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OVERVIEW

This report covers the third year of the community food security program supported by Growing Hope Globally (GHG) and the Week of Compassion (WOC) of the Disciples of Christ. WOC also provided major support for the gender rights program. This joint effort was facilitated by the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) with implementation by Agricultural Missions, Inc (AMI) in collaboration with country partners - the West Africa Initiative of Liberia (WAIOL) in Liberia and the Village-to-Village Federation (V2V) in Sierra Leone. Both WAIOL and V2V are country based Community Based Organizations (CBOs) which are legally registered with the relevant government agencies. To maximize the use of human and financial resources, both the Food Security and the Gender Rights programs were implemented concurrently within the existing Youth Agriculture Program (YAP) of the West Africa Initiative (WAI).

Although this report is focused on the 2023 program year, data is also presented for the years 2021 and 2022 to allow for ease of comparison and to note the progress for major indicators over the three year period. The goals, objectives and activities are replicated each year of the program, but the groups engaged are in different locations. For all three years, the program successfully supported community based food security programs in 18 villages in both countries with respect to the quantity of basic staple foods produced, stored and distributed. Over this period, these communities experienced improved food security through increased production and storage made possible through this intervention. Concurrent implementation of the Gender Rights Program, supported primarily by WOC, was also successful in supporting the education of three cohorts of girls in Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) and in addressing the problem of gender based violence in the same 18 villages.

Geographic Operational Area.

The youth members of each participating group, both men and women, were deliberately involved in leadership roles in the planning and implementation of the training and production activities in each group, through the Youth Agriculture Program (YAP).

WAI program operates in the more rural and isolated areas of both countries, consistent with the goal of serving in communities often ignored by the governmental agencies and other organizations. The groups engaged in both the food security and gender rights arenas are in the following locations:

Liberia - (Counties) - Bomi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Grand Gedeh, Lofa and Nimba.

Sierra Leone - (Districts)- Bombali, Kambia, Karene, Kenema, Port Loko, Tonkolili.

Groups and Participants for 2023.

All groups participating in the YAP must be members, in good standing, of the country-based WAI program. This ensures local capacity building, transparency and access to technical and material resources. The groups selected for 2023 and the number of youths participating are as follows:

LIBERIA:

1. Amuyuu Group, Glea Village, Grand Bassa County. 20 youth- 11 men, 9 women.
2. Borbor Town Farmers Association, Borbor Village, Bomi County. 20 Youth - 9 men and 11 Women)
3. United We Can, Gbozeeta Village, Nimba County. 21 Youth. - 13 Men and 8 Women.

SIERRA LEONE:

1. Kasassie Farmers, Kasassie Community, Bombali District. 20 Youth – 10 men and 10 women
2. Dimdin Farmers, Gblan Deiba Community, Port Loko District. 27 Youth – 7 men and 20 women
3. Tamaraneh Farmers Group, Rolal Community, Port Loko District. 17 Youth – 10 men

A total of 113 youth was engaged in the YAP activities in 2023. This is somewhat lower than in the previous 2 years, consistent with the selection of smaller groups. For both countries combined for 2023, there were a total of 49 active groups with a total of 1375 members and approximately 11,500 direct beneficiaries - defined as members of the households of group members.

Overall Food Security Conditions in 2023.

The overall food security conditions in 2023 continue to be very challenging at the national levels although some local communities have made progress in this respect. However, considering the countrywide data, there has been a decline in 2023 compared to pre pandemic levels. Both Liberia and Sierra Leone continued to experience severe food shortages, with the corresponding increases food insecurity over the past three years. For example, the World Food Program reported that in September and October of 2023, in Sierra Leone:

- 20% of all households are severely food insecure.
- 52% of households are moderately food insecure.

- 72% of households reported spending 75 percent, or more, of household incomes on food, rendering them vulnerable to changes in prices, with limited funds for other essential goods and services.
- 26% of households adopted emergency coping strategies such as reducing the number of meals cooked.

In Liberia:

- 21% of the population suffer acute levels of food insecurity.
- 30% of children 6 months to 60 months old are stunted.
- 3% of children under 60 months are acutely malnourished.

