


## World Bank: Recovery of Economic Activity for Informal Sector Employment (REALISE)

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS), Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE), Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP)
	<b>Location</b>	Gbarpolu, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Gedeh, Margibi, Montserrado, Nimba and Sinoe Counties
	<b>Agreement period</b>	March 2023 – June 2027
	<b>Budget total (Sweden)</b>	30 000 000 MSEK

### Overview and objectives

This project aims to increase access to income-earning opportunities for the vulnerable in the informal sector in response to crises, expand income and livelihood support to poor and food insecure households, and improve efficiency in managing social protection programs in Liberia. The project will reach 15 counties, targeting grant support to households to revive small businesses; labour-intensive public works and employability support; community development and agriculture support; systems building for targeting and social cash transfer; and capacity building, project implementation and coordination. Overall, 45,650 vulnerable households will benefit directly, translating to about 228,250 vulnerable individuals.



Figure 1: CLAS Beneficiary. Photo credit: REALISE Project

### Activities

The REALISE Project's activities have been designed to reflect the government's plan to extend and expand existing employment and income-generating initiatives targeting the poor in urban and rural communities. Sida supports three new components within the project: Component 3 - Community Development and Agricultural Support (CDAS) for rural youth, Component 4 – Systems building for targeting and social cash transfer, and Component 5 – Capacity building, project implementation and coordination.

Examples of activities supporting the implementation of these components include:

- Provision of tools and agro inputs for beneficiaries,
- Provision of labor subsidies for beneficiaries,
- Provision of Community Development Grants to support works aimed at improving community structures such as roads, log bridges, irrigation channels.
- Provision of unconditional cash transfers to extreme poor and vulnerable households, including refugees and host communities,
- Support Staff costs at central office and county level,
- Support costs for capacity and systems building for project team, service providers, county, and community structures.