

Youth Alliance for Rural Development in Liberia

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Women's Resource Center, Harbel General Market
Margibi County, Liberia*

#Covid-19 Community Health Awareness

**Phase I
(March 21-April 17,2020)**

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INTRODUCTION

The #Covid-19 Community Awareness was designed in keeping with our system of aligning programs on a yearly basis and also in adherence to global call for action to curb and/or control the Coronavirus which is sweeping lives across the globe.

This pandemic which started in the People’s Republic of China last December 2019, the city of Wuhan spread like wide fire to Europe, the Americas and lastly reached Africa around Mach of 2020 have claimed over millions of lives worldwide.

Notwithstanding, Liberia recorded her first index case of the #Covid-19 on the 16th on March 2020 by one Nathaniel Blama of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In doing so, President George M. Weah made a public pronouncement stating that “A Coronavirus is in Liberia and citizens should follow the health protocols”, and he also declared State of

Emergency for twenty-one (21) days which was submitted for modification where necessary.

With this shocking news of the #Covid-19 in our country, we organized our team of volunteers along with Real Women of Substance and The Response Initiatives to carry out community

health awareness to our people in Margibi County.

ABOUT US

Youth Alliance for Rural Development in Liberia (YARD-Liberia) was founded June 2017 in Harbel by Volunteers Youth who decided to solve some of the Liberia communities' problems and to work in achieving the global goals in their communities. Rural communities in Liberia have been neglected. Young people who have the potential to make rural communities a better place to live; have been forced to migrate to urban communities to achieve basic life necessities. Moreover, young people settled in urban communities with the intention of not returning to rural communities. As a result, rural communities in Liberia lost potential change-makers who could solve the problems of poor health conditions, poor schooling, bad road connectivity, and many other challenges that the communities face.

Our organization employs many unique approaches to decode opportunities for young people to stay in their communities and develop themselves. We use the method of educational outreach which include, reaching out to schools, educating students about the importance of education, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) symposium. We also create the opportunity for them to have basic computer skills. We also use health outreach by inform community dwellers about sicknesses and their preventive methods. We distribute brochure and fliers with health articles written in them. The organization also empowers youth

through a program called community outreach by organizing youth gathering activities such as; leadership workshops, youth discussions, and peace activities. In these gathering, we invite government officers so young people can have dialogue with them and express their community needs.

Youth Action of Rural Development in Liberia is a program designed to create a self-sustaining general of youth through education, health, community outreach, youth developmental initiatives, requisite leadership knowledge and skills for their growth and god of the community.

VISION STATEMENT: To create a self-sustaining generation of rural youth through health promotion, education, social ventures, etc.

MISSION STATEMENT: WE want to ensure that youths and community dwellers are healthy and strong. We also want to acknowledge our people about sicknesses, diseases, and it preventive measure. Moreover, YARD-Liberia, Inc. is also hoping to empower youths through career developmental activities, STEM symposiums, sports, workshop, tutorial classes, social media etc.

OBJECTIVES: As an organization, we committed to implementing the below programs as identify objectives:

- a. Education
- b. Health
- c. Agriculture
- d. Human Right Advocacy
- e. Community Development
- f. Environmental Awareness
- g. Relief
- h. Recreational Activities
- i. Civic Education
- j. Peace Talks
- k. Information Communication Technology
- l. STEM Awareness & Capacity Building

COVID-19 COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS

OBJECTIVE: Our primary objective for this campaign is to create awareness and information on the impact of #Covid-19 on humanity. Our institution embarked on the recruitment and mobilization of volunteers and provided training with regards to anti-COVID-19 protocols,(hand-washing, nose mask usage and etc) .

Our young volunteers and youth leaders from three institutions were trained to inform, educate and sensitize community dwellers on measures to eradicate and prevent the further spread of the deadly #Covid-19 virus.

IMPLEMENTED DATE AND LOCATION: Phase I of our awareness on the deadly Coronavirus kickoff on the 21st of March AD 2020 and climaxed April 17, 2020. During the awareness, we covered the following communities: Dolo Town Community, Trouble Town, Borborville, Regent City, Camp #1, Harbelville, Old & New Research Camps, and Barclay Farm Communities respectively.

