



NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL

in collaboration with



Ministry of Education

## The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Liberia Program

# YOUTH EDUCATION PACK (YEP)

## Empowering youth with skills for life



with the support of



and



### CURRICULUM

#### LITERACY & NUMERACY

Mathematics and English

#### LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

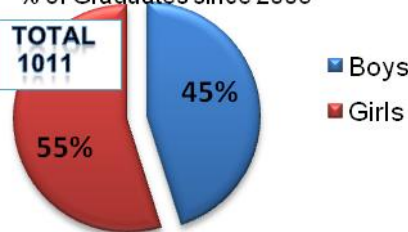
Health Education, Peace Education, Human Rights, Psychosocial Support and Entrepreneurship Skills

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Tie & Dye, Tailoring, Pastry, Motorbike Repairs, Metal Works, Masonry, Hairdressing, Carpentry, Agriculture

#### GRADUATES

% of Graduates since 2005



#### CURRENT STUDENTS (2009)

Total 400

Areas of specialization



YOUTH EDUCATION PACK FACTSHEET

### Needs Analysis

From 1989 to 2003, Liberia was embroiled in a civil war which left people's lives and infrastructure devastated. Over 75% of the productive capacity and physical infrastructure of the country was destroyed. Since the peace agreement in 2003 followed by a successful presidential election in 2005, considerable political progress has been made by the government to make the transition from conflict to development. However, huge challenges remain particularly within the creation of job opportunities. Training and job creation are as such, a crucial part of reintegration for youths and for the general stability of the country.

The NRC Youth Education Pack (YEP) addresses this need through vocational, life skills, literacy and numeracy trainings for illiterate or out-of school youth aged 15 to 24 with little or no formal educational background. The learners will be functionally literate at the end of the training curriculum, and will have learnt skills that will increase their ability to be self-reliant.

### Project Duration and Location: January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010

YEP has been implemented by NRC in Bomi, Gbarpolu and Grand Cape Mount Counties since 2005. Over 1000 youths have graduated from the project including young mothers who were allowed to bring their babies to the centers. The current project cycle is envisaged to run for 24 months starting January, 2009. However during the implementation period, realities in the field may require adjustments to ensure that overall objectives of the project are fulfilled.

### Target Beneficiaries

**Individual beneficiaries:** 2,476 in total. This includes current learners, teachers, YEP centers support staff, and YEP graduates who are members of Youth Working Groups. More than 50% of graduates & learners and 30% of teachers & center staff are female.

**Indirect beneficiaries:** 13,500 household and community members.

These include children and relatives of our direct beneficiaries and community youths using the centers as venues to meet and discuss issues for their own development. The community at large also benefits from the services and products produced by the graduated youths.

### Main Activities

**Trainings:** The basic training cycle runs for 12 months. Each YEP center offers at most 5 areas of specialization in vocational skills. Each learner chooses one area of specialization while Agriculture, Life Skills, Literacy and Numeracy are compulsory courses for all learners.

The project also recruits unemployed teachers and center support staff and train them in special emergency and child-centered methodologies.

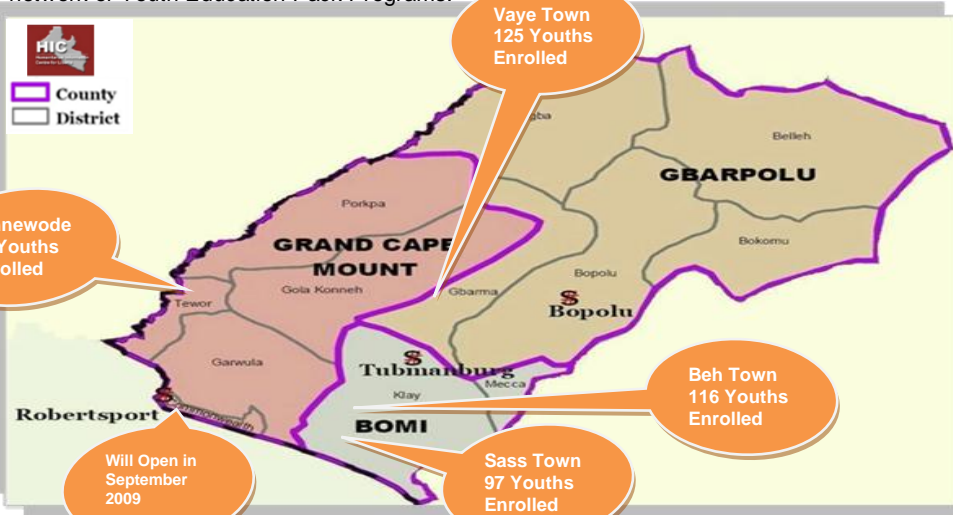
**Post Training Supports:** YEP graduates will continue benefiting from the project through support given to bridge the gaps and challenges they face as they go about their private business; putting into use the skills they have learnt. Graduates are encouraged to form new or joint existing Youth Working Groups. Each Youth Working Group will receive post training support for a maximum period of 12 months.

**Awareness Raising:** The project also conducts sensitizations in communities around existing and future youth centers for enrollment of students and active community participation in the construction, improvement and management of the YEP structures.

**Technical and Logistics Support to MOE:** Staff at the Bureau of Vocational and Technical Education at the Ministry of Education is empowered to continue coordination of vocational education programs and to give technical support to implementing partners.

### Future Prospects: More YEP Centers opened and run by other partners

NRC is working with **Ibis** (an independent Danish development organization) and other agencies who would like to start Youth Education Pack in other parts of Liberia and form a network of Youth Education Pack Programs.



For more information



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