

Performance Report Of President Weah One Year in Office

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT?

"I am a man of
action. I will not
disappoint you.

I don't believe in
eloquent
speeches, I will do
what I promised
during the
elections".

President George
Weah



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Tracking President Weah's Performance Against Promises Made

ACRONYMS

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

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The President Meter is an independent monitoring tool that enables Liberians and civil society actors to evaluate the performance of President George Manneh Weah and the Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) against promises made during and after the election. This report focuses on promises contained in the CDC's Manifesto, Presidential Priority Projects, Campaign Speeches and Policy Statements made since President Weah inauguration on January 22, 2018, as the 24th President of the Republic of Liberia.

President Weah's induction symbolizes the first peaceful democratic transition of power in 73 years. It was the first generational change in national leadership through popular vote since the introduction of universal suffrage in 1951 and the launch of the National Unification and Integration Policy in 1960¹.

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

Although the President did not participate in any of the public debates attended by other presidential candidates where campaign pledges and promises were presented to the voters; President Weah's presented his promises through campaign speeches, the CDC Manifesto of 2017 and policy statements. Winning the presidency during the Run-Off Election with 732,185 votes, constituting 61.5% against former Vice President, Joseph Boakai who received 457,579 votes, constituting 38.5%², his election generated huge expectations among voters, particularly young people.

On January 25, 2018, the President announced Presidential Priority Projects (3Ps) to begin the process of cutting waste, realigning the national budget, and re-purposing resources to address critical challenges in a range of areas relative to the new government's development plan called the "Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development". In all, 13 projects were identified. The government translated the party's manifesto into a short-term transition plan into the Pro Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD), this initiative guided the transition from the Agenda for Transformation (AfT) and the Party's Manifesto to President George Weah's National Development Plan (PAPD) outlying the four pillars mentioned in the party Manifesto¹.

The government has promised within the next five years (2019-2023) to address the basic needs of Liberians for income security, better access to basic services, and greater opportunities for self-improvement in an enabling environment that is inclusive and stable which will be at the core of the pro-poor agenda¹.

During the President one year in office, January 22, 2018 to January 22, 2019, Naymote Partners for Democratic Development, has tracked, documented and rated 87 promises (65 promises from the CDC Manifesto 2017 and 22 promises from campaign speeches, policy statements and presidential priority projects). Since the ascendancy of the President and his government to power, actions have been taken towards the implementation of 38 promises including 5 completed and 33 ongoing during the first year in office focusing on education, health, infrastructure, agriculture and youth empowerment.

¹ Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD)

² National Elections Commission (NEC)

Of the 87 promises tracked, 49 were rated as “Not Started” or “Not Rated.” due to the lack of available information to assess progress towards implementation. 30 of the 87 promises tracked falls under pillar one: Power to the People, 34 under pillar two: Economy and Jobs, 10 under pillar three: Sustaining the Peace and 13 under pillar four: Governance and Transparency.

Of these promises, ten (10) were focused on education and training, eight (8) dealt with health and sanitation, three (3) on gender equality, four (4) on youth reorientation and empowerment, five (5) on physically challenged and senior citizens, twelve (12) focused on sustainable economic growth, seven (7) highlighted agriculture and forestry, fourteen (14) dealt with infrastructure development, one (1) highlighted transportation, five (5) on justice and human rights, two (2) on reconciliation, three (3) on security and national defense, four (4) on decentralization of institutions and systems, four (4) on accountability and anti-corruption and five (5) on foreign policy and diplomatic relations.

Overall, 26 of these promises are directed toward the economy and infrastructure development. At the same time, since his inauguration, the President has highlighted in many public statements that infrastructure development, particularly the construction of roads remain the top priority of his government. However, to achieve this, it will require intensive capital investment while accessing the needed capital to make this happen remains a major challenge.

However, during the one year reporting period it was observed that no tangible actions have taken place on promises around accountability and anti-corruption as well as promises on physically challenged and senior citizens.

