



Year in Review 2015: USAID/Liberia

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Barkedu Gets New Health Center

USAID handed over the new Barkedu Health Center in Barkedu, Lofa County to the GOL. The center is one of seven health facilities in Lofa and 40 across the country renovated under the USAID Rebuilding Basic Health Services Project.



New Barkedu Health Center in Barkedu, Lofa County



Former US Ambassador to Liberia Deborah R. Malac cuts Barkedu ribbon

Safe Water Supply for Robertsport Residents

Thanks to USAID, 200 households in Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount County with over 1,000 residents now have access to clean and potable water.



Turning on tap in Robertsport, thanks to pipeline extension funded by USAID



One of the water kiosks providing Robertsport residents safe water

Training Future Farmers and Agricultural Entrepreneurs

The first National Diploma in Agriculture was launched in Liberia at the Booker Washington Institute (BWI) and county community colleges in Bassa, Lofa and Nimba. With support from USAID, the two-year program prepares high school graduates to not just be farmers but entrepreneurs who run their farming operations as profitable businesses.



USAID's former Economic Growth Team Leader, Joe Hirsch, speaks to the media during NDA launch at BWI in Kakata



Ambassador Malac and VP Joseph Boakai tour BWI campus during NDA launch

Ebola First National Conference Looks at Lessons Learned

Organized by NAYMOTE and IREX with funding from USAID, Liberia's first national Ebola conference, held under the theme: "Ebola Impact on Communities," drew over 100 participants from 60 communities across the country.



Conference participants with President Sirleaf and Ambassador Malac



One-on-one during a break in the First Ebola National Conference

Modern Latrine Facilities for Paynesville

Thanks to funding from USAID and Chevron-Liberia, residents of three communities in Paynesville can now enjoy modern and sanitary latrine facilities.



Newly constructed public latrine in Paynesville City funded by USAID



USAID/Liberia DMD Barbara Dickerson with officials from Paynesville City and Chevron Liberia during ribbon cutting ceremony for new latrine

Grow More Rice Locally: Liberia Inaugurates First Industrial Rice Processing Facility

Liberia's first industrial rice processing and warehousing facility, Fabrar Liberia Inc., is inaugurated in Kakata, Margibi County. With assistance from USAID, Fabrar procured an automated rice processing plant and expanded its warehouse facilities.



Paddy rice separator and processor at the Fabrar Rice Processing Plant in Kakata



L-R President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Ambassador Malac and Fabrar CEO, Fabio Lavelanet, chat following inauguration of rice processing plant

USAID Associate Administrator Visits Liberia

USAID Associate Administrator, Eric Postel, led a delegation of USAID and White House officials that visited Liberia as part of a three-nation tour with a focus on the Agency's support for post-Ebola recovery efforts in West Africa.



USAID Associate Administrator Eric Postel and delegation pose with members of USAID/Liberia team and staff of the Du-Port Road Clinic



Taking preventive action: USAID Africa Ebola Unit Coordinator Denise Rollins washes hands with chlorinated water at the Du-Port Road Clinic

Adding Value to Cassava: USAID Funded Cassava Processing Plant Inaugurated

Agriculture value chain benefits from new Liberia Business Incubator and Cassava Processing Facility in Montserrado County.



L-R: House Speaker Alex Tyler, Commerce Minister Axel Addy, Former USAID/Liberia MD John Mark Winfield, and Ambassador Malac wear protective gear during tour of newly inaugurated cassava processing plant



Cassava products processed and packaged at new plant in Liberia

Back to School: Helping Students and Teachers Return to School after Ebola

As schools reopened after a long break caused by the Ebola outbreak, USAID provided 700,000 teaching and learning kits for 4,460 schools across the country. More than 250,000 students and over 21,000 teachers have received the kits, making the post-Ebola return to school a little easier for students and teachers.



USAID Education Specialist Mardea Nyumah inspects educational supplies



Students show off their learning kits

On the Road to Mechanized Farming: Youth Entrepreneurs Get Power Tillers

USAID distributed 30 power tillers to Liberian youth entrepreneurs under a cost share arrangement. For many farmers, tillers will end use of the inefficient, back-breaking hand-held hoe to prepare farmland for cultivation.



