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MOA/ RETRAP Revives Egglard Liberia Poultry Farm, Creates Jobs and Boosts Local Egg Production



For nearly two decades, Egglard Liberia Poultry Farm struggled with production due to financial and technical challenges.

Relief and transformation arrived in 2024 when the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP), a World Bank and the Government of Liberia-funded project at the Ministry of Agriculture, intervened to revive the dormant enterprise. Today, Egglard Farm is thriving again, housing more than 10,000 chickens, producing eggs daily, and creating employment opportunities for residents.

For Prince S. Kenyor, General Manager of Egglard Liberia, the farm's resurgence represents a remarkable journey from uncertainty to growth.

"When we restarted, we had just 500 birds, producing only one carton of eggs per day," Kenyor recalled. "Today, thanks to RETRAP, we have more than 10,000 birds, including 3,000 active layers and another 8,000 in the brooding houses."

Egglard Farm is one of many agricultural enterprises benefiting from RETRAP's interventions across Liberia.

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Youth Action Lead Liberia Launches Agroecological Farming Project in Bong County

Tormue Town, Jorquellah District #2, Youth Action Lead Liberia, with support from Friends of Liberia, has officially launched an Agroecological Farming Project in Tormue Town aimed at promoting food security, strengthening climate resilience, and improving sustainable livelihoods in local communities.

The initiative comes at a time when climate change continues to pose serious threats to global food systems and increase food insecurity, particularly among vulnerable populations and rural communities.

Through the adoption of agroecological farming practices, the project seeks to improve agricultural productivity while protecting natural resources and creating economic opportunities for local residents.

Speaking during the launch ceremony, the Chief Executive Officer of Youth Action Lead Liberia, Edwin Boakai, reaffirmed the organization's commitment to addressing climate change and advancing environmental sustainability across Liberia.

According to Boakai, Youth Action Lead Liberia remains focused on tackling key environmental challenges, including unregulated mining activities, environmental human rights concerns, and strengthening conservation and climate adaptation efforts.



The project is being implemented in collaboration with experienced agricultural professionals who provided technical guidance and practical support throughout the launch activities to ensure long-term impact and sustainability. [Click the link to read more](#)

Model Piggery Farm in Nimba Strengthens Livestock Research and Farmer Education



Constructed under the Ministry of Agriculture Rural Economic Empowerment Program (RETRAP) with support from the Government of Liberia and the World Bank, the Model Piggery Farm is emerging as a center of innovation and farmer learning aimed at strengthening Liberia's livestock sector and increasing local food production.

Officially inaugurated on April 25, 2025, by Liberia's Agriculture Minister, Dr. J. Alexander Nuetah, the facility represents part of a broader national effort to modernize agriculture, improve farmer productivity, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities across rural communities.

The facility includes modern pig pens, research rooms, a laboratory, conference hall, administrative offices, and dedicated spaces for technical demonstrations and livestock studies. These investments are helping create an enabling environment for research, farmer training, and knowledge sharing.

Before the establishment of the center, many livestock farmers in Nimba County relied largely on traditional pig farming practices with limited access to veterinary guidance, modern feeding systems, or scientific production methods. The new training platform is now changing that reality by equipping farmers with practical skills that can improve productivity and reduce livestock losses. [Click the link to read more](#)

EU supported Wildlife Crime Taskforce Seizes 735.5 kg of Pangolin Scales



In a major blow to illegal wildlife trafficking networks operating in the region, the **EU-supported** National Wildlife Crime Taskforce (WCTF) has confiscated 735.5 kg of illegal pangolin scales and apprehended two suspects, currently held at Monrovia Central Prison pending further court deliberations.

The operation succeeded thanks to a close collaboration with the Wildlife Justice Commission (WJC). The WJC provided actionable, high-level intelligence tracking the illicit cargo, allowing Liberian operatives to intercept the suspects before the contraband could be smuggled out of the country.

