

MGOS RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CSOs IN LIBERIA TO THE VNR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA

Since 2015, Liberia has yet to have a comprehensive measurable achievement in any of the goals even though both “**Agenda for Transformation**” of past government, the “**Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD)**” of current government, which seeks to stimulate economic growth, enhance domestic resource mobilization; transparency and inclusive society for all.

The following sectors remains seriously under-funded or developed:

- **Health:** Access to needed medications and basic medical services even in city centers are far reaching. Cost for medical services is an imperative challenge for the poor and vulnerable.
- **Technology (internet):** Access to the internet is a challenge but at the same time the government has proposed an increase in data tariff.
- **Social spending in neglected areas:** Low budgetary allocation and little attention have kept these areas in ill progressive states.
- **Absolute poverty reduction and widespread infrastructure deficits:** Government acknowledge rise in absolute poverty since 2014 which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Human capital development:** Availability and access to TVET and other training opportunities remains a brain dream for many youth. Functional TVET institutions are underfunded.

How will Liberia accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and post COVID 19 recovery to tackle poverty, climate change from an honest point of view? How will these processes be funded?