



## **The Liberia REFLECT Practitioners' Network (Pamoja Liberia)**

### **Summary Report of PAMOJA Liberia**

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#### **Introduction:**

PAMOJA Liberia was founded in 2010 to foster solidarity among REFLECT & Literacy practitioners at different levels in Liberia. It is a duly registered and accredited network of local NGOs with the mission to advocate and enhance people's participation in community development and social transformation through REFLECT and other participatory rural appraisal tools and lifelong learning.

The Network has its national secretariat based in the Johnsonville Township and specifically hosted at the Self-Help Initiative for Sustainable Development (SHIFSD) Office Building. It has an active membership of 7 organizations, who are engaged in the implementation of various development projects, some using the REFLECT approach.

#### **General Activities Carried Out:**

Not many activities were carried out by Pamoja Liberia from the secretariat level because of the lack of funding coupled with the huge challenges posed by the Ebola Outbreak in Liberia. Many local organizations were paralyzed or grounded to a halt while most international NGOs left the country. However, functional adult Literacy and other related activities mentioned herein are activities being undertaken by individual members of Pamoja Liberia.

- Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) prevention and awareness creation in members' respective target communities with support from DVV International and Pamoja West Africa; for members namely NAEAL, LSGCE, PEP and SHIFSD received and distributed special buckets with taps and lids including fliers and hygiene materials which benefited 300 households in parts of Montserrado County.
- Ongoing implementation of various functional adult literacy projects by some Pamoja Members across the country; SHIFSD currently works in 66 communities in 6 counties; NAEAL works in all 15 counties of Liberia; LSGCE



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conducts farmers field schools in 4 counties; YWCA works on girls education in 2 counties, and on gender advocacy issues across nationally; GEL works in 1 county, and PEP in 1 county. The combined total number of literacy participants being reached by Pamoja members in Liberia amounts to over 8000 learners.

- Some Pamoja members are engaged in other fields such as Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs); Human Rights; Agriculture; Nutrition and Hygiene Promotion.

### **Planned Activities for 2014:**

Non of the planned activities listed below for the year stated below were implemented

- Involvement of the *Print and Electronic Media* in Pamoja Liberia's activities;
- Development of a 3 – 5yr Strategic Plan;
- Increase engagement and/or establish contacts with FRC, ICCO, Ibis, UNESCO, and DVV International for support to the network;
- Development of an annual work plan;
- Conduct of Reflect TOT for members and other interested parties national wide;
- Development of National Literacy Database;
- Make maximum use of the Pamoja Liberia space on the Pamoja WA website;
  - Conduct an assessment / evaluation of Reflect in Liberia
  - Orientation workshops for NGO managers to explain the key aspects of the REFLECT Approach
  - Training /support for evaluation of Reflect activities;
  - Launching of Pamoja Liberia, and
  - the implementation of the Accra WAPAP Plan of Action dating back 2011/12;



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### **Organizational Constituency:**

PAMOJA Liberia works with poor, marginalized, and voiceless people; most of whom are non literates and live hard to reach areas.

### **Activities' Plan for 2015:**

See attached the proposed Work Plan for 2015.

### **List of some active Pamoja Liberia Members:**

1. National Adult Education Association of Liberia (NAEAL)
2. Self Help Initiative for Sustainable Development (SHIFSD)
3. Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), Liberia Chapter
4. Liberia Study Group for Community Empowerment (LSGCE)
5. People Empowerment Program (PEP)
6. Group Empowerment for Literacy (GEL)
7. Liberia Education for All Technical Committee (LETCOM)
8. Peace of the World International Liberia (POWI-Liberia)
9. Foundation for Human Rights & Democracy (FOHRD)