The main drivers for this situation are external global economic conditions over which the national governments have little or no control such as the foreign exchange rates, the prices of oil and fuel, the price of basic food commodities on the global market global political instability. These factors have contributed to the current annual food inflation rate of 64.27 per cent in Sierra Leone and 26.66 percent in Liberia.

To further compound the situation, in both countries, the poverty rate exceeds 60% and most of the population survives on less than US\$1.50 per day. The link between poverty and food insecurity is clearly established and the current high inflation and poverty rates mean that the food insecurity situation will continue for the foreseeable future.

Goals for 2023:

In a nutshell, the goals in 2023 were to extend and replicate the program, both the Food Security and Gender Rights aspects, in six additional communities in both countries. These goals are:

Food Security Goal: Improved food security status in six villages in Liberia and Sierra Leone (3 villages in each country) through the development of locally controlled and resilient food systems in each village. The secondary goal is to provide livelihood opportunities in farming for the youth of the communities, in support of the primary goal.

Gender Rights Goal: Gender based violence reduced in participating communities, and school supplies support for girls in secondary schools continued. (This Gender Rights aspect of the program is totally supported by WOC in terms of budget and is implemented concurrently with the food security aspects of the program).

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

FOOD SECURITY

Activities carried over from 2022.

The final report for 2022 indicated two activities which were not completed during the year due to seasonal incompatibility with the normal agricultural cycle. These incomplete activities were related to the establishment of home gardens and nutrition training and were originally scheduled for November-December, the normal beginning of the dry season, but were rescheduled due to the “all hands on deck” requirements for harvesting and drying of the rice harvest, in advance of storage. Both carried over activities were completed within the first quarter of 2023.

Scheduled Activities for 2023.

All scheduled activities for 2023 were completed within the time frame indicated below in Table I. While there were no delays due to weather, the shortage of building materials resulted in the later (than planned) completion of storage facilities in two groups in Sierra Leone, but this did not affect their availability for the 2023 harvest.

TABLE I

2023 YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM ACTIVITY STATUS 2023

ACTIVITY	MONTH SCHEDULED	STATUS	COMMENTS
Awareness/Agreements/Baseline Data Collection	Jan - Feb	Completed	New Groups eager to engage
Land Preparation (with training)	Mar-April	Completed. Min of Ag assisted	Farmer Field School (FFS)
Planting (with training)	Mar-Jun	Completed. Min of Ag	FFS
Crop Maintenance (with Training)	May- Nov	Completed	FFS with Min Ag
Storage Construction	Jan-Jun	Completed (late)	Scarcity of building materials in 2
Train Store Managers	Nov-Dec	Completed	Post-harvest
Nutrition Training	Nov	Completed	Coordinated with Home gardening
Home Gardening	Nov-Dec	Completed	Monitoring to March 2023
Harvesting/Preparation	Nov-Dec	Completed	
Group and Leader Training	Jan-Dec	Ongoing	In Group meet
Final Eval/ Reporting	Dec-Jan22	Completed	Board and Staff

GENDER RIGHTS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES are summarized in Table II below.

TABLE II
PROMOTING GENDER RIGHTS ACTIVITY STATUS (June 2023 TO May 2024)

ACTIVITY	MONTH SCHEDULED	STATUS	COMMENTS
Conduct Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshops for facilitators, staff, and community leaders in Gender Based Violence	Jul 2023	Completed	For staff, board, facilitators. By staff and Board trained in 2021.
Conduct community-based awareness sessions in gender rights.	Aug 2023-Mar 2024	Completed	Village based for women and men
Establish local committees to monitor incidents, promote mediation and provide counselling and advice to victims of violence	Aug 2023 Mar 2024	Initiated/ongoing	Supported by staff and Board, police, and Min of Health
Engage local community stakeholders (parents, schools, community leaders to identify girls who are in need and at risk	June-Aug 2023	Completed	Parties identified; initial conversations held.
Establish transparent selection process working with stakeholders	Jul-Aug 2023	Completed	Involve PTA, heads of schools, parents
Orientation for selected girls and distribution of uniforms, books, and school supplies	Aug 2023	Completed	Expectations, support services reviewed,
Establish peer counseling and mentoring units for teenagers in high schools.	Oct 2023-May 2024	Initiated/ongoing	Older girls and women teachers and leaders
Establish system for monitoring and progress reporting	Sep 2023-May 2024	Initiated/Ongoing	Monitoring of performance
Evaluation and Reporting	May 2024	Upcoming	

Note on the Gender Rights and Girls' School Support Activities.