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

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

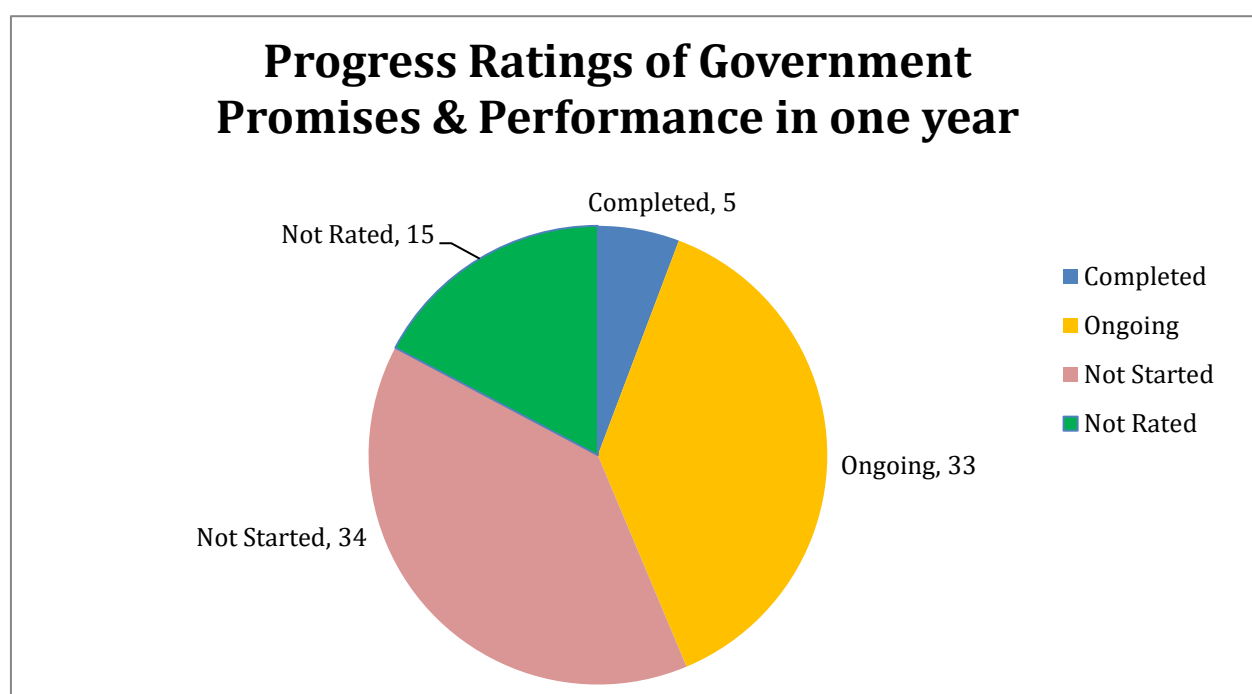
Of the 87 promises, five (5) have been rated as completed which include the following:

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

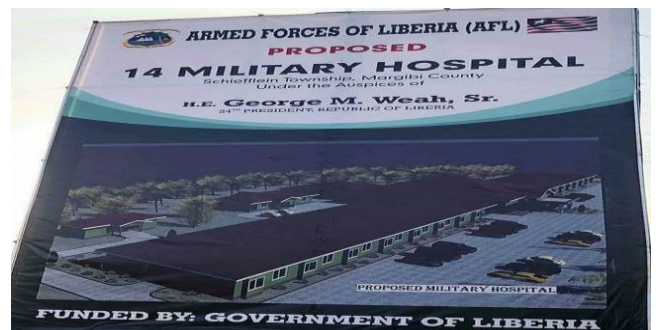
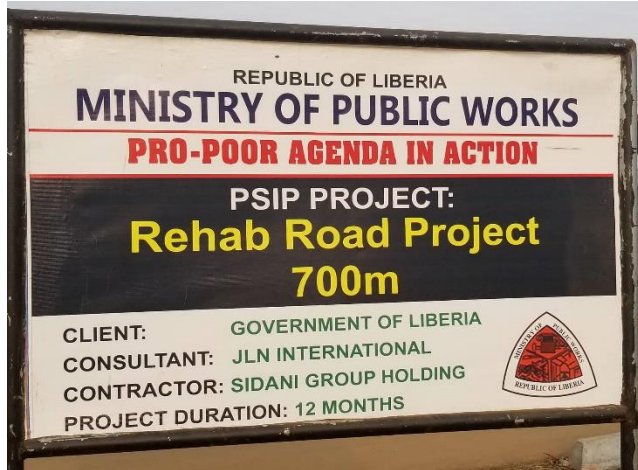
This report has rated thirty three (33) promises as ongoing. While this number is significant, it is important to state that some of the 33 ongoing promises were initiatives undertaken by former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's government. For example:

