



Paramount Chief of Sanovea District, Bong County, turning over Walahune and Nyalai Clans Community Self Identification (CSI) documentation to the LLA Bong County Land Administrator. PHOTO CREDIT: LIBERIA LMA November 31, 2023,

LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY (LMA) FACT SHEET (Liberia)

BACKGROUND

The USAID Liberia Land Management Activity (LMA), a four-year task order under the STARR II IDIQ, is implemented by ECODIT, a woman-owned small business, along with key Liberian partners from the government, the Liberia Land Authority, and several local CSO partners. The LMA fosters effective and inclusive governance of community land and natural resources, including land management, use, and access. The LMA supports Liberian communities to obtain official deeds to their customary land per the 2018 Land Rights Act (LRA) and to improve the use of customary land for sustainable, equitable economic benefit.

GOALS

1. Communities Obtain Deeds to their Communal Land.
2. Communities Plan and Manage Communal / Customary Land for Productive Use.
3. Women, Youth, and Other Marginalized Groups Participate in and Benefit from Communal Land Management.
4. Communities Utilize Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to Resolve Land Disputes and Grievances.

KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Supported 16 Community Land Development and Management Committees (CLDMCs) to incorporate grievance redress mechanisms in their local bylaws.
- Resolved 19 boundary disputes across 13 communities through traditional ADR techniques.
- Launched an advanced geomantic training program to strengthen the capacity of county-level Liberia Land Authority (LLA) surveyors, supporting the decentralization of the community land rights formalization (CLRF).
- Procured modern surveying equipment for county-level LLA offices to facilitate the speedy survey of customary land and decentralization of CLRF services.
- Implemented 111 communications initiatives reaching 3,268 community members to raise awareness on land rights, the CLRF process, and the critical roles of women and youth.
- Facilitated drafting or advancement of five regulations or guidelines for the CLRF process.
- Built the capacity of 48 community-based organizations (CBOs) to support communities in the CLRF process.
- Developed numerous training tools to strengthen the capacity of communities and their CLDMCs to solidify their land rights and manage their land for equitable benefit.
- Assisted one community through deeding and facilitated the final formal deed hand over to the community.