Except for the monitoring of the girls receiving school support in 2021 and 2022, there were no activities related to this aspect of the program for the first 6 months of the year. This is due to the school calendar, with the school year beginning in September, and the program year of June to May of the Week of Compassion, the primary supporting partner.

RESULTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Since their inception in 2021, both the food security and gender rights aspects of the program have been successful in achieving their stated goals and objectives and in meeting the expressed needs of the group members and the local communities where they are located. The quantitative data and observations as well as the comments of the participants and members their families and community residents and leaders support this conclusion. A brief description for each is presented below:

Food Security:

The construction of storage facilities and support of youth farming were game changers. For the first time these communities faced the hunger season without fear of running out of food and saved enough seeds for the next cropping cycle. As the program expanded each year, the benefits were extended in geographic scope and impact, contrary to the national narrative of increase food insecurity. The investments in the construction of storage facilities and the training in the management and use of these facilities have demonstrated the program's effectiveness within local communities. This will no doubt serve to reduce the level of food insecurity in years to come.

The data presented in Tables IIIA and IIIB below indicate the achievement of the youth in the participating communities, the amounts of staple food production and how these items were used to address the food security problem. Over the three year period, the following trends were observed:

1. Increase in the acreages produced
2. Increase in yield of basic staples such as rice, cassava and groundnuts
3. Increase in the quantity of foods stored and distributed locally, both in the producing households and the amounts donated to vulnerable members of the communities.
4. The 6 new groups engaged in 2023 produced a total of 8250 Kg of basic staples (Rice, Cassava and Groundnuts) and an undetermined quantity of vegetables from home gardens, which contributed to the improvements in community food resources

Note that the numbers in this relate only to the YAP production for youth group farms and do not include the farms of other members of the groups. With proper storage available to group

members and non-groups members, farmers increase the quantity of crops produced and stored, leading to an overall increase in the availability of staple foods.

Detailed production data for 2021 – 2023 is presented in the Appendices.

TABLE IIIA

2021-2023 YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM: FOOD CROPS PRODUCED AND USAGE.

LIBERIA

	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
# of YAP Groups	3	3	3	9
Total Youth Participants	57	61	62	180
Acres of food crops planted. (Acres)	R+C:15	R+C:15	R+C:18	R+C: 48
Major Food crops harvested: (Kg)	R+C: 3850	R+C:2900	R+C:2650	R+C:9400
Number of Home Gardens	11	13	15	39
Quantity of harvest used by householdKg	R+C1900	R+C:1000	R+C:7500	R+C: 10400
Quantity of Foods donated. Kg	R+C: 700	R+C:800	R+C:900	R+C 2400
Quantity of Food in Storage at end of Year Kg.	R: 700	R:800	R:900	R: 2400

NOTES: R: RICE

C: Cassava

GN: Groundnut: V: Vegetables.

TABLE IIIB

2021-2023 YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM: FOOD CROPS PRODUCED AND USAGE.

SIERRA LEONE

	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
# of YAP Groups	3	3	3	9
Total Youth Participants	85	87	74	246
Acres of food crops planted. (Acres)	R :12 C: 4 GN: 9 V: 6	R: 18 C: 4 GN: 4 V: 7	R:24 C: 6 GN: 4 V: 8	R:54 C: 14 GN: 17 V: 8
Major Food crops harvested: (Kg)	R: NA C:1600 GN:130	R: NA C:1600 GN:300	R: 3200 C:2000 GN:400	R:NA C:5200 GN: 830
Number of Home Gardens	9	9	9	27
Quantity of harvest used by householdKg	R: C:400	R: C:1200	R: C: 1000	R: C:2200
Quantity of Foods donated. Kg	R: C:600	R: C: 400	R: C:1000	R: C:2000
Quantity of Food in Storage at end of Year Kg.	NA	NA	NA	R:NA

NOTES:

R: RICE

C: Cassava

GN: Groundnut: V: Vegetables.