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

1.1 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROGRESS RATING PER SECTOR



1.2 PICTORIAL OF SOME GOVERNMENT'S PROJECTS



2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of promises tracked, documented and rated against progress made by President George M. Weah performance between the periods January 22, 2018 to January 22, 2019.

This project is based on the following theories of change:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.0 METHODOLOGY

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

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

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

Tracking and Monitoring: Promises were systematically tracked using different sets of tools or checklists (See performance analysis matrix). Tools were developed to track statements made by the President on radio and television stations or statements made by public officials on the implementation of promises made by the President. Tracking of seven national radio stations³ was done daily during the morning and afternoon hours focusing on radio talk shows, news, and special features where government officials appeared as guests.

Three television stations⁴ were monitored daily during the evening hours to track visual presentation of progress made on the implementation of promises. Newspapers were also monitored daily for stories on pre and post campaign promises. In addition to these tracking tools, on-site visits were made to locations where physical infrastructure development projects linked to pre and post campaign promises were taking place. Furthermore, online platforms including the Executive Mansion website were monitored. Formal written communications were also sent to government officials requesting information on the status of promises being implemented.

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

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

³ ELBC, Truth FM, ECOWAS Radio, Power FM, Prime FM, OK FM, and Fabric 101.

⁴ ELTV which is State managed TV, and SKY TV, and Power TV both commercial stations.

4.0 PROGRESS RATING OF PROMISES PER PILLAR

Pillar One: Power to the People

During the one year reporting period, the institution (NAYMOTE) tracked, documented and rated 30 promises under the Power to the People Pillar, of the 30 promises 2 were rated as completed, 13 promises are ongoing, 12 not started and 3 not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken. Renovation of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital and Payment of WAEC Fees were confirmed completed



Pillars Two: Economy and Jobs

The institution tracked, documented and rated 34 promises, under the Economy and Jobs Pillar, out of the 34 promises, 3 were confirmed as completed, 14 ongoing, 13 not started and 4 not rated due to lack of available information to assess action taken. Reduction of salary for members of the executive branch of government, passage of the Land Rights Act and Pavement of Doe's Community Road were the promises completed under pillar 2.



Pillar Three: Sustaining the Peace

During the one year reporting period, the institution tracked, documented and rated 10 promises under Sustaining the Peace Pillar; none completed, 3 ongoing, 3 not started and 4 not rated.



Pillar Four: Governance and Transparency

The institution tracked, documented and rated 13 promises under the Governance and Transparency Pillar, none completed, 3 promises are confirmed ongoing, 6 not started and 4 not rated.



Performance Analysis: Government Promises & Current Status (1 Year in Office)

