


## UNIDO: Increasing Income and Employment opportunities in Agro - Industry Value Chains (GROW II)

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
	<b>Location</b>	Nationwide
	<b>Agreement period</b>	October 2022 – June 2028
	<b>Budget total (Sweden)</b>	79 000 000 SEK

### Overview and objectives

The overall objective is to contribute to Liberia's economic diversification, green growth as well as the alleviation of rural poverty, covering farmers living in poverty (with particular attention given to women and youth); specifically to contribute to increasing production (through both expansion and diversification), local value addition, market access and, employment opportunities for farmers living in poverty in selected agro-based value chains.



The new programme will capitalize on the achievements and lessons of GROW Liberia (2013 – 2022) that followed a Market Systems Development (MSD) approach in selected value chains and will focus on upscaling prior efforts and expanding sectoral and thematic outreach.

### Expected Outcomes

- Accelerated development of selected value chains as a result of its actors (MSMEs, including cooperatives) benefitting from strengthened horizontal and vertical coordination along the value chains and from market driven improvements in production, storage, (pre-) processing and, ultimately, enhanced market access.
- Improved national enabling environment for enhancing market driven value chain development, covering a more conducive policy and regulatory framework, enhanced dialogue, and demand-based multifaceted service capacities.

### Activities

The following results have been achieved:

- Access to markets
- Sustainability and organic production
- Cooperative and farmer performance
- Export preparedness and investments from premium buyers
- Regulatory dialogue and sector coordination
- Agro input, dealer, policy, and distribution
- Knowledge management and communication