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Mainland Group Earmarks USD 100 Million Investment in Liberia's Agriculture Sector



The Mainland Group, a leading Chinese firm with extensive investments across Africa, has announced a significant USD 100 million initiative to revitalize Liberia's agriculture industry. This statement was delivered by Mr. Zhu Chen, President and CEO of the firm, during a live press conference held at the Ministry of Agriculture.

The investment will focus on six strategic areas: cassava processing for starch, rice processing facilities, cocoa processing to add value to locally grown beans, coffee processing, a sugar refinery with sugarcane plantation development, and warehouse/logistics infrastructure near port areas. [Read more on this investment](#)

LACRA Sets Standard Prices for Cocoa and Coffee



In a landmark move aimed at strengthening Liberia's agriculture sector, the Liberia Agriculture Commodity Regulatory Authority (LACRA) has set standardized prices for cocoa and coffee for the next three months—ushering in renewed hope for smallholder farmers ahead of the 2025 purchase season.

According to LACRA's Acting Director General, **Dan T. Saryee**, the decision is the result of months of consultation across the agriculture value chain, from farmers and cooperatives to exporters and international buyers. [Read more on this article](#)

From Promise to Progress: Robert Bimba's Journey with the STAR-P Grant



When the Smallholder Agricultural Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P) first launched, many farmers across the country saw it as a lifeline. For Robert Bimba, Executive Director of Community of Hope Agriculture Project -CHAP, with entrepreneurial vision, it was more than that. It was an opportunity to transform his vision and dream into a nationwide success story.

"This grant has been a blessing to us," Bimba says, standing proudly beside bags of freshly packaged Liberian rice in his warehouse. *"We didn't get all we wanted, but what we got, we fully maximized. It created jobs and it's still creating jobs."* [Click the link to read more about this article](#)

Rural Montserrado Cooperative Appeals for Government, NGO Support

The Sustainable Integrated Agriculture Cooperative in 15 Gate, Careysburg Statutory District, rural Montserrado County, is appealing to the government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for urgent support to address a shortage of agricultural tools and funding that is hampering production.



According to Secretary General Jerry Nyan, the cooperative has been promoting sustainable farming practices and working to improve local food security, but has faced severe resource constraints since the Ministry of Agriculture withdrew its support last year. [Read more](#)

STAR-P Grant Boosts Rain Forest Agriculture Enterprise Oil Palm Production and Processing Capacity in Nimba



As Liberia continues to confront persistent food insecurity and underdeveloped agricultural value chains, one enterprise in Nimba County is showing what locally driven agribusiness transformation can look like.

The **Rain Forest Agriculture Enterprise**, headquartered in Vayenglay Town, Soe Clan, Nimba County Electoral District- 4, has emerged as a growing force in rural development—linking smallholder farmers to markets, adding value through agro-processing, and delivering tangible social and economic returns.

Now bolstered by a **US\$60,000 grant** from the **Smallholder Agricultural Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P)**, the organization is scaling up its kernel oil processing operations, addressing a critical gap in Liberia's oil palm value chain. STAR-P, a Government of Liberia initiative supported by the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), aims to catalyze agribusiness growth through targeted investments in rural producers, processors, and cooperatives. [Read more](#)

IECD Empowers Smallholder Farmers in Bong County with Training and Agricultural Inputs



The European Institute of Cooperation and Development (IECD) is supporting smallholder vegetable farmers in Bong County through a targeted program aimed at improving agricultural practices and increasing productivity.

The initiative, led by IECD Field Coordinator Lovetta Lorpu Dolo, focuses on training farmers in sustainable

farming techniques, including composting, crop rotation, proper spacing, and organic fertilization. In addition to technical training, IECD provides farmer groups with essential inputs such as seeds, tools, organic manure, and fertilizers. [Click the link to read more](#)

Corn Production Expands in Lofa, But Market Gaps Threaten Profitability



Corn growers in Lofa County continue to face significant barriers to profitable production, as a lack of buyers and market infrastructure limits the crop's potential despite growing demand in other sectors of Liberia's economy.

The 4 United Brothers Vegetables Agriculture has ventured into large-scale corn farming, planting four hectares of lowland corn at Koima Junction in Voinjama District.