PILLAR ONE: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
	EDUCATION AND TRAINING (10 PROMISES)		C	O	NS	NR		
1	Pay the West African Examination Council (WAEC) fees for all students sitting the exam	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted, Newspaper publication	Students who sat 2017/2018 exams fees were paid in fulfillment of campaign promise.
2	Optimize Online Registration Platform & Free Wi-Fi Internet at UL	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviews conducted, Newspaper pub, site visit and written communication	Digital registration process launched to enhance registration but Wi-Fi coverage limited on Fendell Campus
3	Review and reform school curriculum to address 21 st century development and labor needs	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Letter of comm., follow-up calls and interviews	Development and revision of curriculum and CSE curriculum already piloted in 4 counties in the Southeast.
4	Provide free Tuition for students in all public universities	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Feedback from the University of Liberia Adm, Students and media monitor	Some students confirmed benefiting from free tuition at UL but information at other universities not readily available.
5	Enroll PSL teachers on Government Payroll	Education	C	O	NS	NR	Interviewed on ELBC, Latim Da-thong, Deputy Minister for Administration, Ministry of Education	1100 teachers from supplementary are now placed on the regular payroll
6	Double efforts and resources to reinforce and implement the current national compulsory free education policy and Act	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No tangible information available
7	Reintroduce and expand the school feeding program in public schools.	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action on the promise
8	Provide adequate and special attention to vulnerable students with a history of misconduct, learning and physical disabilities	Education	C	O	NS	NR		No concrete action has taken place

9	Prioritize early learning and adult illiteracy programs in pre-schools and local communities.	Education			NS			No concrete action has taken place
10	Revitalize and upgrade teaching and learning facilities and programs in existing TVET institute	Education		O			Interviewed with Assistant Education Minister for Research	TVET programs are ongoing and revitalized with modern equipment
HEALTH AND SANITATION (8 PROMISES)								
11	Renovate the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	Health	C				Site visit, media monitored, dedication ceremony	Part of the JFK Hospital Renovated, Equipped and Dedicated.
12	Construction of the 14 th - Military Hospital	Health		O			Meeting, interviews conducted, media monitor/ELBC, Jan 22, 2019	Construction work on the 14 th Military Hospital ongoing. Military personnel send outside Liberia for specialized training to manage the hospital
13	Construction of New Redemption Hospital	Health		O			Onsite Visitation, interview conducted	Construction ongoing including ground breaking, fencing of premises, constructed warehouse and groundwork started.
14	Enact legislation to establish a functioning health subsidy program for citizens below the poverty line	Health			NS			The legislation is yet to be submitted to the legislature.
15	Establish a functional emergency medical service including referral system between primary, secondary and tertiary care	Health				NR		No tangible information available
16	Strengthen Emergency Preparedness and Response mechanisms and institutions to prevent diseases	Health		O			Media reports (WHO Website, UNDP Facebook Page and ELBC), Newspaper (Front Page Africa- November 30, 2018)	Emergency and disaster policy formulated. NPHIL refurbished and dedicated Liberia veterinary diagnosis laboratory in Fendall, Human laboratory for testing diseases for potential outbreak established.
17	Improve childhood preventable disease vaccination coverage	Health		O			Media reports, MoH Website(http://moh.gov.lr/category/news/)	The Ministry of Health initiated a nationwide vaccination in 2018
18	Support health professionals' in-service training and career advances	Health		O			Media monitored, Newspaper (Daily Observer Oct. 16, 2018)	Trainings being conducted for specialized health practitioners in Kenya and additional health workers placed on payroll

GENDER EQUALITY (3 PROMISES)							
19	Review existing gender policies and strengthen where needed to ensure gender equality in public and private sectors	Gender Equality				NR	No tangible information available
20	Establish in communities within various counties a viable adult literacy program for rural farming and market women	Gender Equality			NS		No concrete action has taken place
21	Continue to support and strengthen existing acts and regulations on Violence Against Women	Gender Equality		O			FPA-November 27, 2018, The Analyst Newspaper-January 9, 2019 “She Decides Campaign”, national awareness campaign on SGBV Gov't and partners signed communiqué to curb teenage pregnancy and child marriage. UN Women and ECOWAS support
YOUTH RE-ORIENTATION AND EMPOWERMENT (4 PROMISES)							
22	Construct 7 modernize mini soccer stadiums across 7 counties capital	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS		No concrete action has taken place
23	Design and execute a strong reputable national inter-school competition agenda respectively at primary, junior and senior high school and university levels	Youth Re-or. & Emp.		O			Monitored newspaper reports, radio (ELBC, MCCTV) Inter-school intellectual debates have taken place.
24	Design and execute a well-structured occupational skill-determination program focusing on re-orienting and refocusing the minds and attitudes of at least 250,000 street and out of-school youths over a five-year period	Youth Re-or. & Emp.		O			Newspaper publication (Front Page Africa and Daily Observer, December 9, 2018) MYS National Youth Empowerment and Employment program launched and recruitment of project beneficiaries started. MYS launched 20 million grant project sponsored by EU, support to 6 TVET institutions. Entrepreneurship programs and provision of labor subsidy to over 3,000 youth engaged in farming. Construction of entrepreneurship centers and skills training for youths.
25	Establish and operate, in partnership with national and international enterprises, a comprehensive integrated Sports and Academic Academy	Youth Re-or. & Emp.			NS		No concrete action has taken place

