”*** - Thomas Jefferson.

The institution Naymote Partners for Democratic Development political accountability interventions has extended its impact beyond merely tracking and documenting promises and performance to fostering a culture of accountability, active citizen engagement, and informed decision-making in governance.

The President Meter Project, (PMP) was introduced in 2018 to fortify the social compact between the people and their elected president. This innovative project is contributing to the growing demand that elected presidents keep the promises they made both before and after the campaign.

From January to August 2024, Naymote, a governance tracking organization, monitored, categorized and released eight months performance report of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.

Naymote tracked 119 promises during the period under review of which according to the analysis, 3 promises have been fully completed, 70 are in progress, 17 have not yet started, and 29 remain unrated.

The institution produced 500 copies of the report, which were disseminated nationwide, shared online, and provided to the media. A series of town hall meetings and community engagement events were conducted to inform citizens about the report, its goal, outcomes, methodology, and its significance to Liberia’s development and to solidify the social contract between those in power and the citizens they represent.

The report was analyzed on Spoon Talk, the largest online platform, which has a reach exceeding 100,000 individuals, along with various national and community radio stations, including the Liberia Broadcasting System, OK FM, Joy FM, ECOWAS Radio, Cool FM, and Radio Gbarnga, etc. Additionally, it was featured in prominent newspapers across the country, thereby intensifying the discussions surrounding the report.

The report has consistently been a central topic in political discussions within the country, highlighting the need for political accountability as citizens increasingly seek the realization of both campaign and post campaign promises or commitments.

The government has responded to citizen demands for accountability regarding campaign and post campaign commitments by allocating an estimated 50% of the national budget to the President’s ARREST Agenda. (Agriculture, Roads, Rule of Law, Education, Sanitation, and Tourism). Naymote remained vigilant, refraining from affirming whether those allocated funds were effectively channeled towards their intended purpose. When it comes to tracking, monitoring, and validating the President’s AAREST Agenda execution, some government entities are willing to share performance results with Naymote, which is welcoming.

The government has established a National Agriculture Development Plan, a six-year policy initiative that utilizes technology, and a cooperative approach to empower framers and enhance agricultural productivity. The President met with executive from the European Investment Bank to discuss a \$50 million agriculture development loan, which could facilitate the fulfilment of the promises or commitments in the agricultural sector.



This annual report documents the occurrence of 38 town hall or community meetings, utilizing the President’s performance report, the legislative performance report, the legislative engagement guide for advocacy in Liberia, alongside the democracy summit for political accountability report and national budget awareness, etc, the purpose of these gatherings was to raise public awareness of the project’s significance and encouraging them to support calls for greater action from their elected president and lawmakers.

The institution reached 3,957 participants who actively contributed their perspectives during these gatherings, comprising 53% males and 47% females. In 2024, the institution produced two policy briefs focused on education and health care, offering recommendations to improve social services for women and youth. These gatherings were conducted in Liberia’s five most populous counties: Montserrado, Bong, Bassa, Lofa and Nimba.



INSIDE NAYMOTE: THE NARRATIVE, AND THE EFFECTS INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

This year, we have made significant strides in strengthening our organization’s internal control framework by developing and implementing a comprehensive suite of policy documents. These policies are designed to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency across all aspects of our operations. Among the key policies introduced are the Financial Management Policy, which ensures prudent and responsible handling of our financial resources, and the Human Resource Policy, which provides clear guidelines for recruitment, staff development, and performance management. These policies are crucial in maintaining a high standard of professionalism and integrity within our workforce.

In addition to these, we have also worked on a Procurement Policy that streamlines our purchasing processes, ensuring that all acquisitions are made in a fair, competitive, and cost-effective manner. To further safeguard our operations, we introduced the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, which underscores our commitment to ethical practices and zero tolerance for corruption. Complementing these measures is our Resource Mobilization & Sustainability Strategy, a forward-looking policy that outlines our approach to securing and sustaining resources necessary for the long-term success of our programs.

