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Increase Awareness and Monitor the Efficiency of Criminal Court
E in Nimba County.**

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List of Acronyms, Abbreviations, Figures, and Tables

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
ERDI	Efficient Research and Development Institute
INCHR	Independent National Commission on Human Rights
MOGCSP	Ministry of Gender Children Social Protection
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
SGBV/GBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence / Gender-Based Violence
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
LNP	Liberia National Police
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
MOYS	Ministry of Youth and Sports
LMA	Liberia Marketing Association
NICORA	Nimba Community Radio Association
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
SGBV-Q	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence - Question
CM-Q	Court Monitoring - Question
MOH	Ministry of Health
NPHIL	National Public Health Institute of Liberia
TBD	To Be Determined

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Introduction

The Efficient Research and Development Institute (ERDI) signed a Low Value Grant Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement the UN Joint Rule of Law Programme title Strengthening the Rule of Law in Liberia: Justice and Security for the Liberian People II. The project will run for the period of seven (7)-months and is currently supporting Network of Women CSOs and the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR) to monitor and increase awareness on the existence of the Specialized Criminal Court E activities in Nimba and the prevention of SGBV/GBV in Nimba County.

The project has been implemented in six (6) major cities in five districts in Nimba County particularly in Sanniquellie-Mah District (Sanniquellie and Ganta Cities), Saclepea-Mah District (Saclepea City) and Gbehlay-Geh District (Karnplay City), Zoe-Geh District (Bahn City) and Tappita District (Tappita City). The project seeks to support the INCHR, mobilize and empower 10 Women CSOs that should be formed into 5 Networks of Women CSOs throughout the geographic locations of the project in Nimba County to increase awareness on the establishment of Court E in Nimba County and the Prevention of SGBV/GBV.

This report provides a complete documentary of ERDI's activities over the last seven months in Nimba County beginning from August 1, 2024 - February 2025. This report includes background information about activities and the project, key accomplishments/achievements, analysis of progress towards achievement, challenges, and mitigation. Others are lessons learnt, success stories, and forwarded recommendations.

Background

This UNDP funded project is an UN Joint Rule of Law Programme implemented by ERDI in Nimba County. This project is currently providing support for Network of Women CSOs and the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR) to monitor the efficiency of Criminal Court E and increase awareness on the existence of a specialized court as well as the prevention of SGBV/GBV in Nimba County. The project's overall result is 'Increased access to justice for the citizens and other residents, particularly women, children and other vulnerable groups through strengthened accountability for SGBV cases.' The project is focused on 2 key objectives that include 'Empowering of the network of 10 women CSOs and INCHR in increasing the sensitization on the existence of Criminal Court E and its services in Nimba County and 'To improve monitoring the efficiency of Criminal Court E by network of women CSOs and INCHR to ensure accountability for survivors of SGBV and all forms of violence against women and girls during the period.'

The project is been implemented through activities that include technical support to INCHR, provision of mentoring to women CSOs and establishment of Networks of women CSOs; monitoring the efficiency of Court E and raising awareness on said Court by INCHR and the network of women CSOs; awareness raising campaign also covers prevention of SGBV/GBV in communities which are done through radio programs, door-to-door engagements as well as

fliers, stickers, billboard productions, etc.; and monthly coordination meeting is also supported under this intervention to share lessons learned from the project's beneficiaries, provide project updates, success stories, and new activities plans. The project also provides technical and capacity building support to the women CSOs monthly.

The project is being rollout to increase access to justice for all which is a fundamental human right especially for women and girls that are mostly survivors and victims of SGBV and other forms of violence against women and girls. As cases of SGBV and other forms of violence against women and girls have become prevalent in Liberia especially its rural parts, it is important to address these challenges and ill treatment faced by women and girls through ensuring social justice and accountability for survivors. Fortunately, ERDI with support from UNDP is increasing awareness in hard-to-reach communities on the establishment and services provided by Criminal Court E which is at the center of such response. If we are to ensure social justice and accountability for survivors to curtail SGBV/GBV and other forms of violence against women and girls, it is important that the public be sensitized about Court E and its services, and such intervention should be led by women CSOs since they are mostly survivors and victims.

