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ACRONYMS

DA	Democratic Accountability
EU	European Union
GGCC	Grand Gedeh Community College
HoR	House of Representatives
IREDD	Institute for Research and Democratic Development
JDH	Jackson's Doe Hospital
LAP	Legislative Accountability Project
LIS	Legislative Information Service
NAYMOTE	Naymote Partners for Democratic Development
NED	National Endowment for Democracy
NCCC	Nimba County Community College
NDI	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
MVTC	Monrovia Vocational Training Center
TVET	Technical Vocational Education and Training
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UMU	United Methodist University
UL	University of Liberia

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Liberia, Members of the House of Representatives (HoR) are elected for six years with three cardinal functions: Lawmaking, Representation and Oversight. As Liberia's prime democratic advancement institution, Naymote Partners for Democratic Development considered the Legislature as the fulcrum of Liberia's democracy because of its constitutional responsibilities to enact laws, represent citizen interests, oversee executive policy implementation and performance. However, citizens don't often hear from those elected lawmakers until the next election. This makes the Legislative Accountability Project (LAP) a necessary platform to promote accountability, make elected lawmakers more accountable, accessible and responsive to their constituents thereby building citizens trust in elections and democratic processes.

The LAP is an independent monitoring and tracking tool that enables civil society actors and voters to evaluate the implementation of campaign promises made by elected lawmakers. The report focuses on actions taken from January 2018-January 2019 on promises made by 12 lawmakers (out of 73 lawmakers) during the 2017 legislative election. NAYMOTE hopes to sustain the tracking of lawmakers campaign promises to the next election, if financially supported. The project is based on the theory of change that when citizens have access to information on the status of their elected lawmakers campaign promises, citizens become civically engaged, they are more informed about their lawmakers action, able to hold them accountable, and make informed decisions at the ballot box.

A review of 73 of lawmakers' campaign promises highlighted the following: 54 of these lawmakers mentioned scholarships and improving education within their respective districts as part of their campaign promises, 35 mentioned the provision of quality healthcare in their respective districts as part of their campaign promises, and 7 lawmakers mentioned lawmaking or introducing legislations as part of their campaign promises.

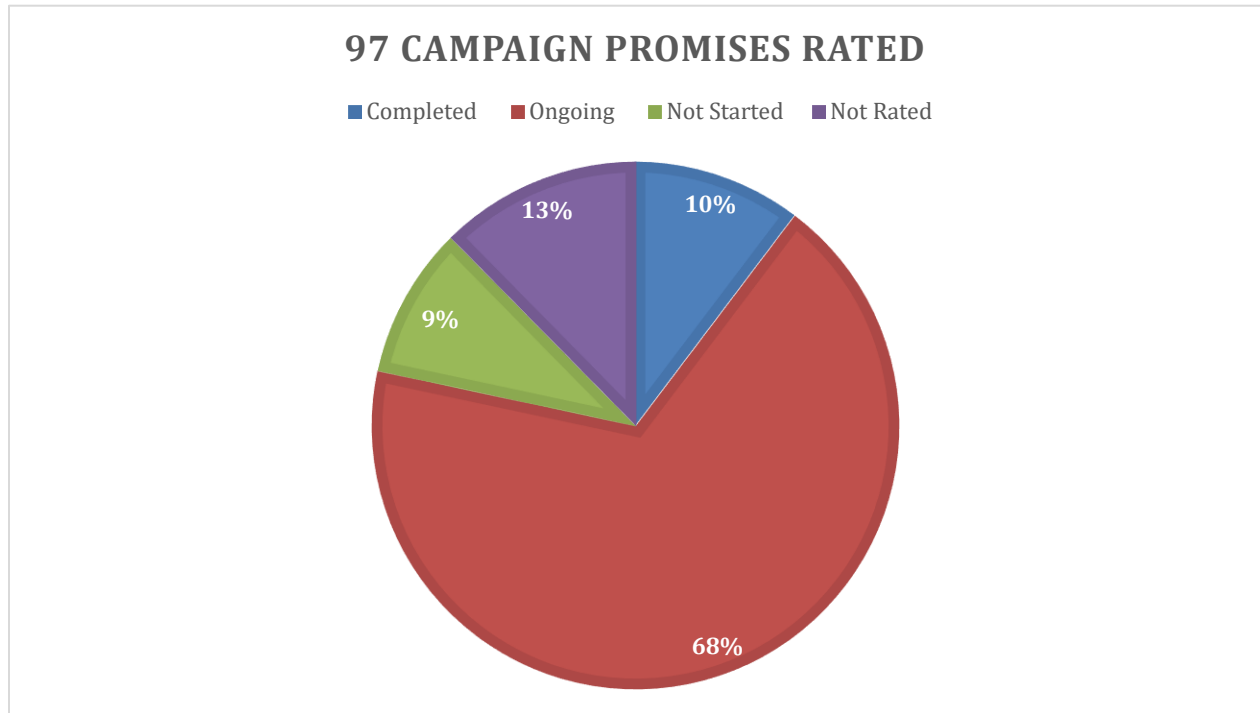
During the one year period, NAYMOTE identified, documented, tracked, and rated a total of 97 campaign promises from the 12 elected lawmakers (10 males and 2 females) including three incumbents and nine new members. Of the 97 campaign promises tracked and rated, 10 were rated as completed, 66 promises are ongoing, 9 not started, and 12 not rated due to the lack of information to easily verify whether an action has been taken on a promise.

