

**Learning Squared Liberia PROJECT Report: SUPPORT
RURAL GIRLS EDUCATION IN LIBERIA (33068).**

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INTRODUCTION:

This report covers recent activities implemented under the above-mentioned project covering the month under review (**January- May 2021**). Activities were held in Margibi, Montserrado, Bomi, Grand Bassa, and Cape Mount counties in Liberia. This report reflects on the following:

2.0 PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW:

- 2.1 Learning Squared official launch in Liberia
- 2.2. Distribution of school materials to beneficiaries
- 2.3 Learning Squared Liberia honored teachers
- 2.3 Recommendation and Conclusion

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW:

2.1 Learning Squared Official Launch in Liberia

On March 19, 2021, Learning Squared Liberia, organized an official launch in Liberia. The



program brought together over 150 participants, including government officials, civil society actors, students, policymakers, civil society organizations, principals, community leaders, national and international NGO representatives. Key guests also included Nobel Laureate, Madam Leymah Gbowee, Dr. Aliou Tall (Acting Education office Director, USAID / Liberia) representing the US Government, Hon. Hassan Karneh (Deputy Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, MoGCSP) and Mr. John B.S Davies III, President &

CEO, Liberian Bank for Development, and Investment. (LBDI).

The objective was to formally launch Learning Squared-Liberia within the civil society sector in Liberia. It also sought to explore possible partnership opportunities with other organizations and to create awareness about the importance of the model of Learning Squared. As it relates to creating access to quality and affordable education and improving learning outcomes for children in rural Liberia.

The launch created an avenue to highlight the significance of Learning Squared's holistic approach to sustaining and providing access to quality and affordable education and the organization's innovative solutions to help women fund their children's education.

On her part, the keynote speaker, Madam, Leymah Gbowee, expressed gratitude to Learning Squared's team and reminded them of the huge task and challenges within the education sector in Liberia.

Madam Gbowee spoke about the work her foundation is also doing in Liberia with children from all over the country. She stressed the need to reinforce the education system and invest in other opportunities outside of the classroom. She urged all Liberians to move beyond just school fees payment and look at other areas of education. She also lauded the management of Learning Squared Liberia for its innovative practices that continue to put smiles on the faces of ordinary women and children in rural Liberia.



2.2. Distribution of school materials to beneficiaries

Learning Squared Liberia distributed over 400 school bags, pencils, copybooks, and textbooks to students in Liberia. Making the presentation to students and beneficiaries in rural Liberia. The President of Learning Squared Liberia Mr. Anthony S. Kolaco applauded the school administration for its commitment to support education in

underserved communities in Liberia. He encouraged students to take their lessons seriously by studying harder and make the required grade points.

He also urged parents to ensure that the book bags are protected for the children at all times. The package included one book bag, two copy books, and two pencils for each child. The materials were distributed to over 300 students in twelve (12) schools in Montserrado, Bassa, Cape Mount, Bomi, Margibi, and Bongs Counties. The bags were donated to Learning Squared Liberia by Mr. Anthony S. Kolaco and his family as their way of contributing to the educational sector in Liberia.

Making remarks at the Jenneh Public School in Bomi County during the presentation. A student of the 6th-grade class expressed gratitude for the continued support to the school and students. And pledged to take care of the book bag during and after school. *"I am happy today for the donation and promised to study hard and make everyone proud"* noted Teta. Also making remarks, a teacher at the Konjah Public School lauded the efforts of Learning Squared Liberia for their support to the school and students. He applauded the organization for its support to the education sector in rural communities in Liberia. He further urged Learning Squared to extend its support to other students that are not on the scholarship program and underserved in remote communities in the county.

2.3 Learning Squared Liberia honored teachers

During the period under review. The organization also honored and presented certificates of appreciation to twelve (12) teachers for their support and dedication to building the next generation of leaders. Making the presentations, John B.S Davies III, President & CEO, of the Liberian Bank for Development, and Investment. (LBDI), acknowledged teachers for the tireless efforts in helping to build a better future and the education sector in Liberia. He lauded Learning Squared for its commitment to support children's education in rural Liberia. *The Liberian Bank for Development, and Investment. (LBDI), is willing to work with Learning Squared in the area of a school based feeding program, hope we can start a conversation around that, Mr. Davies noted.*



2.3 Recommendation and conclusion

Thanks and appreciation to our supporters, donors, GlobalGiving, local communities, and schools for the level of commitment shown towards the successful implementation of the project. Learning Squared Liberia is open to working with every child in Liberia to make sure they have access to quality education. We are also seeking partnership with others institutions and individuals to support our newly launched School-Based Feeding program.

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