The Government of Liberia is set to launch a national egg production program in October, creating a potential surge in demand for corn as a key poultry feed ingredient. Mawolo said his organization is ready to supply large quantities if given adequate support from agricultural promotion institutions. [Click to read more](#)

Bong Rural Women Farmers Celebrate Agriculture as a Life-Changing Opportunity

Women farmers in Sinyea Town, Bong County, are celebrating their involvement in agriculture, describing it as a transformative and life-changing experience. Many of them, particularly single mothers, say farming has become a beacon of hope and a path to self-reliance. Members of the Nee-A-Lah Farmers Group, a community-based farming initiative in Sinyea, Suakoko District, shared how agriculture has helped them transition from being dependent on others to becoming self-sufficient and empowered.

"I'm always happy to be in the field, working in the lowlands, tending to our vegetable garden. Everything about the group brings me joy," said Hellen Binda, one of the women thriving through community farming.



Statistics show that women form a significant part of Liberia's agricultural workforce. Up to 80% by some estimates. However, despite their labor, they contribute only 39% of market-based output, according to a World Bank report, underscoring the persistent gender gap in access to resources and income. [Click the link to read more on this story](#)

Bâituogkhã Farmers Celebrate First Lowland Rice Harvest with STAR-P Support in River Gee County

The farming cooperative Bâituogkhã has proudly commenced the harvest of lowland rice in Tuobo Gbaweliken, Electoral District 3, River Gee County—an important milestone made possible through the support of the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P) under the Ministry of Agriculture.



In River Gee and other counties, STAR-P has become a vital driver of rural development, helping cooperatives like *Bâituogkhã* to scale up their activities and achieve sustainable growth. According to Tarlue, Tweh's encouragement and the Ministry's backing were decisive in helping the group cultivate six hectares of lowland rice, which they are now harvesting.

She described the collaborative farming model as a turning point for their community, emphasizing that before the support came, many farmers struggled with limited tools, poor-quality seeds, and the inability to

expand beyond subsistence production. [Read More on this story](#)

Nee-A-Lah Farmers Group Cultivates Over 5.1 Hectares of Rice, Urges Support to Expand Production



The Nee-A-Lah Farmers Group in Suakoko District, Bong County, is championing efforts to boost local rice production, with over 5.1 hectares of lowland rice nearing harvest. The group is calling on government and development partners for increased support to expand their operations and sustain progress.

Founded in 2019, the community-based farming group is working to transition from subsistence farming to commercial agriculture. Their activities include rice and vegetable cultivation as well as a village savings scheme, with profits reinvested to improve production. [Follow the link to read more](#)

Youth International Training Institute Holds First Graduation Ceremony in Bong



The Youth International Training Institute (YITI) has graduated its first batch of 15 students from an eight-month Advanced Certificate Program in various agricultural disciplines, marking a milestone in the institution's mission to equip young people with hands-on agricultural skills.

The graduates specialized in several areas, including swamp development, honeybee farming, vegetable production, farm management, rural development, introduction to agriculture, and agricultural enterprise,

animal management, and fish farming with pond development/construction. Providing an overview of the program, YITI National Consultant Jacob B. Dennis expressed his vision to build a vibrant agricultural training center where young people can gain practical, hands-on agricultural education. [Click this link to read more](#)

ActionAid Liberia Climate Justice Summit Calls for Bold Action on Agroecology, Climate Finance, and Reforestation



A two-day County-Level People's Summit on Climate Justice, organized by ActionAid Liberia, has concluded in Gbarnga with a strong call for sustained investment in agroecology, community-led climate finance, and large-scale reforestation to combat the worsening effects of climate change in Liberia's rural communities.

The Climate Justice Summit was held from August 7–8, 2025, in Gbarnga and brought together farmers, youth, community leaders, government agencies, and civil society organizations to develop recommendations aimed at addressing the escalating impacts of climate change on Liberia's rural communities.

The ActionAid Climate Justice Program Coordinator, Norwu Harris, strongly urged stakeholders—including government agencies, development partners, and civil society organizations—to recognize and integrate indigenous knowledge alongside sustainable farming techniques into Liberia's national climate strategies.