We have also prioritized inclusivity and safety within our organization through the development of a Gender Policy and a Safeguarding Policy. The Gender Policy promotes equality and diversity, ensuring that all staff and stakeholders are treated fairly, while the Safeguarding Policy is designed to protect vulnerable individuals from harm within our operations. We also developed a robust Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Policy to systematically track the progress and impact of our initiatives, ensuring that our activities are aligned with our strategic goals. Additionally, our Communication Strategy aims to enhance internal and external communications, fostering better engagement with our stakeholders and the public. Together, these policies form a robust framework that strengthens our internal controls and positions us for continued growth and success.

The institution has moved from a paper-based attendance system to a tech-based system promoting effective staff management and personnel services.



Staff Personnel Achievements

2024 has been a year of celebration for several members of our team at Naymote which marks some significant milestones in their personal lives. We are delighted to share that our Program Director, Mrs. Peace Thor Mahteh Boyee welcomed the arrival of a beautiful baby boy. This new chapter in her life has brought immense joy, not only to her family but to our entire team. Her resilience and grace in balancing her leadership role with motherhood continue to inspire us all. She also completed her graduate studies, obtaining a master's degree in international relations from the University of Liberia. We are thrilled to witness her journey as she nurtures both her family and our organization with equal devotion. What a strong woman!

Adding to our celebrations, Joshua Dennis Cleon, our esteemed Deputy Program Director, David Flomo, our dedicated Chief Driver, both celebrated their weddings this year. Their unions were filled with love and joy, reflecting the warmth and friendship that they bring to our organization every day. We wish them and their spouses a lifetime of happiness and togetherness! Joshua completed his graduate studies, earning a master's degree in public administration from the Cuttington University, where he was elected as the graduating class president. He graduated alongside his beautiful wife!

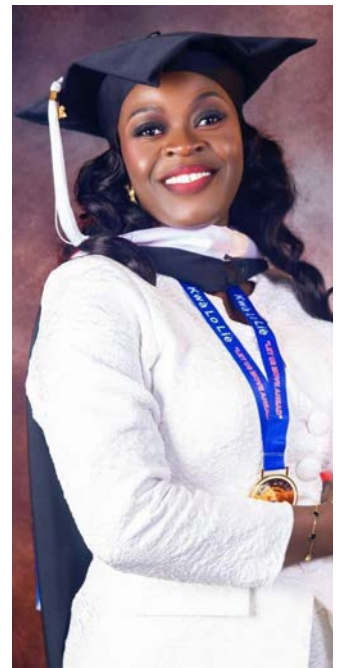
In another heartwarming turn of events, Bako Korboi Shuaibu Jr., one of our passionate Program Managers, proposed to his long-term girlfriend, marking the beginning

of a new chapter in their lives. Their happiness was soon doubled when they welcomed their first child, a baby boy, just a month later. Bako's commitment to his family is mirrored in his dedication to his work, and we are excited to see how this new role as a father will further enrich his contributions to our team. Both of them are alumni of the Young Political Leadership School Africa where they both met.

Prince E. Cooper, the Director of the Regional Office, has been honored with an academic excellence award from Cuttington University and completed his undergraduate studies in June 2024. Benetta Joy Williams, the Finance Officer of the Regional Office, distinguished herself as a leading performer in the ATSWA Examination. Miss. Williams stands as the youngest female in Liberia, and the second overall, to attain perfect scores across all papers of the ATSWA Examination since its inception in the country over a decade ago.

D. Freeman Myers is our research associate, he graduated from the University of Liberia with a degree in economics.

As we celebrate these personal achievements, we are reminded that our organization is not just a workplace but a family. These moments of joy are shared by us all, strengthening the bonds that make our team so special. We congratulate Peace, Joshua, Bako, and David on these wonderful milestones and look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow, both personally and professionally.





REVITALIZING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN BONG COUNTY: A STORY OF PEACE & ACCOUNTABILITY

The horrors of the Liberian Civil War, which ravaged the country from 1989 to 2003, left Bong County in ruins. The war's lasting effects were felt deeply, with the infamous rebel leader, Charles G. Taylor, establishing his headquarters in Gbarnga, the county seat. The fighting devastated the county, fracturing its social fabric and leaving the people in despair.

For over 18 years, Naymote has dedicated itself to civic engagement and peacebuilding efforts in Bong County, aiming to heal the wounds of war, foster reconciliation, and promote social cohesion. Their mission has been to assist citizens in upholding the rule of law while advocating for justice. To better serve the community, Naymote established a regional office in Bong County ten years ago, allowing them to connect more directly with the people, listen to their concerns, and equip them with the tools to advocate for change.

