

## LEARNING SQUARED LIBERIA PROVIDES VSLA TRAINING FOR WOMEN



**LEARNING SQUARED PROJECT REPORT: REVOLVING LOAN  
TO EMPOWER RURAL WOMEN IN LIBERIA Project - #(#38278**

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## **INTRODUCTION BACKGROUND:**

This update is a highlight of recent activities implemented under the above-mentioned Project covering the month under review (**May-August 2019**). Activities were held in Margibi county Liberia. The report reflects the agreement between GlobalGiving and the Learning Squared -Liberia for the implementation of the project. The project seeks to train and support rural female heads of household to strengthen and provide additional income generating opportunities. The project will bring improvement in the quality of life of rural head of household whose children are benefiting from our program in alleviation poverty and hardship among female heads of household in the project area. The program will support between (15-30) heads of household on a pilot phase who successful complete our training and meet our criteria for participation on the program.

## **2.0 PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH:**

- 2.1 Official launch of the project in Liberia
- 2.2. Training of participants in Village Saving Loan Groups

## **3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS/ IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW:**

### **Official launch of the project in Liberia**

The project was officially launched on July 8, 2019. The program brought together over 35 participants, including participants, local government officials, policy and makers and other stakeholder in the county and representatives from the Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection of Liberia.

The key note speaker and launcher was the Honorable Roosevelt S. Klafleh, Assistant Minister for Research, at the Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection. The Assistant Minister cautioned women to take the opportunity as a means of improving their lives and that of their communities. He thanked Learning Squared Liberia for the initiative and encouraged them to move into other poorer communities in Liberia, this intervention by Learning Squared Liberia is also a way of supporting the Government's pro-poor agenda he added. The Assistant Minister encouraged the women to take advantage of the county service center by registering their small businesses that will enable them to take a loan at the bank in the near future.

Making a brief statement during the program. The chairlady of Minor community, Madam Hawa Morris spoke on behalf of the participants. "We suffered for years in raising our children and families in order to get them in school, Women are considered nobody when you cannot provide for your children: we are happy today for this opportunity.

### **Training of participants in Village Saving Loan Groups**

The training brought together 33 women from two project communities in Kakata, Margibi County. Participants attending the training included, community leaders, policy and decision makers, and John T. Gaye from BRAC Liberia. Topics discussed during the training included; development of policies and rules for the group, loan repayment process, sign up sheet process, group management team, bylaws, disbursement and record keeping. The training also had a session on child protection and he program

Manager of LSL, Alvin Freeman facilitated the session on Child protection in LSL & the community. He stressed the need for every of child rights to be respected. Child protects means protecting children from harm and danger that affects their lives and that protection of children begins at homes before extending to the community or schools.

LSL is a child protects entity and that anyone working or partnering with us must respect the rights of all children no matter their religion or color. Every staff and volunteers of LSL signed a child protection policy that will help guide them against the abuse of children in the community.

During the training the facilitator, displayed a small diagram on educating the participants on how to count and circulate income or profit gain from the business. The participants also got involve in the process through a group work and practice sections. Women were urged to take advantage of mobile money applications instill of daily SUSU, it is one of the easier and guarantee ways to keep money nowadays in Liberia.