[Read more about this development](#)

Her Voice Launches Agribusiness Clinic to Support Women Farmers

Her Voice, a local agribusiness group, has officially launched its Agribusiness Clinic, a new training and support hub aimed at empowering women, youth, and smallholder farmers across Liberia. The initiative is being implemented with support from the Grow-2 project in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture.



The clinic, launched in Monrovia, is designed to provide hands-on training in merchandise farming, organic cultivation, and farm-to-table systems. It will also serve

as a business development platform for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), guiding them through compliance requirements, improving product quality, and preparing goods for both local and international markets. [Read more on this](#)

Over 500 Bags of Locally Processed Rice Launched for Sale in Gbarnga



The Rice, Cassava and Vegetables Producers and Processors Union of Liberia has officially launched the sale of over 500 bags of locally processed rice in Bong County, in a move aimed at boosting domestic rice production and reducing Liberia's reliance on imported staples.

Branded as "**Living Manna Rice**," the 25-kilogram bags of parboiled and unparboiled rice are now available on the local market at \$16.50 per bag. The launch event took place on Friday, August 1, 2025, in Gbarnga, with key stakeholders from the agriculture sector and development partners in attendance.

Former Vice President **Jewel Howard-Taylor**, who performed the official launch, praised the initiative as a step toward achieving national food self-sufficiency. She emphasized the importance of empowering smallholder farmers and called on the government to increase its support for agriculture through the **ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development**. [Read more](#)

Ministry of Agriculture in Sinoe County Urges GVL to Implement Farmer Support Program



The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) in Sinoe County has called on Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL) to fulfill its agricultural livelihood support obligations to smallholder farmers as outlined in the company's concession agreement with the Government of Liberia.

The call follows a review conducted by the MOA technical team, led by County Agriculture Coordinator Prosper Maxwell Sahyee, which assessed GVL's level of compliance with its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitments. The assessment focused on the Livelihoods Program under Article 15: Community Resources, Section 15.2 (Support for Qualified Liberian Farmers). [Read more about this story](#)

Bomi Smallholder Farmers Plead for Government Support to Boost Rice Production



A group of thirty subsistence farmers in rural Bomi County, united under the name "Bomujeh"—which means "Don't Sit" in the Gola dialect—are urgently appealing to the Liberian government and development partners for immediate assistance in bolstering their rice farming efforts.

The farmers, who are based in Bola Town, say their mission goes beyond personal survival. They aim to increase food production within their community and contribute to Liberia's broader goal of food self-sufficiency. This effort, they argue, will help reduce the country's long-standing dependence on imported rice, which has drained millions of dollars from the national economy and left ordinary Liberians vulnerable to price shocks on the global market. [Read more](#)

High Costs, Low Returns: The Reality of Domah-pa's Farmers

36-year-old Yei Dahn stoops to lift a basket of cabbage slick with dew, balances it on her head, and starts walking. The path out of her farm is a ribbon of laterite and mud that feeds into an even rougher feeder road. A motorbike, if she can find one, will cost almost as much as she hopes to earn before prices dip at the market in Gompa city.

"The cabbage can grow well here," she says, "but carrying it to the market is the hardest part. The money I spend on transport sometimes leaves me with almost nothing."



Across various farms and villages behind Domah-pa, farmers like Dhan cultivate rice, cabbage, peppers, bitter balls and greens with tools their grandparents would recognize. Most work by hand, intercropping and composting to stretch thin inputs. Extension support is sporadic; mechanization is rare. What drains their earnings most, they say, isn't the soil, it's the road. [Read more](#)

Susan Nanduddu Urges Africa to Put Adaptation and Finance at the Heart of Climate Action



Susan Nanduddu, Executive Director of the African Centre for Trade and Development (ACTADE), is urging African governments and development partners to prioritize adaptation and ensure climate finance reaches vulnerable communities. Speaking in an interview on Super Bongese Radio from Kampala, Wednesday, August 20, 2025, she stressed that the worsening impacts of climate change are undoing decades of development progress across the continent.

"We know that climate change is here with us and it is undoing the development gains we have made," Nanduddu explained. "For a farmer who depends on their garden to feed their family, a drought or flood can take away everything. Where do they turn to?" [Read more on this article](#)