Naymote's efforts have been far-reaching. The organization has organized town hall meetings, democracy education programs, and trainings for local government officials, ensuring that the Local Government Act is not just a document but a tool for accountability.

Through partnerships with civil society organizations, county council, county service center, and regular broadcasts on Radio Gbarnga, Naymote has engaged over 10,000 community

members-4,267 males and 5,733 females-empowering them to demand transparency and responsiveness from their leaders.

One of Naymote's most notable achievements is its role in helping Bong County residents hold their authorities accountable and to monitor the implementation of publicly funded projects. Civil society organizations, energized by Naymote's civic education programs, successfully challenged the local government's adoption of the Local Government Act. Their victory led to the fast-tracking of the county council's establishment and the gradual implementation of the Act nationwide.

Aaron Sackie-Fenlah, Chairperson of the Bong County Council said, the simplified version of the Local Government Act produced by Naymote helped to guide the County Council to understand its roles and responsibilities, and with that, they are actively working with the County Administration. The council led the county budget hearing, including a more participatory process on discussing and concluding the county budget to focus more on development projects and integrated revolving activities including beans planting that could generate revenue for the county.

The work continues with the launched of the Governance Clubs (G-Clubs) program in 2024, an initiative designed to instill democratic values in the youth of Bong County. Four high-performing schools were selected to host the program, which aims to train 40 exceptional students in civic engagement, leadership, and political education, equipping them to reach thousands of their peers.

Through its continued efforts, Naymote has brought peace to Bong County and created a community where citizens actively hold their leaders accountable and demand better public service.





YOUTH DRIVE LIBERIA'S DEMOCRATIC FUTURE ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

In a nation where over 70% of the population is under 30, Liberia's youth are becoming an indispensable force for democratic change. On the International Day of Democracy, 200 young Liberians gathered at the Liberia Dujar High School Auditorium to celebrate under the theme: "Empowering the Next Generation." The event underscored the importance of youth participation in Liberia's ongoing democratic development.

The program featured a powerful keynote address by Nikolina Stålhund, Second Secretary and Program Officer for Democracy and Human Rights at the Swedish Embassy near Monrovia. She spoke passionately about the responsibilities of democratic citizens, stating, "Democracy is not just about rights and freedoms; it's about responsibilities. We must defend equal rights, uphold democratic principles, and hold those in power accountable—not just during elections but all the time."

Her words resonated with the attendees, inspiring many young people to pledge their commitment to defending democratic values. Participants signed commitment cards, a symbolic gesture reflecting their dedication to democracy's principles and ideals.

One of the day's highlights was the establishment of the Democracy Club at Dujar High School, where students

pledged to engage in monthly discussions on democratic values. These students are now champions of civic education, ensuring their peers understand the importance of participation, accountability, and the rule of law.

Naymote's role in organizing this event was crucial, providing young Liberians with not only a platform for discussion but also the tools to become active participants in their nation's governance. As Liberia continues its journey toward a stronger democracy, its youth are at the forefront, driving change and safeguarding the future.





NAYMOTE EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES TO MONITOR GOVERNANCE AND PEACE COMMITMENTS

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development has taken bold steps to ensure accountability in Liberia's governance through the empowerment of youth leaders. Seventy-five, (75) community leaders across 15 counties have been trained through three regional trainings, deployed to track, monitor, and report on key national commitments concerning peace, governance, and transparency.

These young leaders, equipped with the skills to utilize mobile applications (Commcare), to track public expenditure, serve as watchdogs for their communities. Their work, guided by tools such as the Community-Based Monitoring (CBM) and Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS), helps ensure that government commitments are met, particularly regarding peace, governance, and transparency.

Naymote's initiative implemented across the 15 counties is a significant step forward in fostering community-led governance. These youth leaders are now the eyes and ears of their counties, holding their governments accountable and preventing corruption at the grassroots level.

This effort builds on Naymote's longstanding role in restoring peace and democracy in Liberia. Since 2019, the organization has played a pivotal role in the formulation of a consolidated peace and reconciliation plan, which was launched by former President George M. Weah in 2020. Today, the plan is a key reference for peacebuilding actors, both nationally and internationally, as Liberia continues to heal from its troubled past.