Gender Rights:

The Gender Rights aspect of this program continues to be successful in the attempt to improve the status of women and girls both in the short term and long term. With respect to the short term, community awareness activities seek to reduce and prevent acts of violence which women and girls are subjected to within their homes and communities. Establishment of locally managed committees to offer counseling and support to both victims and perpetrators are critical in the ongoing success of the program.

For the long term, the support for girls in Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) is an attempt to advance the status of girls and women through increasing the levels of formal education and hopefully, the development women leaders. Even now, girls enrolled in the program are enjoying improved status and recognition from their families and communities for this achievement.

TABLE IV AND TABLE V summarize the progress and achievement of this aspect of the program in both countries. The following are the highlights:

1. An average of 217 men and 282 women attended education and sensitization sessions
2. A total of 345 girls have been supported to date through school support program
3. The first cohort will graduate from JSS/Grade 9 in 2024 and thereafter one cohort will graduate each year.

TABLE IV:
WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE OF LIBERIA (WAIOL) -LIBERIA

Girls' school support: (Total for all Groups)	Year 1: 2021-2022	Year 2: 2022-2023	Year 3: 2023-2024	Total
Number of Girls Supported	90	45	45	180
Value of Books and Supplies (USD)	1,400USD	2,583USD	2,700USD	6,683USD
Cash distributed for uniforms, Shoes etc.	1350USD	3357USD	3600USD	8,307USD
Numbers drop out, if there is any.	3	2	0	5
Expected graduation from JSS or grade 9	2024	2025	2026	NA
GENDER VIOLENCE				
Community- Based Session Held	3	3	3	9
Average attendance	Men: 41 Women: 59	Men: 27 Women: 40	Men: 32 Women: 45	Men: 100 Women: 144
Incidents reported to committee:	17	5	0	22
Incidents reported or referred to police or other agencies	8	2	0	10

TABLE V:
VILLAGE TO VILLAGE FEDERATION: SIERRA LEONE

GIRLS' SCHOOL SUPPORT (Total All Groups)	21-22	22-23	23-24	TOTAL
Number of girls supported.	75	45	45	165
Value of books and supplies (US\$)	3,890	8,056	10,265	22,211
Cash distributed for uniforms, etc. (US\$)	750	1,560	1650	3,960
Dropouts, if any	3	0	0	3
Expected graduation from JSS or grade 9	2024	2025	2026	NA
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE				
Community-based sessions held.	4	3	3	10
Average attendance: Men:	Men:45	Men: 32	Men:40	Men: 117
	Women: 56	Women:45	Women:37	Women:138
Incidents reported to Committees	1	0	0	1
Incidents reported/referred to Police or other agencies	0	0	0	0

Significant Challenges:

1. The most significant challenge faced by the program in 2023 continues to be the inability WAI to meet the demand from neighboring farmers groups and communities for extending this program to them. As economic conditions continue to deteriorate the success of the program in addressing the food security conditions is attracting other communities.

2. The steady decline in the economic conditions in both countries and the resulting high inflation continue to be a very important challenge facing the population and by extension, the program.

3. A decline in purchasing power severely affects the populations ability to provide adequate food and meet the medical and educational expenses for their families. Food inflation rates of 27 percent in Liberia and 64 percent in Sierra Leone are the highest for all sectors of the economies.

4. These are conditions that the people and even the governments cannot control, even as they have greater negative impact on rural residents than on their urban counterparts.

5. These economic conditions have not only stretched the capacity of families to cope but have also affected staff, board and facilitators who are asking for increases in stipends and travel allowances.