DMD Barbara Dickerson and former Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, the late Representative Fofie Baimba, at power tiller presentation program at Central Agric. Research Institute (CARI) in Suakoko, Bong County



Power tillers provided to 30 youth entrepreneurs by USAID

Linking Farmers to Markets: USAID Rehabilitates Farm-to-Market Roads

Rehabilitation of 84.5 kilometers of farm-to-market roads in Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties, means farmers can now transport their produce to nearby markets before they rot. USAID plans to rehabilitate more than 500 km of roads by end of 2016.



Stretch of Tolomai/LeiLei Road in Bong County before rehabilitation



Stretch of Tolomai/LeiLei Road after rehabilitation

Creating Farm Transport Business: Tuks Tuks for Young Entrepreneurs

USAID distributed 49 Tuk Tuks to young Liberian entrepreneurs under a cost share arrangement. Their fee-based transport service will help farmers get produce to markets and processing facilities at affordable rates while generating income for new Tuk Tuk owners.



Youth entrepreneur tries out new Tuk Tuks presented to them at CARI



USAID/Liberia MD Anthony Chan cuts ribbon during Tuk Tuk presentation

And There Was Light!!!

A USAID-funded 24 kilowatt renewable off-grid electricity system gives nearly 2,000 people in 152 households access to electric power in Gbarway, Lofa County. The system also provides power for five streetlights, a clinic and a school.



One of many homes in Gbarway with access to electric power



Ambassador Malac turns on the lights in Gbarway

Practical Skills for Student Farmers: Four Soil Science Labs Inaugurated

Four state of the art soil science laboratories funded by USAID were inaugurated at BWI, as well as the Nimba, Lofa and Grand Bassa Community Colleges. The spanking new modern laboratories will provide NDA students practical skills and offer fee-based soil testing services to local farmers, thereby enhancing agricultural education and improving farmers' productivity.



DMD Barbara Dickerson with GOL officials at BWI Lab ribbon cutting ceremony



Student demonstrates use of soil testing equipment at BWI Science

Filling the Government's Coffers: USAID Helps the LRA Boost Revenue Collection

USAID gave the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) assorted equipment to facilitate and boost revenue collection.



LRA Boss Elfreda Tamba receives revenue collection equipment



Revenue collection equipment provided LRA by USAID

Two USAID Flagship Projects Strengthen Community Health in Liberia

Partnerships for Advancing Community Services (PACS) and the Collaborative Support for Health (CSH): two USAID funded activities designed to improve access to quality basic health care at the community level were launched in Liberia.



L-R: Tanou Diallo, PACS COP, John Mark Winfield, former USAID/Liberia MD, Dr. Bernice Dahn, Minister of Health, Ambassador Malac and Ms. Floride Niyuhire, Interim COP of CSH at launch of PACS and CSH



Ambassador Malac speaks during launch of PACS and CSH

Access to Credit: Key to Business Expansion and Agricultural Development

The USG, through USAID, signed a Development Credit Authority Agreement with Afriland First Bank Liberia Limited, helping to expand access to credit for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the agricultural sector.



From left: Hamadou Bayo (Afriland), Watchen Bruce (USAID/IBEX Program), and USAID/Liberia MD Dr. Anthony Chan, following signing of the agreement

New Projects and Activities

USAID awarded several new projects/activities during the year. They Include:

Consortium for Elections and Political Processes Strengthening (CEPPS)

Liberia Administrative and Systems Strengthening (LASS)

Partnership for Advancing Community Services (PACS)

Forest Incomes for Environment Sustainability (FIFES)

Liberia Small Holder Oil Palm Support II (SHOPS II)

Liberia Agribusiness Development Activity (LADA)

Liberia Accountability and Voice Initiative (LAVI)

Collaborative Support for Health System (CSH)

The Land Governance Support Activity (LGSA)

Liberia Anti-Corruption Program (LPAC)

Education Crisis Response for Liberia

Liberia Media Development (LMD)

Sorlumba Energy Biomass Project

Kwendin Biomass Energy Project

Liberia Strategic Analysis (LSA)

Mein River Hydro Project

Access to Justice (A2JP)

Gbarway Solar Project

And that was the year 2015!!!

We eagerly look forward to 2016 – a new year of partnering for development and working to better the lives of all Liberians!

Happy New Year!!!



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