IRELAND EMPOWERS CSOs IN LIBERIA



The Government of Ireland has established a partnership agreement with a consortium of three prominent civil society organizations in Liberia: The Center for Democratic Governance (CDG), Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL), and Naymote Partners for Democratic Development. Ireland has committed €1.5 million over three years, (2024-2026) to strengthen political governance and accountability in Liberia.

Gerard Considine, Ambassador of Ireland, said, “Strengthening governance and transparency underpins all of our efforts to deliver transformative change, inclusive economic development, and the realization of human rights in Liberia. Ireland recognizes the importance of partnership with civil society to support effective and accountable institutions. These three civil society organizations will seek to amplify all citizens’ voices, promoting anti-corruption efforts and political accountability. Inclusive participation in local governance helps to influence the way resources are allocated and distributed equitably, and ultimately to ensure the effective delivery of public services for Liberians”. Eddie Jarwolo, a consortium member, stated: “Ireland has consistently demonstrated its commitment as a development partner to Liberia, supporting civil society organizations in executing programs that enhance political

governance and accountability in the management of state resources. The support from the Irish Government will enable us to promote more inclusive and participatory decision-making processes in the governance of the country, thus strengthening peace and democracy”.

The implementation of the project will take place in Bong, Margibi, and Grand Bassa Counties, involving the participation of citizens, women’s and youth groups, individuals with disabilities, and various community-based organizations.



THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

In the digital age, Naymote has embraced the power of social media to enhance its civic engagement efforts. Thanks to support from the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, Naymote has significantly upgraded its technological capabilities, receiving donations of phones, laptops, and internet routers to bolster its work in promoting democracy and electoral integrity.

With these new tools, Naymote has strengthened its social media presence. The institution's Facebook pages—YPLS Africa and Naymote Liberia—saw impressive engagement in 2024, reaching a combined total of 404,000 users, with over 30% of them being female as compared to 176,000 users in 2023. The reach of their content, combined with the engagement from citizens, reflects a growing interest in democratic participation and transparency.

Moreover, Naymote's website has also become a hub of activity, reaching over 9,486 visitors between January and August 2024. This increase in digital engagement has expanded the organization's coverage, making their work more visible and accessible to Liberians and the international community alike.

Through these efforts, Naymote is not just promoting democracy; they are making it accessible to all Liberians, one clicks at a time.



NAYMOTE & UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA SIGN AGREEMENT

In a major step forward for youth empowerment, the Young Political Leadership School Africa (YPLS Africa), a flagship program of Naymote Partners for Democratic Development, and the University of Liberia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop a curriculum for a six-month executive political leadership diploma course—an exciting new chapter in our work. This partnership with the University of Liberia aim to prepare young people to become effective contributors to national governance and inclusive development. This initiative is part of the last phase of the EDA project funded by Democracy International through USAID Liberia.

Using Radio to Enhance Democracy

In our mission to amplify the visibility of our programs, and provide accurate information to many Liberians on various government programs, Naymote hired the services of five radio stations (OK FM 99.5, Radio Gbarnga 96.5, Radio Kergheamahn 94.5, Alternative Youth Radio 98.9, and Ableejay Radio 94.3). These widely listened-to stations broadcast messages of democracy, accountability, transparency, justice, and human rights, resulting in the emergence of a chorus of informed citizens.

The platform, Democracy by Radio, has resonated across the airwaves, reaching into the homes and hearts of many Liberians. These programs were more than just broadcasts; they served as platforms for education, analyzing public policy, accessing government performance reports, and demanding more transparency for their elected officials.

In an environment where polarization and false information were commonplace, “Democracy by Radio” stood out for being a beacon of truth that promoted and strengthened the fundamental tenets of democratic society in addition to developing leaders, leaving a lasting legacy that echoes throughout Liberia. This Democracy by Radio started in 2022 and contributed to disseminating accurate electoral information that rallied Liberian voters to a peaceful democratic transition.

Citizens are also being educated by the Democracy by Radio on matters such as Supreme Court decisions, the national budget, the performance and workings of the legislature, the president’s performance in comparison to his campaign and post-campaign promises, the creation of the national development plan, audit reports, citizens access to justice and public health concerns.