The lawmakers monitored were selected from NAYMOTE's project locations: Representatives Prince K. Moye, Moima Briggs Mensah and Robert F. Womba from Bong County, Dixon W. Seboe, Richard N. Koon, Samuel R. Enders and Rustonlyn S. Dennis of Montserrado County, Dorwohn T. Gleekia, Roger S.W. Y. Domah and Larry Youngquoui of Nimba County, Alexander Poure from Rivergee County and Zoe E. Pennue from Grand Gedeh County. Since the ascendancy of these 12 elected lawmakers into office, actions have been taken towards the implementation of 76 campaign promises (10 completed and 66 ongoing) made by these 12 lawmakers during the first year in office, which is a good start.

Of the 10 completed promises, community development projects, including the establishment of the clan offices, community roads, bridges, and the construction of town halls, accounted for six of those completed projects, while the formation of district development council accounted for three of those promises completed and the construction of one health center accounted for one of the many promises.

Twenty-seven of the promises ongoing focused on health and education, with education accounting for 15 of those ongoing promises and health care provision accounting for 12 of those ongoing promises. These promises are directly linked to the administration's Pro Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development—Pillar One: Power to the People and are also linked to the Sustainable Development Goals supported by the United Nations Development Programme, the European Union, and the United States Agency for International Development.

1.1 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROGRESS RATING OF PROMISES AND PERFORMANCE



The institution identified, tracked, and rated these promises over a period of the one year. The promises were then categorized based on four scales as highlighted below:

1. **Completed:** This is when a promise has been tracked and confirmed to be achieved.
2. **Ongoing:** This is when action is taken towards achieving a promise, but has not yet been fully achieved.
3. **Not Started:** This is when no concrete action has taken place in response to a given promise.
4. **Not Rated:** This is when information is not easily accessible to verify whether an action has been taken on a promise.

1.2 ANALYSIS OF THE CAMPAIGN PROMISES PER ELECTED LAWMAKERS

In Bong County: Representative Moima Briggs Mensah, of electoral district # 6, made 12 campaign promises, of which four are rated completed, six ongoing, and two not started. Representative Robert F. Womba, of electoral district # 4, made 11 promises, none of which were completed, seven ongoing, three not started, and one not rated. Representative Prince K. Moye, of electoral district # 2, made seven campaign promises, none completed, five ongoing, and two not rated.

In Montserrado County: Representative Rustonlyn S. Dennis, of electoral district # 4, made eight promises, none completed, eight ongoing. Representative Richard N. Koon of electoral # 11 made nine promises, one completed, seven ongoing, and one not started. Representative Dixon W. Seboe of electoral district # 16 made eight promises, one completed, five ongoing, and two not rated. Representative Samuel Enders, electoral district # 6 made four campaign promises, none completed, two ongoing, and two not rated.

In Nimba County: Representative Larry Youngquoi, of electoral district # 8, made seven campaign promises, one completed, and six ongoing. Representative Dorwhohn Twain Gleekia, of electoral district # 6, made nine promises none completed, five ongoing, two not started, and two not rated. Representative Roger S. W. Y. Domah, of electoral district # 7, made eight campaign promises, one completed, five ongoing, and two not rated.