6. The removal of fuel subsidies by the governments also affects the cost of transportation and the ability of staff to conduct regular visits to the groups to implement and monitor programs and activities.

7. Political instability affected Sierra Leone in the last 2 months of the year. A contested presidential election and attempted armed coup resulted in several weeks of curfews and travel restrictions in some parts of the country. While the curfew has been lifted and the government affirms that the situation is under control, there is still a high level of mistrust, discontent and tension.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: YAP Group Data – Liberia

Appendix B: YAP Group Data – Sierra Leone

Appendix C: YAP Food Production Data- Liberia

Appendix D: YAP Food Production Data – Sierra Leone

Appendix E: Gender Rights Data – Liberia

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APPENDIX A**WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE
2023 Youth Agriculture Group Data****LIBERIA**

Item	Group	Location	County	Total	Men	Women	Youth	Partici. 2021- 2023	Has store
1	David-TA	David Village	Bong	28	3	5	20	Yes	Yes
2	Solu-A-Kpai	Kolonta	Bong	30	4	6	20	Yes	Yes
3	Kukatonon	Fetuah	Bong	32	6	6	20	Yes	Yes
4	Gbomue	Gbomue Village	Bong	29	3	6	20	Yes	No
5	Support Unit	Wilsue	Bong	34	7	9	18	Yes	Yes
6	Amuyuu	Gleah Town	Bassa	26	4	4	18	Yes	Yes
7	Kerker-TA	Kerker Village	Bong	32	5	5	22	Yes	Yes
8	Old-Force	Kpen Town	Nimba	30	6	4	20	Yes	Yes
9	Tappitta	Tappitta Town	Nimba	29	3	6	20	Yes	Yes
10	FFDA	Zlea Town	Grand Gedeh	27	4	3	20	Yes	Yes
11	United We Can	Ganta	Nimba	25	5	5	15	No	No
12	Welekerma	Water side	Bong	28	6	4	18	No	No
13	Bor-bor town	Bor-bor town	Bomi	18	2	5	11	No	No
14	Barline	Carivern	Bomi	16	2	4	10	No	No
15	HCDA	Wakata town	Bassa	23	4	6	13	Yes	No
16	Damala	Tubmanburg	Bomi	26	4	5	17	No	No
17	Elema	Tubmanburg	Bomi	29	3	8	18	No	No
18	Pentaco	Kinpell	Nimba	28	4	4	20	Yes	No
19	Life in your hand	Zorzor	Lofa	31	4	5	22	Yes	No
20	Kumo, Kukel	Korluee	Lofa	27	2	7	18	Yes	No
21	Pulukpel	Toe town	Grand Gedeh	30	7	7	16	Yes	No

APPENDIX B**WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE
2023 Youth Agriculture Group Data****Sierra Leone**

NO.	NAME OF GROUP	ME N	WOME N	YOUTH S	TOTAL MEMBE RS	LOCATIO N	DISTRIC T	PARTIC IPATIO N IN YAP 2021-23	YEAR GROUP S TRART ED	S
1	Amuloma Farmers Assn	15	20	7	42	Liloma	Kenema		2011	
2	Ataya Base Farmers Assn	20	17	18	55	Masera	Tonkolili	Yes	2010	
3	Blind Farmers	25	20	20	65	Katick	Portloko		2010	
4	Bombeh Farmers Asso	17	20	13	50	Bombeh	Tonkolili		2019	
5	CIDA Mathibo Farmers	20	25	20	65	Mathobo	Tonkolili		2010	
6	CIDA Roehen Farmers	25	30	32	87	Roehen	Tonkolili		2010	
7	Dandabu Farmers	3	6	24	33	Dandabu	Kenema		2010	
8	Gbonkolal Farmers	22	25	20	67	Gbonkolal	Tonkolili		2010	
9	Kakamathor Farmers	10	10	20	40	Kakamathor	Bombali	Yes	2019	Y
10	Kalomp Farmers	19	11	13	43	Mapoli	Portloko	Yes	2019	Y
11	Kangama Farmers	6	11	10	27	Kangama	Kenema		2011	
12	Kassasie Farmers	10	10	20	40	Kasassisie	Bombali		2019	Y
13	Liloma Yanema	5	6	27	38	Yawema	Kenema		2010	
14	Labour Compound Farmers	25	23	19	67	Masemera	Portloko District		2020	