Experts and professionals including lawyers, lawmakers, civil society leaders, women’s and youth organizations, county council, and county service center representatives, are invited to educate and provide updates on a range of national and local issues. Our radio program has resulted in some major success stories and provided safe spaces where citizens may voice their thoughts on local and national issues without fear.

As an institution, Naymote continues to create a society in which every voice matters and every citizen’s activity shapes their future. We view the media as a crucial ally in our pursuit of a more informed and involved citizenry, and our continued effects in radio engagement not only increase our visibility but also help to create a more transparent and accountable governance environment in Liber

NAYMOTE HOSTS HEALTH FINANCING DIALOGUE IN LIBERIA

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development held a National Policy Dialogue on Alternative Sources to Fund Health in Liberia on September 4, 2024, at Corina Hotel in Monrovia. The dialogue explored sustainable health financing solutions for Liberia, particularly focusing on domestic resource mobilization.

The event convened 60 stakeholders (37 males and 23 females) from the Ministry of Health, National Public Health Institute of Liberia, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Liberia Revenue Authority, Civil Society Organizations, representatives from various universities, and the media to deliberate on ways to enhance healthcare financing and improving health outcomes in Liberia.



The dialogue included statements from key national institutions, a panel discussion from key actors within the sector, and a presentation of research findings on alternative resources to fund health care in Liberia. A renowned health expert, Dr. Dougbah Chris Nyan, Director-General of the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL), elaborated on the government's strategy to restore integrity in healthcare financing and its importance in tackling health system challenges.

Ernest Gonyon, Director for Health Financing at the Ministry of Health, presented the Ministry's commitments to increase alternative sources of financing for achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and improving health financing mechanisms; improving affordability and accessibility of drugs, improving community ownership and accountability; cost-sharing mechanisms at health centers and hospitals, and Liberia Health Equity Fund for universal health coverage (social health insurance scheme) and implement the Community Pharmacy at clinics which will ensure continuous availability of essential medicines.

Gabriel Y. Montgomery, Deputy Commissioner General for Technical Affairs at the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA), discussed the importance of leveraging domestic tax revenues for health sector funding, and LRA plans to formalize businesses and incentivize compliance to increase Liberia tax base by 10% annually over the next five years. He said only about 2.5% of Liberians are registered taxpayers, while over 80% of the workforce operates in the informal sector

Ms. Carolyn Myers, Assistant Director for Budget Dissemination & Fiscal Transparency, Ministry of Finance & Development Planning, highlighted government fiscal transparency efforts and how they impact health funding.

Steve Terravecchia, Chief of Party, Liberia Civil Society Activity emphasized the role of civil society organizations in advocating for policy reforms and improving public service delivery, he appreciated Naymote for hosting such an excellent gathering of professionals to discuss and find solutions to improving the health sector in Liberia.

Dr. Eementary Kpoeh, Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Cuttington University Graduate School. presented findings from Naymote research on alternative funding sources for health in Liberia, the research outlined

various avenues for resource mobilization, including public-private partnerships, health infrastructure development, tax reforms, health levies and taxes, community-based health financing models, health insurance schemes etc. The presentation generated a robust discussion among participants about the potential of innovative financing models to address the sector's underfunding.

At the dialogue panel discussion was held with Dr. Jewel Tarpeh-Kollie, County Health Officer of Montserrado County leading the conversation along with members of the CSA Health Coalition members, they delved deeper into the research findings, discussing progress, opportunities, and challenges for sustainable health sector financing in Liberia.

Participants appreciated the event and made recommendations that the government implement reforms in the national tax system to introduce health-specific taxes, such as taxes on tobacco and alcohol, which can be earmarked for health sector financing, establish or expand community-based health insurance schemes through the MoH to ensure broader coverage, particularly for vulnerable populations, etc.

The institution also developed a policy brief on health financing in Liberia, it highlights the need for innovative health financing solutions in Liberia and emphasizes that policymakers must prioritize the exploration of new funding mechanisms to sustain the progress made in emergency preparedness and to improve overall health outcomes. The policy brief also highlights the need for civil society organizations to continually advocate for better health outcomes and equitable access to healthcare. This collaborative effort is crucial for achieving the goals outlined in President Joseph Boakai's ARREST AGENDA and for ensuring a resilient and responsive healthcare system in Liberia.





