



Bowier Trust Foundation Switzerland Liberia Management Team

Liberia Emergency Food Distribution Program Report

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In Numbers

2 Communities in Paynesville District # 6

1 Community in Brewersville, Montserrado County

185 Individuals Served from the program

Background

- During this Lock-down period from the government of Liberia, many Liberians find it difficult cope due to the restrictions and the economic effects of the pandemic. Liberians are losing their jobs daily and most importantly directions to the **“Light at the end of the tunnels.”**

Situation Update

- The current spread of the Corona virus comes not only with the fear of the public health, but with economic constraints.
- The people of Liberia with already numerous challenges must add the restrictions and lockdown to the list making it even harder for their livelihood.
- Food and water became the gold of the region due to job lost and restrictions from the government in order to combat the present situation with the epidemic.

BTFS Response

- Given the situation and conditions of the people living in these harsh conditions, the organization decided to run a feeding program for venerable families in the communities we are currently working in.

- The materials distributed included rice, cooking oil as well as seasons for the food. All these items were purchased from the local Lebanese store in Monrovia and transported to our office for packaging.



Photos of food packages

- Each package contained about 1/3 of the 25 kg rice, a Bottle of cooking oil and 25 cubes of seasons for the distribution.

Community View

- Leaders from the two communities were incredibly grateful for the distribution to the people in the communities. Steve, the Town chief of Kpelle Town Community told us about the impact the lockdown has on the youth of the community. He said, *"Crime rates in the community has risen since the lockdown due to the lost of job by the young men."*
- The food distribution according to Mr. Markus, Town Chief of the Gbargbo Town community will keep kids like Isaac and his siblings smiling for some time. He added that this distribution will serve as a breather for the parents living in the community.

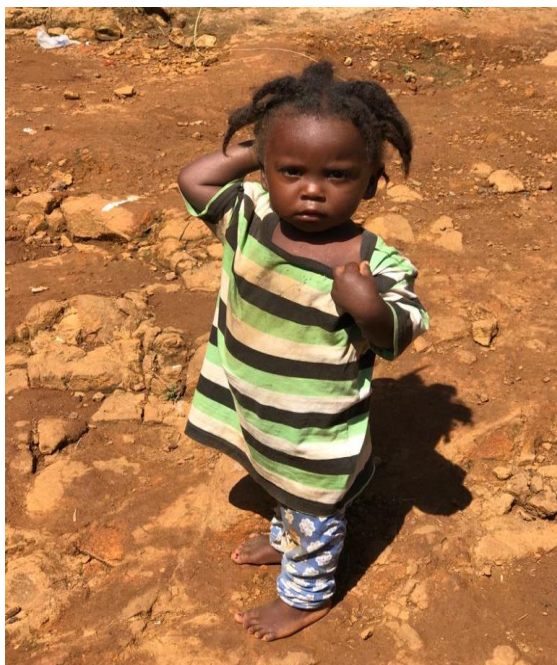


Photo of young Isaac

Beneficiaries Response

- Ms. Susan a resident of Gabargbo Town community was delighted to have us in her home with presents for her family. She told us about her challenges and struggles living as a single mother. In her words, she spoke about the difficulties she had to face not just a day, but every day since her husband passed. Now her greatest fear she said is not the epidemic or malaria but Tomorrow, waking up the next morning with nothing to eat for herself and the kids.



Photo of Ms. Susan and child

- **Words for Chief of operation BTFS (LMT) "Bob"**
Being a Liberia all these years I have always known about our challenges. The food distribution however gives me a new prospective on the challenges faced by many Liberians. Today we along with our Swiss Partners, have shown the true meaning of love. We can be proud of what we did and thank of panther for caring.