In Grand Gedeh County: Representative Zoe E. Pennue, of electoral # 1, made seven campaign promises, two completed, and five ongoing.

In Rivergee County: Representative Alexander Poure, electoral district # 1, made seven campaign promises, none completed, five ongoing, one not started, and one not rated.

1.3 PICTORIAL OF SOME LAWMAKERS PROJECTS MONITORED



2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the status of promises tracked, documented and rated against progress made by 12 selected members of the House of Representatives of the 54th National Legislature.

Campaign Promises were documented during the 2017 legislative election by the Institute for Research and Democratic Development (IREDD) and verified by Naymote Partners for Democratic Development, two of Liberia leading democratic advancement and good governance institutions. The report highlights NAYMOTE's assessment of these 12 selected lawmakers' campaign promises and subsequent performance on those promises between January 2018 and January 2019.

The Liberian Legislature is bicameral, comprising of the Senate and the House of Representatives. It consists of 103 members, elected from the 15 political subdivisions (counties) and 73 electoral districts, as direct representatives of the people. There are 30 senators elected, two from each of Liberia's 15 counties, who serve staggered nine-year terms, with a midterm election every six years. The 73 representatives are elected from the 73 electoral districts for a term of six years. According to Articles 29 & 34 of the constitution, their legislative functions are divided into the following three categories: **lawmaking, representation, and oversight**.

The following fundamental principles were followed in tracking and documenting legislators' campaign promises:

- **Non-partisanship:** The outcome of the tracking is free of political bias.
- **Objectivity:** The findings of this tracking are not based on any person's opinion or driven by their emotions, and are objectively verified.
- **Evidence-based:** The findings are informed by evidence triangulated from at least three sources in order to demonstrate due diligence.



3.0 METHODOLOGY

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

Extraction: In order to avoid a subjective approach in the selection of promises, all campaign promises contained in the IREDD publication per elected lawmakers and verified by NAYMOTE with selected lawmakers were tracked. However, some lawmakers modified and added to their campaign promises during a consultation with the NAYMOTE team and realizing their campaign promises were going to be tracked and monitored.

Verifying Promises: During the project, NAYMOTE held discussions and developed a campaign tracker matrix, and shared with selected lawmakers for verification. At the same time, most of the campaign promises made by these 12 lawmakers were verifiable, could be easily tracked but not time bound and quantified. However, some modification and addition of campaign promises were done with most of the 12 selected lawmakers.

Tracking and Monitoring: Promises were systematically tracked using different sets of tools or checklists (See performance analysis matrix). Tools were developed to track statements made by the elected lawmakers through radio stations, in newspapers, on social media/Facebook, visitations to lawmakers districts offices, and on-site visits were made to locations where physical infrastructure development projects linked to pre and post campaign promises were taking place.

A database was established where all information generated from the various tracking tools was stored and collated. In order to ensure accuracy, information on promises tracked was triangulated using primary data source Legislative Information Service (LIS), the Liberian Legislature social media Facebook page, the individual lawmakers' legislative annual reports were tracked and interviews conducted with some lawmakers during the period under reviewed. The outcome of this triangulation was also reinforced by the findings of on-site visits by NAYMOTE staff in the various counties and districts.

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



4.0 PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS: LAWMAKERS PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS

HON. RUSTONLYN S. DENNIS, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #4 – MONTSERRADO COUNTY PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)

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

	Promises (8)	Sector	Status				Means Of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Provide medical supplies to health facilities in the district	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Meetings and interviews	Donated medical supplies to few health facilities in her district
2	Improve Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in district	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews	Constructed and dedicated community hand pumps and latrines in her district
3	Rehabilitate community roads and bridges within the district	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, email, interviews	13 community roads rehabilitated, seven culvert bridges rehabilitated.
4	Establish district financial aid program	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, report and media (Cool FM, 1/3/19)	Donated over 5.5 million Liberian Dollars for micro loan to 774 family members benefitted.
5	Propose Legislations to improve communities Lives	Economy	C	O	NS	NR	Report and meeting	Proposed bill that seek to establish the Omega Magisterial Court
6	Provide scholarship for students/Financial Aid to Students	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Meeting and report	3.5 million Liberian Dollars Financial Aid for Students Launched for 200 students in the districts
7	Prioritize adult illiteracy programs in communities	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, meetings, report	Three vocational schools established in FDA, Soul Clinic & Du-port Road communities
8	Provide assistance to public and private schools in district	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Donated bundles of zinc and financial support to Morris Farm Public School. Donated pre-school visual aid materials to several schools in her district.