15	Makaisanka Farmers	20	17	18	55	Makaisanka	Tonkolili		2010
16	Mugomeh Farmers	30	32	20	82	Konia	Kenema		2010
17	Nigoila Farmers					Makondeh	Bombali		2016
18	Dimdin Farmers	6	24	27	57	Gblandebia	Kareneh	Yes	2017
19	Rogblan Farmers	25	15	16	56	Rogblan	Tonkolili	Yes	2019
20	Rokon Farmers					Mathathu	Kambia	Yes	2012
21	Rofutha Farmers	15	24	16	55	Rofutha	Bombali		2016
22	Ronetta Farmers	23	27	10	60	Ronetta	Tonkolili	Yes	2014
23	Sabenti Farmers	25	27	17	69	Madick	Portloko		2014
24	Sanda Youths	17	14	19	50	Mabolo	Kambia		2010
25	Sobeh Farmers	15	25	20	60	Makai	Bombali	Yes	2010
26	Tamaraneh Farmers	22	18	17	57	Rolal	Portloko		2010
27	United Agric Farmers	2	7	19	28	Combema	Kenema		2014

APPENDIX C**WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE**

YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM – 2021-2023 FOOD PRODUCTION DATA

LIBERIA

NUMBER OF GROUPS NAMES OF NEW GROUPS				
	2012	2022	2023	TOTAL
Number of Youth Participants	M:24 W:33	M: 27 W:34	M:33 W:29	M:84 W:96
Size of Youth Group farm (Ac/Ha)	15 acres	15 acres	18 acres	48 acres
Major Food crops planted and area of Acres (TOP 3)	Rice and Cassava (15 acres) Mixed cropping. Beehives: 15	Rice and Cassava (15 acres) Mixed cropping. Beehives: 15	Rice, Cassava, and Eddoes (18 acres) Mixed cropping. Beehives: 15	48 acres 45 hives
Amount of harvest of crops, list about (KG)	Rice: 77 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 63 Bags (50kg) Garie: 46 Bags (50Kg) Honey: 28 Gallons	Rice: 58 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 55 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 37 Bags (50Kg) Honey: 33 Gallons	Rice: 53 Bags (50Kg) Eddoes: Not harvest as yet. Hot Pepper: 18 Bags (25Kg). Honey: 29 Gallon	Rice: 188 Bags (50Kg) Cassava: 118 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 83 Bags (50Kg) Hot Pepper: 18 Bags (25kg) Honey: 90 Gallons
Amount of the harvest sold	Rice: 25 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 30 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 23 Bags (50Kg) Honey: 22 Gallons	Rice: 22 Bags (50kg) Dry cassava: 20 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 20 Bags (50Kg) Honey: 26 Gallons	Rice: 20 Bags (50 Kg) Eddoes: Not harvest as yet. Hot Pepper: 10 Bags (25Kg) Honey: 22 Gallons	Rice:67 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 50 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 43 Bags (50Kg) Hot Pepper: 10 Bags (25kg) Honey: 70 Gallons
Amount for home use or given to others.	Rice: 38 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 33 Bags (50Kg) Garie: 23 Bags (50kg)	Rice: 20 Bags (50Kg) Dry cassava: 35 Bags (50kg) Garie: 17 Bags (50Kg) Honey: 7 Gals.	Rice: 15 Bags (50Kg) Hot Pepper: 5 Bags (25Kg) Honey: 7 Gals.	Rice: 73 Bags (50kg) Dry cassava: 68 Bags (50kg) Garie: 40 Bags (50Kg)

	Honey: 6 Gals.			Hot Pepper: 5 Bags (25Kg) Honey: 20 Gals.
Total income earned by Youth from sale harvest.	\$2850USD	\$980USD	\$745USD	\$4575USD
Amount of harvest saved for seeds for the next plating season.	Rice: 14 Bags (50Kg) Cassava: cuttings	Rice: 16 Bags (50kg) Cassava: cuttings	Rice: 18 Bags (50Kg) Hot Pepper: 3 Bags (25kg)	Rice: 48 Bags (50Kg) Hot Pepper: 3 Bags (25Kg) Cassava: cuttings.