TARGETED GROUPS/PERSONS: As #Covid-19 is a contagious disease which infects

indiscriminately all persons regardless of age, status or religion are of interest.

IMPACT: Initial engagements with local community dwellers were met with some resistance. But subsequently, with the passion and resilience from our volunteers, communities are now yielding to prescribed protocols and all necessary preventive measures.

IMPLEMENTORS: This campaign was implemented by YARD-Liberia, Inc. with partnership from Real Women of Substance (RWOS), Inc. and The Response Initiative: The District Two Development Council of Margibi County power the campaign with materials and some meager fundings.

BUCKETS RECIPIENT LOG

#	Name of Recipients	Sex	# of Bucket	Community	Contact(s)
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1	Matthew Paye	M	1	Zoeklin Estate	0777098440
2	Koko Wleh	M	1	Cocovile	0770280386
3	Julius A. S. Bondo	M	1	Zoeklin Estate	N/A
4	Joseph Harris	M	1	New Dolo Town	0776354798
4	Rose P. Wheigar	F	1	City View, Dolo Town	0770923180
5	Philip S. K. Mollay	M	1	New Dolo Town	0770766773
6	George Flomo	M	1	Harbel Rise #2	0777445577
7	Beatrice Boakai	F	1	Peter Town	0778641217
8	Moore Whegar	M	2	Yolo Brown Town	0776328542
9	Mr. Badio	M	1	Peter Town	N/A
10	Ruth S. Gbah	F	1	Regent City	0775771880
11	John G. David	M	1	Camp #3	0775292552
12	Bro. Judas Enoch Brooks	M	1	Camp #1 Haytee Forum	N/A

13	Bro. Tarnue E. Fineboy	M	1	New Research Camp	0777541016
14	Moses Kollie	M	1	Old Research Camp	0776837220
15	Kaifa B. Dorley	M	1	Barclay Farm	0776046981
16	Amos F. Borbor	M	1	Barclay Farm	0770182878
17	James Namah	M	1	Barclay Farm	0775615383
18	Moses Kollie	M	1	Old Research Camp	0776837220
19	Urey D. Yeagar	F	1	Regent City	0776676876
20	Roland White	M	1	Barclay Farm	0770182878
21	Beatrice Wesseh	F	1	Barclay Farm	0776819198
22	Esther Levee	F	1	New Dolo Town	0770591140
23	Leekpilay M. Sackie	M	1	Harbelville	0770176174

PICTORIALS: The below photographs were taken from March 21- April 17, 2020 in the above mentioned communities.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on experience we've had since the start of this awareness, we would like to recommend the following:

- That youth groups and civil society organizations constantly engage communities, in order to keep them up-dated with relevant information regarding COVID-19 Empowerment
- That more support be given to youth groups and civil society organizations to strengthen their capacity.

- That youth organizations operating in Margibi County get involved in all planning activities of such event

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are monumentally grateful to God almighty in whose infinite wisdom gave us strength and passion to effect this program.

Special acknowledgment goes to our zealous volunteers for their resilience and self-less sacrifices which enabled us to score a remarkable mark on this campaign.

Sincere gratitude goes to the District Development Council leadership headed by Rev. Joseph T. Charlie for providing materials and some meager fundings which came just when we needed them. We like to recognize RIA Police Detachment Zone 3 (Dolo Town), Hon. David Mulbah-Dolo Town Administrator, our community leaders, Stone FM and more to that, our One

thousand three hundred plus social media followers.

May we also acknowledge the support of our partners: ***Real Women of Substance headed by Harrisona Grimes, The Response Initiative headed by Paul P. Paukpa.*** Working with these guys was quite rewarding.

And lastly, a bunch of gratitude to all!!!

CONCLUSION

As we climax the first phase of this campaign, we are hopeful that despite limited resources, we remain committed to the fight against COVID-19 we believe with the concerted effort of all persons, regardless of diversities, we can overcome this night mare. Fully committed to the health and survivability of humanity, we remain.

EXPENDITURE

#	Item Description	# of Person	Amount
1	Volunteers Stipend	20	LDR 9, 175.00
2	Water	4 sacs	LRD 425.00
3	Communications	-	LRD 400.00
Grand Total			LRD 9, 775.00

SUMMARY

- a. Total amount received..... LRD 10,000.00
- b. Total expenditure..... LRD 10,000.00