**HON. SAMUEL R. ENDERS, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #6 – MONTERRADO COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (4)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Electricity	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
2	Community Development	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
3	Healthcare	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews, media monitoring (Cool F.M. and ELBC news)	Advocated for budgetary support for African Dream Health Center, providing free medical service in his district Constructed latrine in two communities in his district
4	Business Management	Economy	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and site visit	Providing life-skills training for young women in district

**HON. DIXON W. SEBOE, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #16 – MONTERRADO COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (8)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Provision of Youth Scholarship	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings	LD\$3M Scholarship program for students launched for students, Resource Center for Youth under construction.
2	Empowerment of women through loan	Empowerment/ Gender Equality	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
3	Increase budgetary support to the Redemption Hospital and provision of Medical and Non-medical Supplies to health facilities in the district	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meeting and onsite visit	Advocated for budget increment of the Redemption Hospital. Donated medical Supplies to clinics in the district
4	Cleaning of Drainage, Garbage collection and Waste Management	Health/ Sanitation	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meeting and onsite visit	Drainages were cleaned and construction of cement garbage bin in process.
5	Formation of District Development Council	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Newspaper pub, Front Page Africa (July 13, 2018)	District Development Council established and functional
6	Roads Rehabilitation within the District	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews, meetings	Rehabilitation of roads ongoing in district
7	Sea Erosion: Push for increment in budget for Coastal Defense	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
8	Promote Peace and Reconciliation	Reconciliation	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and meeting	Organized sporting activities to promote Peace and reconciliation in district

**HON. RICHARD N. KOON, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #11 – MONTERRADO COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (9)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Ensure Quality Education	Education		O	NS	NR	Visit to Rep. office, interviews, meetings	L\$3 million scholarship launched for high school students from the district
2	Youth Empowerment through vocational training opportunity within the district	Youth Empowerment		O	NS	NR	Meetings., interviews, visit to Rep. office	Sponsored 6 students to MVTC and Liberia Dujar College
3	Peace and security through support to district watch teams	Security			NS			No concrete action has taken place
4	Health service through support to clinics and hospital in the district	Health		O	NS		Onsite visit, interviews, meetings	Donated 2 district ambulances, donated medical supplies to health facilities
Additional Promises								
5	Agriculture through support to district gardeners and establishment of district farm	Agriculture		O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings	Provided support to district gardeners across 25 communities, Land (8 acres) secured for district farm
6	Upgrade Dixville and Bardnesville Public School to Senior High levels	Education		O	NS	NR	Onsite visit, interviews and meetings	Negotiated to upgrade Bardnesville Public School to Senior High level
7	Promote Reconciliation in district	Reconciliation		O	NS	NR	Meeting, and interviews.	Held reconciliatory jamboree with opposition candidates in the district
8	Establish Community Saving Loan Scheme	Empowerment		O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings	Loan scheme established in the district but not operational yet
9	Establish District Development Council	Community Development	C				Meetings, interviews	DDC established and functional, Induction ceremony held.

**HON. MOIMA BRIGGS-MENSAH, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #6-BONG COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (12)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Women Empowerment/ financial Aid and women groupings	Women Empowerment		O	NS		Report, interviews and meetings	Adult Literacy program (Night School), Support to Women Groups, Menelele 50,000LD and Konoyea Clan Framing Projects- 20,000 LD
2	Advocate for satisfactory separation of the county social and development funds (Allocations be made through the county account)	Accountability		O	NS		Meetings, interviews and report	Advocated at the County Sitting for better share of the County Budget for lower Bong
3	Communicate and institute legislation in the best interest of Salala District and Liberia at large	Community Development		O	NS		Interviews and report	Sponsored Bill: 1, Co. Sponsor – 6, Bill Pending: 1 (Midwives sustainable Bill)
4	Establish Clan offices to promote Equal clans representation in the district	Community Development	C		NS		Interviews and report	5 Clan offices established with a staff of 6 persons, each totaling 30 employees in the district
5	Provide scholarships/ financial aid to youth and adults who are willing to learn and be of help to the district	Education		O	NS		Interviews, report and meetings	Provided L\$1,187,770 and US\$ 2,170 for scholarships and financial aid to young people from the district
6	Construct a private school building	Education			NS			No concrete action has taken place
7	Support agriculture activities and projects	Agriculture			NS			No concrete action has taken place
8	Support healthcare service delivery system	Health		O	NS		Interviews, meetings and report	Donated materials and drugs to three clinics and one health center in the district (Salala. Totota and Tokpapolu and Miamu
9	Construct pit latrines	Health		O	NS		Onsite visitation, interviews	One pit latrines constructed in the district
10	Carry out assessments on roads, bridges, town hall, and commissioner’s residence	Community Development	C		NS		Onsite visitation, interviews and report	Assessment on roads, bridges, town hall, and commissioner’s residence conducted
11	Construct two town halls	Community Development	C		NS		Onsite visitation, interviews	Two town halls constructed and dedicated
12	Construct two new bus stops	Community Development	C		NS		Onsite visitation, interviews	Two bus Stops were constructed, dedicated, used by residents

