

## UN Women: Strategic Note and SGBV Joint Programme 2020 - 2024

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, with Government of Liberia, UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF & UNHCR
	<b>Location</b>	Nationwide
	<b>Agreement period</b>	January 2020 - December 2024
	<b>Budget total (Sweden)</b>	60 500 000 SEK

### Overview and objectives

The Strategic Note is aligned with the UNW Strategic Plan (SP) (2018-2021), Liberia UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2020-2024, and to Liberia's national development strategy (PAPD 2018-2023). It will retain the same four priority areas identified in the previous Strategic Note - Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls, Women's Economic Empowerment, Peace, Security and Humanitarian Assistance, and Governance, Women's Political Empowerment, and Leadership. The programme is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to tackling Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs), including early marriage, teenage pregnancy, and female genital mutilation (FGM). The target outcomes of the programme are:



Figure 1: Livelihood skills training workshop.  
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- **Prevention:** active and engaged communities and stakeholders preventing SGBV and HTPs.
- **Response:** timely essential services provided for survivors of gender-based violence and HTPs.
- **Institutional strengthening:** an improved legal, policy and operational environment for survivors.
- **Advocacy and social mobilisation:** increased awareness, involvement and accountability.
- **Coordination:** improved coordination mechanisms for enhanced survivor protection and support.

Examples of results achieved include: the closure of 20 bush schools (which promote HTPs); the provision of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services to 8,827 adolescents; delivery of gender equality and advocacy training to 3,903 people in communities outside the capital, the operation of 12 fully functional One Stop Centres in seven counties providing services to 2,222 survivors of SGBV. (Figures as at Dec 2018)

### Activities

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

- **Prevention:** conducting audits to provide an evidence base for SGBV and HTPs; facilitating community dialogues to engage traditional leaders in reducing SGBV and HTPs; establishing a HeForShe taskforce; training and support for community gatekeepers; establishing a "buddy" system in schools.
- **Response:** establishment and operation of One Stop Centres for survivors of SGBV; enhanced psychosocial support, training for police and justice sector stakeholders.
- **Institutional strengthening:** institutionalisation of the GBV Information Management System (IMS); advocacy in respect of the Domestic Violence Bill.
- **Advocacy and social mobilisation:** development and roll-out of a communication strategy and engagement initiatives.
- **Coordination:** logistical support to enable coordination across actors.