NAYMOTE VALUES THE SOLAR SYSTEM AS A DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF POWER

As part of the Democracy Advancement Program, (DAP), Naymote installed a solar power in the national and regional offices. This move allowed Naymote to reduce expenses, ensure continuous electricity supply, as solar power represents a dependable and steady investment for our institution, thank you Sweden. Naymote is currently allocating saving money for capacity building, and institutional development.

Since 2023 the installed solar panels are keeping our head office and regional office running. Like many other Liberian Civil Society Organizations, [NAYMOTE-Liberia](#) had previously relied on a diesel generator when power from the national electricity grid was unavailable. The generator was both costly and demanding. With the solar panels installed, Naymote now have a more reliable power source, meaning they can work full hours and have the office fully equipped.

One of the great changes in the office is that they now have proper internet service available throughout the entire day. In Liberia, Sweden and our partners are paving the way for solar energy. Sweden has a wonderful opportunity to keep global warming to 1.5C, but it is important that we all take action in this regard.

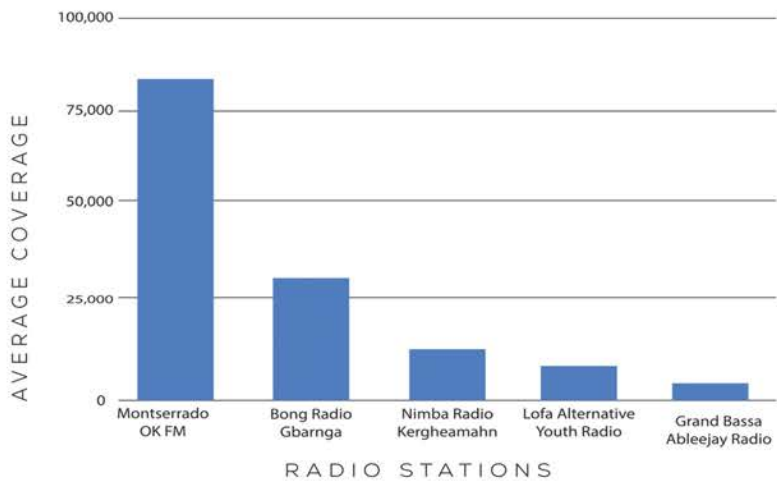
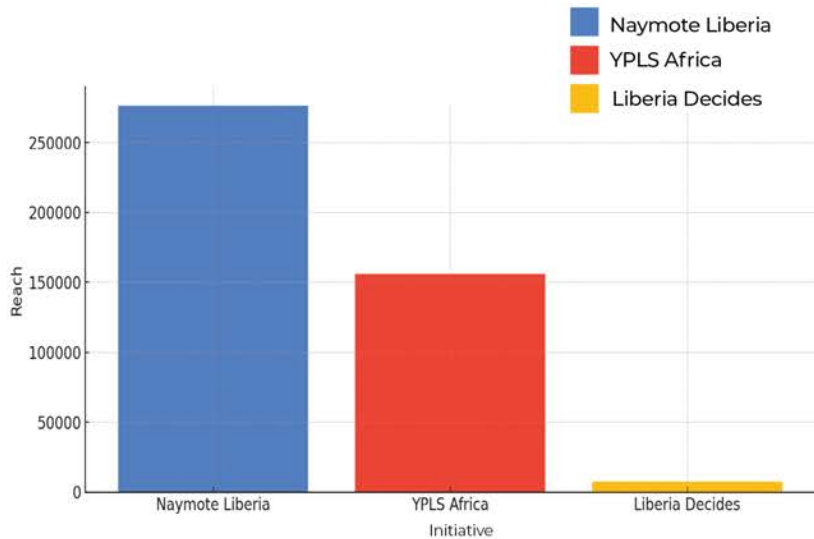


ACTIVITIES



	Participation	Men	Women
Democracy Advancement Program	3,753	1,753	2,000
Peace Dividends Project	607	323	284
Elections Democracy Activity	6,124	3,335	2,789
YPLS Africa	14,686	8,823	5,863
Civil Society Activity	311	208	103
Advancing Democracy and Peace	15,177	9,728	5,449
Democracy Impact Fellowship	384	167	217
Total:	41,042	24,337	16,705

Social Media Reach/Initiative



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