**HON. PRINCE KERMUE MOYE, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #2-BONG COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (7)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Submit Bills in favor of the people	Lawmaking	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
2	Promote Quality Education	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and meetings	Provided scholarships for students in various universities and high schools from his district
3	Provide Better Healthcare	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings	Support to health facilities and health workers in the district
4	Invest in Agriculture	Agriculture	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and newspaper publication (Daily Observer (October 25, 2018)	Investment in Agriculture ongoing, Hon. Moye cultivated 400 acres of rice in October from private farm
5	Support Youth and Women Empowerment	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted, meetings	Empowering women and youth through support to agriculture projects, loans, provision of scholarships for youth
6	Empower people with disabilities	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
7	Maintain good infrastructure	Infrastructure	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, meetings, interviews	Electrification, constriction/ rehabilitation feeder roads are ongoing with the district,

**HON. ROBERT F. WOMBA, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #4 – BONG COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

Key Indicators (Status)



Completed



Ongoing



Not Started



Not Rated

	Promises (11)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Support agriculture projects	Agriculture	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place
2	Provision of scholarship for youth	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place
3	Women empowerment/ financial aid	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meeting and report	Donated LR\$ 250,000 to Garmue Town women through loan
4	Support healthcare service delivery system	Health	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
5	Promote Life skills training programs	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
Additional Promises								
6	Construct four bedroom teachers' quarters	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Report and interviews	Construction of teachers quarter ongoing in Bellemue town
7	Construct four bedroom guest house	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Guest house under construction in Jorwah
8	Construct townhall for community residents	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	2 town hall constructed and dedicated to the people of Pelele Town and Kpoe
9	Construct schools in district	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Construction of two schools ongoing in district (Belefanai elementary school, 5 bedrooms school in Paye-ta)
10	Construct road and bridges in district	Infrastructure Development	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Road construction ongoing
11	Support youth empowerment	Youth Re-orientation and Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	15 motorbikes purchased and donated to Belefiani youth

**HON. LARRY P. YOUNQUOI, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #8 – NIMBA COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (7)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Invest in Agriculture	Agriculture	C	O	NS	NR	Hon. Younquoi, official website (August 8, 2018), onsite visitation	Investment in agriculture ongoing, Hon. Younquoi transplanting high yields varieties of Oil palm and Rubber through his farming project,
2	Local road construction	Community Development	C				Interviews and report	5 local road constructed and 2 bridges in the district completed.
3	Healthcare support in the district	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Initiated Water and Sanitation projects (Constructed and dedicated 15 hand pumps in the district).
4	Education through support to educational institutions	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Provided support to several universities and community colleges through financial aid provided for students from his district, constructing 6 public schools in district
5	Support to market women and youths	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Report interviews and	Supported market women and youth through investment in agriculture programs, scholarships etc.
6	Empowerment	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Allocation in the budget for Rubber Farmers, brokers union, disabled comm., Advocacy for increased budget allotment to FBOs (educational institutions) in district
Additional Promises								
7	Construct Town Hall	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews	Constructing 5 town halls, one completed and four ongoing

