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Liberia Inaugurates Landmark Situation Room at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy



The Government of Liberia and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have officially inaugurated the Liberia Situation Room, a state-of-the-art facility located at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

The unveiling took place on the sidelines of the 44th Session of the FAO Conference, which runs from June 28 to July 4, 2025. The conference—FAO's highest governing body—meets every two years to set strategic priorities and approve the Programme of Work and Budget, with this year's focus on the 2026–2027 cycle.

The Liberia Situation Room was formally launched by FAO Director-General Dr. Qu Dongyu, who applauded Liberia's renewed physical and strategic presence at FAO after more than four decades. [Read more on this article by clicking here.](#)

Say No to Hunger Co-op Sees Income Leap from L\$300K to L\$1 Million Annually, Celebrates STAR-P Impact



A major transformation is unfolding in Nimba's agriculture sector, where smallholder farmers are reaping the benefits of the **World Bank-funded Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Revitalization Project (STAR-P)**. One standout example is **Say No to Hunger**, a local vegetable farming cooperative led by Ezekiel Sayetee, which has recorded a remarkable increase in productivity, land under cultivation, and household income.

In an exclusive interview the **Liberia Agricultural and Environmental Journalists Network** on his farm on Monday, June 30, 2025, Mr. Sayetee shared how the intervention of STAR-P has expanded their farming operation from **12 acres to 54 acres — and, with new land acquisition, soon to 126 acres.** ***"Before STAR-P, we farmed on just 12 acres. With their support, we expanded to 54 acres and have since procured an additional 72 acres, where many community members are now actively working,"*** said Mr. Sayetee. [Click to read more](#)

NaFAA Launches Aquaculture Training Program to Boost In-Land Fish Farming



As part of a national initiative to revitalize Liberia's aquaculture sector, the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA), with support from the World Bank through the *Liberia Sustainable Management of Fisheries Project*, has officially launched a comprehensive aquaculture training program targeting fish farmers across four key counties: Margibi, Bong, Lofa, and Nimba.

The first phase of the training commenced in Kakata City, Margibi County, with 50 fish farmers participating in a six-day intensive program. The training combines theoretical instruction and hands-on practical sessions, focusing on enhancing aquaculture productivity and sustainability. [Read more on this article](#)

STAR-P Grant Transforms SAPM Partnership Farm from Subsistence to Mechanized Production

The Seinjeh Agricultural Production and Marketing (SAPM) Partnership Farm, once a modest subsistence-level operation in Seinjeh District, Bomi County, has emerged as a model for mechanized, market-driven agriculture—thanks to transformative support from the **Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P)**, implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture with funding from the **World Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).**



In the **production phase**, the farm uses modern farming techniques and mechanized equipment such as tractors and harvesters to cultivate rice on a larger scale. This shift from manual labor to mechanized operations has drastically improved productivity and labor efficiency.

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Blessed Opportunities Farm Cultivates 50+ Hectares of Fruits in Margibi: A Model for Agro-Growth in Liberia



A bold move by a private Liberian agribusiness is redefining what's possible in Liberia's underutilized agriculture sector. Over **50 hectares of land** in Gorlorhuma Clan, Margibi County, have been cultivated with more than **29 varieties of fruit crops**—an initiative that signals both commercial opportunity and a pathway toward national food security.

At the helm of this growing venture is Mr. Jasper Z. Williams, CEO of Blessed Opportunities Farm Incorporated. The farm, just 30 minutes from Kakata, is not only producing a broad selection of fruits—including bananas, oranges, mangoes, avocados, pineapples, coconuts, lemons, and soursop—but also laying the groundwork for downstream processing and rural job creation. [Read more on this story](#)

SANKOFA Farm Leads the Charge to Revive Liberia's Animal Husbandry Sector

As part of its agro-diversification drive, SANKOFA Farm has in recent years made significant investments in animal husbandry—expanding its focus beyond vegetable cultivation and crop production. Leading this bold shift is Nyamah G. Dunbar, a visionary agriculturalist who sees the revitalization of Liberia's livestock sector as essential to strengthening national food security and achieving true economic independence.



"We are sleeping on animal husbandry," Dunbar tells the Liberia Agricultural and Environmental Journalists Network, standing beside a pen of imported sheep and local cattle. ***"Liberians eat meat every day, but we rarely think about where it comes from—or how much of it we could be producing ourselves."***

Liberia imports over 75% of its meat—much of it frozen poultry, low-quality beef, or expired pork from overseas, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). This not only raises health concerns but also drains the country's foreign exchange reserves. [Read more](#)

From Loss to Livelihood: Female Farmers Thrive with STAR-P Support in Nimba



In a compelling success story of rural empowerment, the Kwakehseh Rural Women Cooperative in Nimba County is celebrating a transformation, as a result of a partnership with the Smallholder Agricultural Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR- P), a government-led initiative supported by the World Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) .

Once struggling with high post-harvest losses and limited market access, the female-led farming cooperative now thrives—crediting STAR-P for not only improving their agricultural output but also increasing their income and improving their livelihood.

Before the intervention of the STAR Project, the Kwakehseh group had fewer than 150 members. Today, its membership has grown to 350—**250 of whom are women**. The cooperative now serves as a beacon of gender-inclusive agribusiness, creating opportunities not only for women but also for men and youth.

Through the **STAR-P grant**, the group procured a 6 ton **mini-truck**, several **motorbikes**, and constructed a **modern warehouse**, drastically reducing their losses after harvest. [Click the link to read more](#)

River Gee TVET Agriculture Students Demonstrate Resilience Through Practical Innovation



The agricultural students at the River Gee County Vocational and Technical Training Institute (RGVTTI) are reaping more than just crops from their campus garden—they are demonstrating a model of adaptive learning, resource efficiency, and community-driven innovation in the face of persistent systemic challenges.