The execution of the bust highlights the growing strength of Liberia's inter-agency law enforcement strategies. The WCTF works in close coordination with other law enforcement and border authorities to shut down trafficking corridors. The two suspects were formally charged by the Ministry of Justice. If convicted, they face hefty fines and significant prison sentences. [Click to read more on this article.](#)

LACRA Commences Nationwide Distributes Liberia Coffee Seedlings Distribution



The Liberia Agricultural Commodity Regulatory Authority (LACRA), in collaboration with the Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the European Union, and other development partners, has launched a major nationwide initiative to revive Liberia's indigenous Coffee Liberica industry through the distribution of hundreds of thousands of improved coffee seedlings to farmers.

The first phase of the exercise, carried out in Bong County on July 28, forms part of a government-led program that aims to restore Liberia's position as the birthplace of Coffee Liberica while rebuilding the country's coffee value chain after decades of decline.

LACRA said the initiative will provide approximately 750,000 Coffee Liberica seedlings to thousands of farmers in Bong, Lofa, Nimba, Bomi, and Montserrado counties. The distribution marks the first nationwide government-supported coffee seedling program since the end of Liberia's civil war and represents one of the country's largest investments in coffee rehabilitation in recent decades. [Click the link to read more](#)

At IFC Forum, Stakeholders Reaffirm Commitment to the EUDR Compliance Process for Liberia



Stakeholders from across Liberia's agricultural sector have reaffirmed their commitment to advancing compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), recognizing it as critical to safeguarding market access and strengthening the country's cocoa and rubber industries.

The commitment was made during a high-level EUDR workshop organized by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) through its Trace2Invest Project and hosted at the World Bank Group Liberia Country Office in Monrovia. The one-day forum brought together representatives from government institutions, regulatory agencies, private sector actors, farmer organizations, and development partners to advance collective action on EUDR compliance and traceability.

The IFC, through the Trace2Invest Project, is actively supporting the Government of Liberia in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Liberia Agriculture Commodity Regulatory Authority (LACRA) to develop systems that will enable sector-wide compliance, secure access to European markets, and attract private investment into Liberia's cocoa and rubber value chains.

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Liberia Joins Fourteen to Advance Fisheries Transparency and Combat Illegal Fishing Mombasa Ocean Conference



Liberia joined fourteen other national governments from across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Pacific in adopting the **Mombasa Declaration** at the 11th Our Ocean Conference, committing to advance fisheries transparency and strengthen efforts to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The Mombasa Declaration is a call to action for coastal and flag States on fisheries transparency, with a particular focus on improving the collection and dissemination of vessel information and expanding access to fisheries data. The declaration builds support and momentum for the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency, which outlines ten low-cost and no-cost policy principles that governments can adopt in law and practice to improve fisheries governance.

Liberia joined a diverse coalition of countries endorsing the declaration, including Belgium, Cameroon, Chile, the Dominican Republic, France (on behalf of its overseas territories), The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Republic of the Congo, Somalia, and South Korea. Together, these nations have committed to strengthening ocean governance and advancing global action on fisheries transparency.

The adoption of the declaration marks the beginning of implementation efforts by signatory countries and launches a campaign encouraging additional nations to join the initiative ahead of the next Our Ocean Conference in 2027. [Click the link to read more](#)

MOA HOSTS YOUTH AND FARMERS ENGAGEMENT FORUM IN GBARNGA



More than 150 young people from Bong, Nimba, and Lofa counties gathered in Gbarnga on Tuesday as the Government of Liberia intensified efforts to prepare a new generation of agripreneurs and business leaders for a landmark coffee revival initiative expected to create more than 300,000 jobs across the country.

The Youth and Farmers Engagement Forum brought together youth leaders, farmers, local authorities, development partners, and representatives of JR Farms Group, which recently signed a 20-year partnership agreement with the Government of Liberia to help revitalize the country's coffee industry through investments exceeding US\$60 million. The engagement highlighted opportunities in coffee production, agribusiness, processing, and value addition. It also sought to identify youth engaged in agribusiness who can be trained and partnered with for local seed multiplication while exploring future partnerships to deepen agricultural investment in Liberia.

Speaking on behalf of Agriculture Minister Dr. J. Alexander Nuetah, Deputy Minister Hon. Moses R. Gbanyan encouraged participants to view agriculture and agribusiness as viable pathways to economic empowerment, employment creation, and sustainable development.