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (5 PROMISES)							
26	Enact legislation to establish a functioning health subsidy program for our citizens below the poverty line, and to prioritize adolescent female health	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No evidence to show that a bill has been drafted.
27	Work in partnership with the private sector to ensure appropriate infrastructure in public places that will accommodate the special needs of our physically challenged brothers and sisters in transacting their daily enterprises	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
28	Initiate and pursue the establishment of at least two functioning Mental Health Centers where patient's rehabilitation treatment can be undertaken, and their improvement progress monitored	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
29	Ensure the provision of free medical service and recreation centers for senior citizens beyond the age of 70 years	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place
30	Strengthen education, training and equal employment opportunity policies, programs and processes where they exist for persons living with disabilities	Physically Chal. & Senior Citiz			NS		No concrete action has taken place

PILLAR TWO: ECONOMY AND JOBS

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

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH (12 PROMISES)								
31	Reduction of Salary for members of the executive branch of government	Sustainable Economic Growth	C				Interviews conducted, Newspaper publication (Daily Observer April 26, 2018)	Cabinet resolved that no head of public cooperation or autonomous agency will make more than 7,800 US\$
32	Reduce tariffs on all basic commodities imported into the Country	Sustainable Economic Growth		O			Interviews conducted with marketers, Newspaper publication(New Public Trust, May 30, 2018)	Executive order issued instructing LRA to reduce tariffs on commodities imported.
33	Review Concession Agreements entered between companies and the previous government.	Sustainable Economic Growth		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publication (Reuter Feb. 15, 2018/Executive Mansion Website April 17, 2018)	President set-up committee to review concession agreements. Legislature commits to review concession agreements.
34	Ensure concession companies are fulfilling their social corporate responsibilities outlined in concession contracts.	Sustainable Economic Growth		O			Newspaper publication (Daily Observer, October 18, 2018).	Provisions of Corporate Social Responsibilities are ongoing in education, roads and health, etc.
35	Stabilize the rapidly declining value of the Liberian dollar by reducing export stocks	Sustainable Economic Growth		O			Media monitored, Newspaper publications (FPA 2018)	Gov’t infused USD \$25 million into the economy to stabilize the rapidly declining value of the Liberian dollar
36	Develop and implement strategic manufacturing and industrial policies and action plans to invest in rural, coastal, and inner city	Sustainable Economic Growth			NS			No concrete action has taken place