From its inception, the student-led garden was intended as a supplementary practical training activity aligned with the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) curriculum. However, the initiative has evolved into a vital learning laboratory and a case study in low-resource resilience. Confronted with a lack of essential inputs—including basic hand tools, fertilizers, and seeds—the Agriculture Department was compelled to adopt innovative, context-appropriate solutions to maintain both the educational and productive value of the project. [Click to read more](#)

Dukuly International Farm and Mercy Corps Empower Young Farmers through Skill Development



As Liberia continues to grapple with food insecurity and rising youth unemployment, stakeholders in the agriculture sector are exploring more targeted interventions to attract young people to farming. One such initiative, recently completed by Dukuly International Farm in collaboration with Mercy Corps under the PROSPECT IV program, is demonstrating early signs of impact through the upskilling of young farmers in vegetable production.

The six-month training program, which ended this July, equipped 25 young participants—including women—with practical knowledge in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) focused specifically on vegetable cultivation. Training modules covered key areas such as land preparation, seedling production, transplanting techniques, crop management, integrated pest management, and post-harvest handling. These components are critical for improving productivity and reducing post-harvest losses, which remain a major bottleneck in Liberia's horticulture sector. [Read more](#)

Ministry of Agriculture Strengthens Subsector Coordination to Drive Reform



As part of a strong commitment aimed at revitalizing Liberia's agriculture sector, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) has resumed and strengthened subsector coordination efforts through the reactivation of its Agriculture Coordination Committee (ACC). This strategic initiative, led by Mr. Peter D. Gbawoquiya, Director for Sectional Coordination at the Ministry, is designed to align stakeholders, improve efficiency, and address long-standing structural challenges within the sector.

Speaking to the Liberia Agricultural and Environmental Journalists Network in Monrovia recently, Director Gbawoquiya revealed that the Ministry is taking deliberate steps to enhance collaboration among subsector actors—ranging from crops and livestock to fisheries and agribusiness—under the renewed framework of the ACC and its technical working groups.

"Effective coordination is no longer optional. It is essential if we are to ensure that agriculture becomes a central driver of food security, employment, and economic growth," said Gbawoquiya. ***"Each subsector must work in sync to deliver on Liberia's National Agriculture Development Plan."*** [Read more on this article by clicking the link.](#)

Growth Accelerator Program Launches 5th Circle to Exclusively Empower Women-Led MSMEs



The Government of Liberia, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), key financial institutions, and international development partners, has officially launched Cohort V of the Liberia Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Growth Accelerator Program. This milestone underscores the nation's unwavering commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, economic diversification, and inclusive growth.

The focus on women-led MSMEs, including those in the agriculture sector, is a strategic move to tackle gender-based inequalities and unlock untapped economic potential in Liberia. Women face systemic barriers—especially in agriculture—such as limited access to land, finance, and markets. Yet they contribute significantly to food production and are more likely to reinvest profits into their families and communities.

As the fifth cohort begins, it reaffirms Liberia's unwavering resolve to harness the power of the private sector for inclusive, resilient growth—creating a brighter future for all Liberians, one entrepreneurial success story at a time. [Read more](#)

ActionAid Liberia Empowers Women to Champion Organic Farming in Gbarpolu County



In a major boost to sustainable agriculture, ActionAid Liberia is making significant strides in Gbarpolu County through its support to the Gbarpolu CAADP non-state actor Demonstration Site. The initiative is providing women and smallholder farmers with the opportunity to

practicalize community-based agriculture demonstration site that promotes food security. Technicians with support from the Ministry of Agriculture extension services have made the center of learning and experience sharing among smallholder farmers.

Located in Bopolu City, the center has become a knowledge and sharing experience center for innovation and learning, particularly among women farmers. Farmers are learning new farming techniques, composting, organic pest control, including soil health management. [Read more](#)

World Bank Report Identifies Critical Transport Reforms to Tackle Africa's Food Insecurity



At the core of the issue, the report argues, is not agricultural output but broken supply chains, deteriorating infrastructure, and sky-high transport costs. These logistical failures are preventing food from getting where it's needed most, stranding harvests in rural areas while consumers in cities and food-deficit regions face soaring prices and empty shelves.

What sets the new World Bank report apart is its shift from diagnosis to action. Rather than simply outlining the challenges, the report delivers a clear and actionable roadmap to address Africa's most pressing food transport bottlenecks. At the core of its strategy are 50 targeted infrastructure investments aimed at improving the movement of food across the continent. [Read more](#)

Liberia Reaffirms Commitment to Sustainable Food Systems at UNFSS+4 Summit in Ethiopia



Liberia's Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung has reaffirmed his country's strong commitment to transforming its food systems into sustainable and inclusive ones during his address at the United Nations Food Systems Summit +4 (UNFSS+4), taking place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from July 27 to 29, 2025.

Speaking on behalf of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai and the people of Liberia, Vice President Koung lauded Ethiopia and Italy for co-hosting the global summit and creating a platform for countries to evaluate progress and reinvigorate efforts toward achieving resilient food systems worldwide.

"Four years after the inaugural United Nations Food Systems Summit, we convene once more to assess progress, recalibrate our strategies, and accelerate our collective journey toward sustainable, inclusive, and resilient food systems," Vice President Koung stated.

He emphasized that for Liberia, food systems are not just agricultural processes but crucial foundations for peace, equity, and national resilience. [Read more](#)