





## UN Women: Support to Strategic Note 2020 - 2025

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	UN Women
	<b>Location</b>	Nationwide
	<b>Agreement period</b>	January 2020 - October 2026
	<b>Budget total (Sweden)</b>	75 500 000 SEK

### Overview and objectives

The Strategic Note is organized around five strategic pillars: Women's Economic Empowerment; Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action; Ending Violence Against Women and Girls; Women's Political Participation and Leadership and Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting. All these result areas are mutually reinforcing and complementary in driving the change desired for women and girls in Liberia.

Examples of results achieved include: 2023 national ban on FGM; enhanced resilience of rural women to disasters through investments in Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and digital inclusion; passage of the 30% mandatory party gender quota and party leadership in the 'New Elections Law' by the Senate and the House of Representatives; creation of Gender and Social Protection Units in security institutions, including the Ministry of Justice, the Liberia National Fire Service, and the Ministry of Defense/Armed Forces of Liberia)



Civil Society working session on electoral reform Bill, April 2022/ Photo credit: UN Women

### Activities

Examples (non-exhaustive) of some of the activities conducted under this programme include:

- Up to 996 key decision makers, including 46 paramount chiefs (1 female and 46 males), 72 traditional leaders (344 females and 428 males), 178 religious' leaders (65 females and 113 males,) and 296 female traditional practitioners have increased capacity to prevent harmful practices, particularly Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).
- 873 rural women beneficiaries from 13 women farming cooperatives accessed renewable and sustainable energy through the UN Women's Solar Suitcase initiative.
- 13 women farming cooperatives are accessing financial services from over 30 new Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) including other financial institutions at the local level.
- The Ministry of National Defence (MoD) and the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) completed and published findings of a Barrier Assessment of the AFL. The Report identified key challenges women in uniform face in the AFL and peacekeeping assignments.
- Supported the development of the Gender and Social Inclusion Policy for Government Ministries and Commissions i.e., Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Education (MOE), National Investment Commission (NIC), and Liberia Anti- Corruption Commission (LACC).82 Civil Society organizations, Community Based organizations and Women Rights organizations representing vulnerable and marginalized groups have increased knowledge and expertise in designing, implementing, monitoring,