**HON. DORWOHN TWAIN GLEEKIA, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #6-NIMBA COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (9)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Review of the policy on county sitting and the county budget law to ensure local participation and decision making	Transparency/ Accountability	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
2	Provide support to medical facilities within the district in order to reduce medical cost.	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Meetings, interviews and report	Advocated for increment in JFD Hospital's annual allotment, advocated for nurses at J.W. Harley to occupy Housing Estate constructed by BHP Billiton in Sanniquellie.
3	Provide support to local farmers and market women in the form of loan.	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
4	Construction of meeting spot for the district.	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place
5	Construction of T-VET Institute within the district	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place
Additional Promises								
6	Propose legislations to establish an administrative district	Decentralization/ Local Gov.	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews and report	Bill introduced and passed by the Legislature to establish Gbear Gblor Administrative District
7	Secure land for the construction of a Magisterial Complex in District	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Report and interviews	4 acres of land acquired and awaiting construction of a magisterial complex in Tappita
8	Establish strategic partnerships with cities that share mutual commitments towards growth, development, cultural exchange	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Report	Established partnership with Detroit, Michigan, USA. Wayne County Community College District in Detroit, Michigan, USA.
9	Provide an economic empowerment opportunity for women	Gender Equality	C	O	NS	NR	Report, interviews	Raised half a million LD to establish a catering service for the women in Tappita

**HON. ROGER S.W.Y. DOMAH, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #7-NIMBA COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (8)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Provide Education-Scholarship for youth and young women	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Meeting, report interviews,	Provided US\$5,200 and L\$498,000 as scholarship for high school & university students in the district.
2	Support construction of local roads within district	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, report	Collaborated with Hon. Johnson N. Gwaikilo and rehabilitated 2 bridges connecting District #7 with #9. Made donation for the construction and rehabilitation of feeder roads.
3	Support agriculture through small funding to local farmers within district	Agriculture	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
4	Establish Adult's literacy program	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
5	Financial Support to small Business people in the District	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Report, interviews	Purchased and donated cutlasses and other useful tools to small business owners (Ex: charcoal burners)
Additional Promises								
6	Set-up District Development Council	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Report interviews and	DDC formulated and functional
7	Provide assistance to public and private schools in the district	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Report, interviews	Provided financial assistance to students from the district. Donated cement, zincs etc. for construction and rehabilitation of schools in district.
8	Provide support to developmental projects in the District	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Report interviews and	Donated cements, bundles of zinc etc. for construction of several peace halls in district

**HON. ZOE EMMANUEL PENNUE, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #1 - GRAND GEDEH COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (7)	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Rehabilitate local roads	Community Development	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews, meeting	Local roads rehabilitation ongoing in Zwedru City, Zai town and Soakim road in Cavalla District
2	Provision of healthcare facility in the district	Health	C	O	NS	NR	Meetings, interviews, onsite visitation	Clinic constructed and dedicated in Jarzon
3	Provide transportation Bus for District's people	Transportation	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings, visit to rep. office	1 bus purchased and donated to midwife, 1 taxi purchased and donated to GGCC
4	Provide Scholarship for District's Youths	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews, meetings	Provided financial aid to district youth within GGCC, UMU & UL
Additional Promises								
5	Provide support to G.G. Marketing Association	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Meetings, interviews	Provided financial support to G.G. Marketing Association
6	Support sports in the district	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews with GGSA leadership, meetings	Provided \$600,000 Liberian dollars to G.G. Sports Association
7	Support to Churches/ Schools in district	Empowerment	C	O	NS	NR	Onsite visitation, interviews	Donated to several Churches bundles of zinc and other materials

**HON. ALEXANDER POURE, REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT #1 – RIVERGEE COUNTY
PROMISES & CURRENT STATUS (1 YEAR IN OFFICE)**

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

	Promises (7)	Sector					Means of Verification	Comment
			C	O	NS	NR		
1	Provision of scholarship for high school and college students	Education		0			Visit to rep. office, interviews with students,	Scholarship provided for 192 students in the district during 2018/2019 school year
2	Improve the education sector of the District	Education		0			Interviews with Teachers, administrators, meetings	Hired 4 qualified teachers to work at Gbeapo Central High School, District #1
3	The construction of roads and bridges	Community Development		0			Communication from Rep Poure and site visit,	Constructed the road connecting Tienpo to other areas on the district and a bridge situated at river Num costing US\$75,000.00
4	Women and youth empowerment through Microfinance loan	Empowerment/ Gender Eq.		0			Report and interviews,	Allocation was made to four local organizations in the districts
5	Support to local farms within the district	Agriculture			NS			No concrete action has taken place
6	Support healthcare services within the district	Health				NR		No tangible information available
7	Reconciliation within the district	Reconciliation		0			Report and interviewed	Hosted peace and reconciliation meeting on July 26, 2018.