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

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (7 PROMISES)								
43	Ensure the speedy passage of the Land Rights Act	Agri.& Forestry	C				Media report, and signing ceremony (FPA /Daily Observer Sept. 6, 2018)	The LRA was passed into law & signed by President Weah
44	Formulate and pursue policies on processing of raw material into agriculture products such as Oil Palm, Mango, Cassava etc.	Agri.& Forestry		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publications, radio/MoA website/ Daily Observer Feb. 28, 2018) (Source: Executive Mansion and World Bank Websites), Newspaper pub. (New Democrat, January 7, 2019)	SAPEC project ongoing in 12 counties, farmers are processing improved cassava varieties into flour, fufu, gari. World Bank 25 million support to STAR-P project. MoU signed between MoA /SAPEC and 8 local construction companies to build and rehabilitate 6 markets in 6 counties (Cape Mount, Bassa, Grand Kru, Margibi, Maryland and Rivergee) within 11 months
45	Technical, financial and mechanical support to farmers for the development of low agricultural land and swamp land	Agri.& Forestry		O			FrontPage Africa, January 17, 2019	World Bank 25 million support to STAR-P project.
46	Formulate policies to minimize the export of raw wood and implement policies to enhance local production and processing of wood	Agri.& Forestry			NS			No concrete action has taken place
47	Public Extension Workers programs to assist small and medium famers shall be revisited	Agri.& Forestry				NR		No tangible information available
48	Encourage farmers to use simple machines to maximize yields and form stronger cooperatives and cross-national partnerships	Agri.& Forestry		O			Media Monitor, Frontpage Africa, Jan 24, 2019 and ELBC news	Ministry of Agriculture, Internal Affairs Sign MOU for Communal Farming
49	Establish an Agriculture Bank dedicated to providing loans, grants and equity participation in the agro enterprises.	Agri.& Forestry			NS			No concrete action has taken place

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (14 PROMISES)								
50	Pavement of the Doe's Community Road to Clara Town	Infras. Development	C				Onsite visitation, Executive Mansion Website (December 26, 2018), Newspaper publication (New Dawn, January 17, 2019)	Road construction completed and dedicated by President Weah
51	Install 2,000 street lights in Monrovia and other places	Infras. Development		O			Onsite visitation, newspapers publication, etc. Daily Observer March 12, 2018/ Executive Mansion Website June 4, 2018	Verified instillation of some new street lights by LEC at Rehab, ELWA Junction, Bushrod Island and around Monrovia.
52	Construction of 568 housing units across the 15 sub-political divisions	Infras. Development			NS			No physical evidence that construction work has started.
53	Prioritize resources allocation to ensure possible farm-to-market roads	Infras. Development		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/publications, radio /Daily Observer Feb. 15, 2018/ MoA Website	Some feeder roads are being worked on through budget allocation and county social development funds.
54	Construct Coastal Highway	Infras. Development			NS			No available information on status of the Coastal Highway
55	Construct Mini City on "Bali Island" to Become a New City of Monrovia	Infras. Development			NS			No available information on status of the Bali Island
56	Upgrade and Modernize township of West Point by constructing 2,000 housing units	Infras. Development			NS			No concrete action has taken place
57	Expansion of the Robertsfield Highway by four lanes	Infras. Development			NS			No evidence that expansion work has started.
58	Policies and measure put in place to expand and ensure affordable and accessible electricity supply for our people	Infras. Development				NR		No tangible information available
59	Policies and measure put in place to improve current air, road, and sea transportation	Infras. Development			NS			No concrete action has taken place
60	Review, and if necessary, reform the Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation	Infras. Development		O			Media monitor, LWSC Website, interview	Water and Sewer is expanding access to other areas outside of Monrovia

61	Prioritize the development of public infrastructure projects.	Infras. Development		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/publications, radio	There is evidence of infrastructural work taking place, community road projects, feeder roads etc.
62	Pavement of all feeder roads in Monrovia and its environs	Infras. Development		O			Executive Mansion Website-July 29, 2018), Onsite visitation, Online Media (Front Page Africa, July 29, 2018)	Some feeder roads completed while some are being worked on, Ex: Chugbor Road and Bishop Michael K. Francais road dedicated-Jan. 5, 2019)
63	Provide affordable housing for Liberians	Infras. Development			NS		Newspaper Publication (FPA Oct. 5, 2019, Observer January 14, 2019, Monrovia Times-July 23, 2018.	2 MoU signed between Gov't and partners for construction of housing units but actual work haven't started
TRANSPORTATION (1 PROMISE)								
64	Repair NTA Buses to aid with public transportation	Transportation		O			Media monitoring, interview and Newspaper publication (Bush Chicken (http://www.bushchicken.com/new-nta-leadership-met-only-17-functional-buses/) NTA Website	The number of transport buses repaired and has increased to 32 buses from 17

