

NEWAL Project Grants 2022

Project Factsheet



NEWAL
Network for Water & Life

Project title **Safe Water in a Community**

Country

Liberia

Target SDGs

SDG 6

Partner Institution

United Methodist University,
BTFS Bowier Trust Foundation Switzerland

Background

The Diamon Creek Block-1 Community is one of the impoverished communities in the urban area of Liberia. The hand-dug wells are filthy and contain algae and microbes. Residents are battling health issues on a daily basis, with some noticeable skin infections. In addition, available wells are poorly-secured, hence hazardous to unsuspecting pedestrians.



Project goal

The aim of this project is to provide safe, sustainable water sources to residents of the Diamond Creek Block-1 Community. It is hoped that clean and safe-drinking water will be accessible to all residents and visitors of the community. A significant improvement in the human-social, economic, and environmental conditions is expected. It is also anticipated that the many unexplained deaths in the community will be minimized. Ultimately, this community and hopefully others, will be healthier, happier, wealthier, and wiser.

Target population and how they are impacted

The community is home to some 3,000 low-income, vulnerable inhabitants. They are challenged, among other things, by appalling economic and environmental conditions. These conditions affect their hygiene and health, especially the supply of sewage facilities and clean drinking water. The successful end of this project will be highly-impactful. For example, there will be clean drinking water and improved sewage facilities, which will eventually lead to improvements in hygiene and health. There may also be an improvement in their livelihood.

How the project sustainability is ensured

The project will seek to create a community-driven management structure, whereby community leaders will take charge of the project and develop policy to govern the use of sewage and water facilities. The policy will include provision for handling sewage and other types of wastes, as well as the repair of the facilities, whenever necessary. Key stakeholders, such as youth, women, and elders, will be encouraged to show ownership by caring for these facilities. Lectures will be provided on hygiene, health and the overall relevance of the project.

Business opportunity that can result from the project

The community will elect caretaker(s) to collect a minimum fee for the usage of the facilities. Upon collection, the caretaker(s) will make deposits in a mobile money account. Funds collected will go towards maintenance of the facilities and the purification of the water. Excess funds may be used to extend similar opportunities to other communities in dire needs of clean water and sanitation facilities.

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