5.0 CONCLUSION:

The Legislative Accountability Project (LAP) like the President Meter Project is being used in Liberia for the first time to identify, track, document and rate progress made in the implementation of campaign promises made by elected officials.

On January 15, 2018, members of the Liberian House of Representatives convened their first sitting, with 43 newly elected lawmakers out of 73 members. Liberian voters are known for punishing incumbent lawmakers at the ballot box due to poor representation or neglect. This report saw actions taken by 12 selected lawmakers toward delivering on their campaign promises. The institution documented, tracked, and rated a total of 97 campaign promises from the 12 elected lawmakers (10 males and 2 females) including three incumbents and nine new members. Of the 97 campaign promises tracked and rated, 10 were rated as completed, 66 promises are ongoing, 9 not started, and 12 not rated.

NAYMOTE hopes this report of the 12 selected lawmakers will be taken in good faith and more action will be taken to deliver on ongoing promises within the second year of service. The institution hopes the report will be used by citizens to hold their elected officials accountable to deliver on the campaign promises made during the election. NAYMOTE is seeking financial support to expand the project across to other electoral districts in Liberia, which would help to reinforce and advance the country's democratic consolidation, thereby supporting the government's Pro Poor Agenda for better governance.

The Liberian Legislature is the fulcrum of Liberia's democracy because of its constitutional responsibilities to enact laws, represent citizen interests, oversee executive policy implementation and performance. However, too often, citizens do not hear from elected lawmakers until the next election. The Legislative Accountability Project provides a platform to make elected lawmakers more accountable, accessible and responsive to their constituents, thereby building citizens trust in elections and democratic processes.

Many thanks to the various District Development Council members, staffers of selected representatives that supported our team; our regional coordinators and volunteers who made onsite visitations; and to those lawmakers that were very responsive to our teams and sharing their annual reports with our institution. The LAP is gradually resonating with the elected officials and constituents to ensure campaign promises are fulfilled before the next election.

Big thank you to the National Endowment for Democracy for the grant support, the Institute for Research and Democratic Development for sharing copy of the campaign promises documented through the Strengthening Political Parties Program – SP3 funded by the United States Agency for International Development, implemented by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and others for the unflinching support to this national effort designed to track campaign promises of elected officials to ensure democratic accountability.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are advanced for consideration by members of the House of Representatives:

1. Elected officials/lawmakers need to revise some of their campaign promises to make it more time bound and quantify them to make it easy to track.
2. Public education needed to help citizens to understand the workings of their lawmakers and lawmakers should be more accessible, responsive and accountable to the needs of their constituents.
3. There need to be a distinction between the County Development Funds projects and lawmakers self-supported projects to ensure accountability and transparency for public funds.
4. Financial support needed to expand the project to every electoral districts to track promises of all elected lawmakers.

ABOUT PARTNERS

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is Liberia's prime democratic advancement institution established in 2001 by student's leaders and activists to promote citizens' understanding of democratic processes and the long-term benefits of their participation in these processes.

The institution had trained some of the most prominent young politicians in Liberia, through the Young Political Leadership School and has been one of the leading grassroots organizations promoting democracy, peace building, human rights and civic engagement in Liberia. The institution is a member of several professional networks including the World Movement for Democracy, the World Youth Movement for Democracy, the African Movement for Democracy and the National Civil Society Council, etc.

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

The institution's executive director holds master's degree of Public Administration, the Finance and Administrative Officer hold a master's degree of Finance from the Cuttington University Graduate School in Liberia while the Program Director holds Masters of Conflict and Dispute Resolution from the University of Oregon, School of Law, USA. Our management team has benefitted for local and international capacity building trainings and has developed skills to facilitate community development programs, political organizing and leadership development programs, grassroots democracy enhancement programs, conduct research, election management and monitoring, etc.

The project is supported by the National Endowment for Democracy, a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Since its founding in 1983, the Endowment has remained on the leading edge of democratic struggles everywhere, while evolving into a multifaceted institution that is a hub of activity, resources and intellectual exchange for activists, practitioners and scholars of democracy all over the world. The NED is a key partner to Liberia's prime democratic advancement institution, Naymote Partners for Democratic Development.

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