PILLAR THREE: SUSTAINING THE PEACE

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

	Promises	Sector	Status		Means of Verification		Comment	
JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (5 PROMISES)								
65	Review and strengthen the Judiciary System ensuring that only men and women of proven integrity with requisite professional qualification are appointed to serve	Justice & Human Rights		O			Monitored Newspaper reports/ publications (Liberia News Agency Oct. 28, 2018)	Some appointments of judges who are law school graduates and members of the Liberia Bar Association have taken place
66	Removal of the racial clause in the Liberian Constitution that restricts citizenship to negro decent.	Justice & Human Rights			NS			No public discourse on the issue has taken place since the promise was announced.
67	Design and put in place a functioning judicial information system to be accessible by both legal practitioners and the general public	Justice & Human Rights			NS			No concrete action visible
68	Enhance the capacities of the judicial system, through the creation of additional courts outside of the capital	Justice & Human Rights			NS			No records or evidence of the opening of new courts.
69	Strengthen the National Commission on Human Rights with the intent to enhancing its operational capacity.	Justice & Human Rights				NR		No tangible information available

RECONCILIATION (2 PROMISES)								
70	Organize in various counties “Pavala Hut” peace initiative meetings involving youths, elders, and women groups to reconcile our people and nation	Reconciliation				NR		No tangible information available
71	Create an inclusive government and employment opportunities, not based on the common practice of winner takes all	Reconciliation				NR		No tangible information available
SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE (3 PROMISES)								
72	Focus attention on making the army attractive for our youth to serve Liberia and participate in international peacekeeping missions	Security & Nat'l Defense		O			Media Monitoring and Meeting (MoD Website) Truth FM 96.1	Liberian army participating in International Peace Keeping Mission in Mali and Sudan, training and promotion ongoing, promotion examination administered by the AFL,
73	Strengthen the technical and operational capacities of the National Police and public security agencies in our urban and rural cities	Security & Nat'l Defense				NR		No tangible information available
74	Continue and improve upon the professional and operational development program of the Armed Forces of Liberia with focus on securing better equipment, strategic recruitment of new soldiers, and physical and skill training	Security & Nat'l Defense		O			Media Monitor, Truth FM 96.1 and (MoD Website)	Ongoing training has taken place for security personnel

PILLAR FOUR: GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

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

	Promises	Sector	Status				Means of Verification	Comment	
DECENTRALIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS (4 PROMISES)									
75	Initiate and execute a nation-wide consultation process on the extent and structures of a viable decentralized governing system	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems		O			Newspaper report, interviewed with MiA Minister and social media	Several consultations/town hall meetings have been held by the Ministry of Internal Affairs across the country.	
76	Call for a national referendum and submit to the nation a comprehensive framework that would ensure full participation of our peoples, national unity and sustained development	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS			No concrete action has taken place	
77	Design the physical lay-out of the designated proclaimed city-area to host the new Capital City of Liberia	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS			No evidence to show progress	
78	Governing systems, and responsibilities shall be decentralized within three demarcated geo-politico regions, (Western, Central, and Eastern)	Decent. Of Inst. & Systems			NS			No policy or law formulated to implement this promise.	

ACCOUNTABILITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION (4 PROMISES)								
79	Review structures, mandates and operations of the four major existing agencies with responsibilities for ensuring accountability and transparency	Account. & Anti-Corruption				NR		No tangible information available
80	Review and build upon the current Code of Conduct for Public Officials together with the Assets Declaration Platform	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place
81	Review mandates, structures, administrative procedures and staffing levels and requirements of current Ministries and Agencies and undertake necessary restructuring exercises	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place
82	Pursue without fear or favor legal actions against companies involved in bid rigging, price fixing and corrupt practices	Account. & Anti-Corruption			NS			No concrete action has taken place

FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (5 PROMISES)							
83	Establish strategic partnerships with countries that share mutual commitments towards and respect for the protection of human rights, democracy and negotiate development-oriented agreements	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations		O			<p>Newspaper reports-Daily Observer (September 7, 2018),</p> <p>In profile Daily, (November 30, 2018)</p> <p>Executive Mansion Website, Daily Observers, Inquirer Newspaper)</p> <p>The President has made several regional and international visits, recommit to one China Policy.</p> <p>Several Ambassadors presented letters of Credence to President Weah and pledged support to the Government of Liberia.</p>
84	Develop and maintain a cordial working relationship with the Foreign Affairs Committees of both houses of the legislature on matters related to the formulation and implementation of foreign policy	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR	No tangible information available
85	Review the staffing, premises, and operations of our Diplomatic Missions abroad and put in place requisite diplomatic and consulate machineries, structures and approaches to effectively meet 21st century diplomatic challenges	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR	No tangible information available
86	Initiate and undertake measures that would ensure that foreign policy agenda and its implementation are guided by the principles of good governance	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations				NR	No tangible information available
87	Secure national interests by forging and maintaining closer and stronger ties of friendship and economic partnerships with our traditional allies	Foreign Policy & Dipl. Relations		O			<p>Monitoring of newspaper reports, Daily Observer - September 7, 2018, FPA- October 26, 2018</p> <p>Gov't seeking and establishing Private Sector Partnership with China, EU and other nations.</p>

5.0 CONCLUSION:

This is the first time that the President Meter is being used in Liberia to monitor, track and document progress made in the implementation of promises made by an elected leader.

Since the ascendancy of President George Weah and his government to power, actions have been taken towards the implementation of 38 promises including 5 completed and 33 ongoing during the first year in office focusing on education, health, infrastructure, agriculture and youth empowerment. In an effort to stay on course, these thirty three (33) ongoing promises could be completed over time. The forty-nine (49) promises that have been categorized as “not-started” or “not rated” do not mean or suggest that they cannot be achieved with time. It is the intent of this report that the government will take the recommendations in good faith to make some strategic decisions and resource allocations to deliver on ongoing promises.

The first 270 days report generated overwhelming citizens’ interest and sparked a debate over the government’s performances as highlighted in the first report. Citizens are becoming more engaged in policy discussion citing the report in many instances and demanding the government to deliver on her promises. On the other hand, some officials of government have accepted the report in good faith and have been referenced by many local and international institutions in the country as well as CSOs actors.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendations are advanced for consideration by the government:

- **Formulate a communication strategy:** Develop a results-based communication strategy to facilitate a two-way flow of information between the government and citizens.
- **Promises should be informed by analysis:** Promises are policy statements and they should be informed by analysis based on empirical evidence.
- **Limit the pronouncement of more promises:** Focus on the completion of ongoing promises and limit pronouncing new ones.
- **Establish an inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism:** Establish an inter-ministerial committee to coordinate government’s efforts in fulfilling promises.
- **Develop a system for tracking promises:** Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for monitoring government’s promises and link them to the pillars of the Pro-Poor Agenda and its implementation.
- **Solicit funding for the remaining years of the Project:** The first year is being funded by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA). With the increase level of citizens’ interests and demand for democratic accountability and transparency, the need to implement the remaining five years of the project cannot be overemphasized. Naymote is willing to partner and seeking funding from international organizations to implement the remaining phase of the project.

7.0 ABOUT PARTNERS

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

The institution since 2001 has initiated several programs to foster political accountability, thereby making elected leaders more accessible, responsible and accountable to the electorates. Naymote has built the capacity of local leaders to be more effective in-service delivery, increase youth and women participation in decision making processes, etc.

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

The Center for Democratic Governance is a Think Tank civil society organization that has been operating in Liberia since 2016. The CDG does research work on a wide range of governance issues including land reform, accountability, electoral violence, electoral reforms, political transition, transitional justice and inclusive service delivery. The CDG uses the outcomes of its different research to develop policy briefs for advocacy targeting high level policy makers. The executive director is Atty. Oscar Bloh he has over 15 years of professional experience.

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