Youth Food Productions Data Summary for 2021-2023.

1. Number of Youth Participants: 180
2. Size of Youth Group Farms: 48 Acres
3. Major food crops planted: Rice, Cassava and Hot Pepper
4. Amount harvested from the crops: Rice-188 Bags (50kg), Dry cassava: 118 Bags (50Kg), Garie-83 Bags and 90 Gallons of pure Honey from Beekeeping.
5. Amount sold from the harvest: Rice-67 Bags (50kg), Dry cassava-50 Bags, Garie-43 Bags and 70 Gallons of Honey.
6. Amount of the harvest used for food at home or that was given to other people: Rice-73 Bags (50Kg), Dry cassava-68 Bags (50Kg), Garie-40 Bags (50Kg) and 20 Gallons of honey.
7. Total income earned by Youth from harvesting crops and honey:
Rice: 67 bags @\$43=\$2881. Dry cassava: 50 bags@\$13.58=\$679. Garie: 43 bags@\$23.60=\$1014.8. Total Generated from crops:\$4575USD.
Honey: 70 Gal. @\$17=\$1190USD. Grand Total Generated **\$5,765USD**

APPENDIX D**WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE****YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM – 2021-2023 FOOD PRODUCTION DATA****SIERRA LEONE**

NUMBER OF GROUPS→ 9 groups	Ataya Base farmers, Sueh farmers Kakamathor farmers	Kalomp farmers Roko farmers Rogla farmers	Lilomayawama farmers Tamaraneh farmers Kassasie farmers	Note: that 5 groups were supported for school for 2021 but only 3 are into the YAP for food security
NAMES OF NEW GROUPS				
	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Number of Youth Participants	M: 40 W: 45	M: 42 W: 45	M:29 W:45	M:111 W:135
Size of Youth Group Farm (Ac/Ha)	Rice : 12 acres	Rice 18 acres	Rice 24 acres	54 acres
Major Food Crops Planted and area Acres (Top 3)	Cassava 4 acres Groundnut 700kilos 9 acres of land Vegetables 6 acres	Cassava 4 acres Groundnut 200kilos 4 acres Vegetables 7 acres Cashew 11 acres	Cassava 6 acres Groundnut 200kilos 4 acres Vegetables 8 acres	Cassava 14 acres Groundnuts 15 acres Vegetables 21 acres Cashew 11 acres
Amount of harvest of crops listed above (Kilograms)	Cassava 1,600 kilos Groundnut 1,300 kilos Vegetables harvested in bits	Cassava 1,600 kilos Groundnuts 300kilos Vegetables harvested in bits	Cassava 2000kilos Groundnuts 400kilos Vegetables harvested in bits	Cassava 5200kilos Groundnuts 2000kilos Vegetables are harvested and consumed/shared
Amount of the harvest sold.	-	-	-	-

Amount for home use or given to others.	Cassava 1000kilos home use, 600 given to others. Groundnuts 300kilo shared 1000kilos stored. Vegetables shared	Cassava 1200 kilo shared among others 400 given to others. Groundnut 300kilo stored. Vegetable shared	Cassava 1000kilos shared 600 dried and 400kilos given to others. Groundnuts 400kilos in stored	Cassava 2200kilos home use 1000kilos given to others and 600kilos dried Groundnut 300kilos shared and 1700kilos stored
Total income earned by youth from sale of harvest	NA	NA	NA	NA
Amount of harvest saved for seeds for next planting.	Groundnut 1000kilos stored Cassava cottons and vegetable seeds are as well stored	Groundnut 300kilos stored	Groundnuts 400kilos stored	Groundnuts 1700kilos stored
Total earned from sales.	\$ 700	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 1,250

