

# NEWAL Project Grants 2022

## Project Factsheet



**NEWAL**  
Network for Water & Life

### Project title **Improve Sanitation and Hygiene in Liberia**

Country

Liberia

Target SDGs

(SDG 6), (SDG 3), (SDG 4)

Partner Institution

United Methodist University, BTFS Bowier Trust Foundation Switzerland, County Health Team, Ministry of Health



### Background

In Liberia, Practicing proper sanitation and hygiene is very challenging. Over 3000 Liberians , including 1800 children under 5 die from diarrhea each year caused by waterborne diseases and poor sanitation and hygiene practices . About 83% of Liberia do not access improved sanitation(JMP2017). The project “**Improve Sanitation and Hygiene in Liberia**” aim to address these challenges by working with and equipping schools with knowledge and skills necessary to shape the mindset of students and the nearest public in the project region, To provide training and awareness approaches of effective sanitation and hygiene cultural practices and Promote the conversation of proper sanitation and hygiene changes in their homes, communities and surroundings.

### Project goal

The “**Improve Sanitation and Hygiene In Liberia**” project goal is to reduce poor sanitation and hygiene practice in Secondary Schools. Develop improved and sustainable hygiene and sanitation culture in schools. Cultivate an environmentally friendly Sanitation and Hygiene practices in the number of high schools and students practicing proper sanitation and hygiene. Grow the number of communities actively involved in Sanitation and Hygiene practices in the project Region. Improve the Quality of WASH facilities and water storage sources in schools in rural Grand Bassa County in Liberia. This will boost good health, limit school dropout, lower economic instability indirectly, tackle the challenge of Liberias generational poor hygiene practice and promote hygiene behavior change in 2 rural districts (District 1 and District 3 Buchanna) in 10 communities in Grand Bassa County, reaching atleast 1500 people directly and about 3000 people indirectly in Liberia.

### Target population and how they are impacted

About 1500 individuals will be directly impacted; inclusive of Students, Teachers, Community Leaders, Districts heads and immediate public. These individuals will be impacted by means of Awareness and Capacity building through School Stunts, Information Sections, Trainings, WASH Campaigns, Rewards and Reconitions. Students from selected schools WASH knowledge will be enhanced and they will be equipped with highlights of critical importance of proper sanitation and hygiene to practice in their homes, schools and surroundings. Teachers from selected schools and WASH committees will be equipped with necessary skills to sustainably improve governance and manage WASH facilities. Selected schools in each communities will experience hygiene behavior change which will reduced the amount spent on challenging health complications that come arise from improper WASH practices; thereby, improving the areas economic standards and create better learning environment which allows children fulfill their best potential.

### How the project sustainability is ensured

The Project Sustainability is ensured by:

- ✦ Establishment and sign of MOA with stakeholders (School Board) to uphold and maintain basic sanitation and hygiene practice presented.
- ✦ A Sanitation and Hygiene culture will be created in the selected schools
- ✦ Establishment of trained WASH committee from each community to monitor selected school's implementation of sanitation and hygiene practices.
- ✦ Annual monitoring and evaluation in selected schools by the project team after the project implementation.
- ✦ Establishment of a social venture project agreement with partners to create future an implementation of similar projects in different regions in Liberia.

### Business opportunity that can result from the project

The project is set to offer services that could result in business opportunities during and actually after the project. A **Social Venture** project agreement that allows the project to be sold to other stakeholders actually after the project implementation phase to be used as a continuation in other schools and parts of Liberia. The project also offers **Smart Marketing** Strategy to Partners and Sponsors; this will allows stakeholders or organizations willing to work with the team to have an opportunity of having their logo branded on all of our platforms and organizations that are supporters of passionate young people in social impact projects in and around Liberia. However, stakeholders or organization who are willing to undergo a smiliar project but do not have the expertise to implement the project could lead to a sustainable business service. Additionally, the project current phase is possibly looking to create sustainable sponsorships during this year implementation that can possibly lead to long term partnerships.

### Main applicants



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