He emphasized that young people remain key to transforming Liberia's agricultural sector and urged participants to seize opportunities across the agricultural value chain, including production, processing, marketing, and agribusiness entrepreneurship. [Read more on this article](#)

YITI Builds Capacity of Over 50 Fish Farmers, Boosting Sustainable Aquaculture in Liberia



The Youth International Training Institute (YITI), with technical support from WorldFish, has successfully concluded a one-day intensive fish farming training program benefiting more than 50 participants in Central Liberia, further contributing to efforts to strengthen Liberia's growing aquaculture sector.

The training was conducted at Goll Farm Community, the demonstration site of YITI in Jorquelleh District #3, Bong County, and brought together fish farmers, aquaculture enthusiasts, youth groups, and individuals interested in improving fish production and expanding opportunities within the fisheries value chain.

The practical training was led by Mr. Jacob B. Dennis, who served as lead trainer and facilitated sessions focused on modern fish farming methods, pond construction and management, fish feeding techniques, water quality management, stocking practices, fish health, production improvement, and sustainable aquaculture systems.

Participants were exposed to practical demonstrations and technical knowledge intended to increase fish productivity, strengthen food security, and create opportunities for household income generation through fish farming.

Speaking to journalists following the training, Mr. Dennis emphasized that the initiative forms part of YITI's broader commitment to community empowerment through agricultural education, innovation, and practical demonstration. [The click to read more on this story.](#)

EPA Executive Director Rallies Action to Reduce Pollution and Improve Air Quality on World Environment Day



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Executive Director, Dr. Emmanuel K. Urey Yarkpawolo, has underscored the critical link between environmental protection and public health, emphasizing that reducing pollution and improving air quality are essential to building healthier and more resilient communities.

Speaking at Liberia's observance of World Environment Day on Friday in Sanniquellei, Nimba County, Dr. Yarkpawolo described environmental protection as a shared responsibility requiring the collective efforts of government institutions, local communities, businesses, and individual citizens.

He called on Liberians to adopt sustainable practices, responsibly manage waste, and actively contribute to preserving the nation's natural resources for future generations.

The EPA Executive Director also reaffirmed the agency's commitment to strengthening partnerships with national and international stakeholders to expand environmental awareness and intensify efforts to address pollution and climate-related challenges. [Click the link to read more](#)

WALCENTAI Graduates First Class, Urges Integrity and Agricultural Transformation



The West Africa Learning Center for Non-Till Agriculture International (WALCENTAI) celebrated its first graduation ceremony in Bendu More Town, Senjeh District, Bomi County.

A total of 19 graduates were recognized, comprising nine diploma recipients and ten certificate earners in diverse disciplines, including tree crop production, aquaculture, vegetable production, and rice production, among others.

The guest speaker, Mr. Elijah Sayewaa, urged graduates to embody integrity and strive for real societal change as they step into the agricultural sector. [Click the link to read more](#)

Communities Protect More Than 50,000 Hectares of Forest Through IDL's Community-Led Environmental Intervention



Integrated Development and Learning (IDL) has released its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting major achievements in community-based forest conservation, women's economic empowerment, and sustainable rural development across Liberia. The report demonstrates how local communities, when empowered with the necessary knowledge, institutions, and financial resources, can become effective stewards of natural resources while improving their livelihoods.

One of the organization's most significant accomplishments during 2025 was the establishment of **nine Community Land Development and Management Committees**. These committees provide local governance structures that enable communities to participate in land-use planning, resolve resource-management challenges, and make informed decisions about the future of their lands and forests. As a direct result of these interventions, communities voluntarily designated **50,674 hectares of dense forest for conservation**, creating an important contribution to Liberia's efforts to protect biodiversity, safeguard wildlife habitats, maintain watershed functions, and combat climate change. The conserved forest areas also serve as carbon sinks, helping to absorb greenhouse gas emissions while preserving resources that local communities depend upon for food, medicine, and cultural identity. Beyond conservation, IDL has worked to address one of the root causes of forest degradation—rural poverty and limited access to financial services. Through the establishment of **Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)** in forest-edge communities, residents have been able to mobilize substantial local savings and invest in productive activities. The report shows that participating VSLAs accumulated **52.5 million Liberian dollars (approximately US\$287,005)** in savings during the year.