APPENDIX E**WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE
FIELD DATA SHEET FOR GENDER PROGRAM 2021-2023****LIBERIA**

Items	Girls' school support: (Total for all Groups)	Year 1: 2021-2022	Year 2: 2022-2023	Year 3: 2023-2024	Total
1.	Number of Girls Supported	90	45	45	180
2.	Value of Books and Supplies given (USD)	1,400USD	2,583USD	2,700USD	6,683USD
3.	Cash distributed for uniforms, and etc.	1350USD	3357USD	3600USD	8,307USD
4.	Numbers dropouts, if there is any.	3	2	0	5
5.	Numbers graduated from JSS or grade 9	24	18	0	42
	GENER BASED VIOLENCE				
6.	Community- Based Session Held	3	3	3	9
7.	In attendance Men: Women:	Men: 41 Women: 59	Men: 27 Women: 40	Men: 32 Women: 45	Men: 100 Women: 144
8.	Incidents reported to committee:	17	5	0	22
9.	Incidents reported or referred to police or others agencies	8	2	0	10

2021 (Includs 2020)

Items	Group Names	Locations	Number of Girls
1.	Kukatton	Bong County	15
2.	Kerker-TA	Bong County	15
3.	Sulon-A- Kpai	Bong County	15
4.	United We Can	Nimba County	15
5.	Tappitta	Nimba County	15
6.	Old-Force	Nimba County	15

2022:

Items	Group Names	Locations	Number of Girls
1	Old-Force	Nimba County	15
2.	United We Can	Nimba County	15
3.	Tappitta	Nimba County	15
4.	Sulon-A-Kapi	Bong County	15
5	Kerker-TA	Bong County	15
6.	Kukatoon	Bong County	15
7.	FFDA	Grand Gedeh	15
8.	David-TA	Bong County	15
9.	Support Unit	Bong County	15

2023:

Items	Group Names	Locations	Number of Girls
1	Old-Force	Nimba County	15
2.	United We Can	Nimba County	15
3.	Tappitta	Nimba County	15
4.	Sulon-A-Kapi	Bong County	15
5	Kerker-TA	Bong County	15
6.	Kukatolon	Bong County	15
7.	FFDA	Grand Gedeh	15
8.	David-TA	Bong County	15
9.	Support Unit	Bong County	15
10.	HCDA	Bassa County	15
11.	Pentaco (New Group)	Nimba County	15
12.	Life is in Your Hand (New Group)	Lofa County	15

APPENDIX F

WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE

GENDER RIGHTS PROGRAM 2021-2023

SIERRA LEONE

Item	GIRLS' SCHOOL SUPPORT (Total All Groups)	21- 22	22- 23	23-24	TOTAL
1	Number of girls supported	75	45	45	165
2	Value of books and supplies (US\$)	3,890	8,056	10,265	22,211
3	Cash distributed for uniforms, etc.	750	1,560	1650	3,960
4	Dropouts, if any	3			3
5	Number graduated JSS or grade 9	72	45		117
	GENDER BASED VIOLENCE				
6	Community-based sessions held	4	3	3	10
7	In attendance: Men: 110 Women: 390	400	100	150	650
8	Incidents reported to Committees	1			1
9	Incidents reported/referred to Police or other agencies	None	none	none	none

GROUPS AND THE NUMBER OF GIRLS SUPPORTED FOR EACH YEAR:

2021:Ataya Base – 15

Dimdin Youths – 15

Kakamathor – 15

Ronetta Youth – 15

Sobeh Youth – 15

2022:Kalomp group – 15

Rokon Group – 15

Rogblan group – 15

2023

Liloma Yawema Farmers 15

Tamaraneh Farmers 15 Kassasie Farmers 15

2023 PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOME PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Sierra Leone-Gender Program -Kakamathor Girls Receive School Supplies



Liberia- Construction of Grain Store



Liberia: Drying of bricks for construction of Grain Store



Liberia: Traditional field drying of rice.



Sierra Leone: Youth working in his rice field.



BACKYARD GARDEN FOR HOME USE: Old Force Group, Nimba County, Liberia