Notably, women accounted for **39.6 million Liberian dollars, representing 75 percent of total savings**, underscoring their growing role in local economic development and community leadership. [Click the link to get more on this story](#)

US Soil Scientist Urges Liberia to Transform Smallholder Farming into Profitable Business



A visiting United States soil scientist has challenged Liberia to rethink its approach to agriculture, saying the country's future food security and economic growth depend on turning smallholder farming into a profitable business rather than merely a means of survival.

Dr. William Hare, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), made the remarks during a visit to Dunbar Farm in Bong County, where he observed, a demonstration training for local farmers.

Dr. Hare, a Liberian who graduated from Cuttington University in 1983 before building a distinguished academic career in the United States, is a soil scientist by profession. At UDC, he oversees research and agricultural extension programmes aimed at helping farmers improve productivity through science, technology and practical demonstrations. He also manages a 143-acre research farm in Beltsville, Maryland, where sustainable farming technologies, renewable energy systems and value-added food production are tested and demonstrated.

His visit to Liberia was motivated by efforts to develop a modern model farm in Margibi County through the Scorpion Investment Group, an initiative formed by Cuttington University alumni living in the United States. The group has invested in agricultural projects designed to demonstrate improved farming methods that can be replicated by smallholder farmers across the country. [Click link and read more.](#)

72 Young Agricultural Leaders Graduate from YITI in Bong County



Seventy-two young agricultural leaders have graduated from the Youth International Training Institute (YITI) following the successful completion of its nine-month hands-on practical agricultural training program at Goll Farm in Jorquelleh District, Bong County.

The graduation marks another important milestone in Liberia's efforts to strengthen agricultural education, promote youth empowerment, and enhance national food security through practical skills development. YITI's training model is built on the principle of "Learning by Doing and Seeing," similar to the practical agricultural training approach used in Israel.

The program places strong emphasis on experiential learning, with 85 percent practical field training and 15 percent classroom instruction, enabling students to acquire real-life farming experience while mastering modern agricultural techniques.

Throughout the nine-month program, students received intensive training in vegetable production, poultry production, piggery, aquaculture (fish farming), beekeeping (apiculture), mushroom production, compost making, soil fertility and soil management, irrigation systems, pest and disease management, post-harvest handling, agribusiness and entrepreneurship, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable farming practices. [Follow the link to read more](#)

Government of Liberia Identifies Critical Feeder Roads to Support Farmers in Grand Bassa

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Agriculture, has begun identifying priority feeder roads in Grand Bassa County for possible rehabilitation to improve market access, increase agricultural production, and strengthen rural livelihoods.

The initiative, under the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P), forms part of the Government's broader commitment to transforming Liberia's agricultural sector under the Liberians Feed Yourselves Agenda and ensuring that farmers have the infrastructure needed to move their produce from farms to markets.

Speaking during a community engagement with residents, farmers, and local leaders in Menowan, Wee District, Grand Bassa County, Agriculture Minister Dr. J. Alexander Nuetah said feeder roads remain among the most important investments for unlocking agricultural growth and creating economic opportunities in rural communities.

"The Government of Liberia recognizes that agriculture cannot thrive without access to markets. Through the Ministry of Agriculture and our STAR Project, we are working to identify critical feeder roads that will help farmers transport their produce, reduce post-harvest losses, and increase their incomes," Minister Nuetah said.



He explained that the team will work closely with local authorities, community leaders, and residents to assess priority roads that directly support agricultural production and marketing activities. According to the Minister, the Government is investing in agriculture not only through technical support and extension services but also by developing infrastructure that enables farmers to benefit fully from their hard work. [Click the link and follow.](#)

Liberia's NDC 3.0: Ambitious Climate Vision or Uphill Battle?



Liberia in 2025 unveiled one of its most ambitious climate action plans to date through its Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 64 percent by 2035 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The plan, submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in September 2025, positions Liberia as a climate leader among low-income countries, despite contributing less than 0.03 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. [Read more on this article](#)