Key Accomplishment/Achievement

The project has had lots of accomplishments since its inception in August 2024 based on the approved work plan and result framework. Below are the achievements realized to date.

Activity Implemented

Activity 1.1.1: Conduct of project continuation meeting for provision of information on Court E in Nimba County and human rights promotion and SGBV/GBV prevention and respond.

Result: The meeting was planned and organized separately for the three days to be held in Sanniquellie with communication sent out to stakeholders. A meeting was held with the team of Criminal Court E, Judge Musa Sidibey, another with the Women and Children Protection Unit, and the last with the Ministry of Internal Affairs (County Administration) and Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection. Given this background, the project conducted a consultative meeting with stakeholders to be aware of this year's intervention. The meetings took place at their individual offices with a cumulative total of 32 persons (14 females, 18 males) were in attendance. The organizations that attended the meeting were INCHR, Ministry of Gender and Social Protection (MOGCSP), the Judiciary, Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) – Commissioner Council, Liberia National Police (LNP) – Women and Children Protection Unit, Nimba NGOs Network, Nimba County CSOs SGBV Network, The Nimba Disabled Community, Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS), Liberia Marketing Association (LMA), Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders, and Nimba Community Radio Association (NICORA). During the meeting, ERDI team presented the key details of the project along with the roles and responsibilities of key sector actors.

During the meeting with MOGCSP, the focal person stressed the need for collective actions by stakeholders to join in the fight to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice and for those already jailed be given speedy trials to avoid delay. The focal person further informed that recent proliferation of rape and SGBVs cases occurring in various communities in districts with 6 SGBV survivors at the safe home. Court E also provided its update accounting for numerous SGBV-related detainees and 8 indictments.

Activity 1.1.2: Project Orientation meetings with the 10 Women CSOs representatives

Result: ERDI team visited all 10 Women CSOs offices in Nimba County to provide them orientation about the project; assess activities implementation; review challenges; and provide mitigations to challenges identified. Key results from discussions with the 5 networks of women CSOs are as followed:

- Increased knowledge of community members on SGBV and Rape cases and the establishment of Court E in Sanniquellie, Nimba County.
- Community members have better understanding about SGBV and its consequences thereby leading to their actions of identifying and reporting potential SGBV/GBV cases.
- Network of women CSOs leading community awareness on SGBV and Rape referral Pathways even at the end of the project's duration.
- The women CSOs are having better knowledge and skills in understanding Court E proceedings.
- Some level of cordial coordination exists in the referral Pathways among actors (Women CSOs, Police, ERDI and the Court staff) thereby leading to understanding of roles and responsibilities in the pathways.



Figure 1: ERDI Conducts project orientation meetings with networks of women CSOs in Karnplay (left) and Sanniquellie (right) cities in August 2024.

Table – 1: Statistics of Women CSOs who attended Project Orientation Meeting in August 2024.

No.	Name of Women CSO	Location	No. of Participants			Date of Meeting
			Female	Male	Total	
1.	Nimba Disabled Female Association	Sanniquellie	18	6	24	18/08/24
2.	Rural Women and Girls Promoter for Sustainable Development		6	2	8	18/08/24
3.	Women Against Crime	Saclepea	14	2	16	30/08/24
4.	Child Welfare Committee	Bahn	8	3	11	28/08/24
5.	Zoe-Geh Rural Women for Agriculture and Development		7	6	13	28/08/24
6.	Jesus Kwazeeh Child Care Center	Karnplay	15	3	18	16/08/24
7.	Gbehlay-Gah Rural women multi-Propose Corporative		11	2	13	16/08/24
8.	Lower Nimba Women for Justice & Peace (LONIWOJP)	Tappita	24	8	32	24/08/24
9.	Women Action Group		8	4	12	24/08/24
10.	Initiative for Community Empowerment Liberia	Ganta	6	5	11	26/08/24
Grand Total			117	41	158	

Activity 1.1.3: Conduct of Awareness / Sensitization by Networks of Women CSOs and INCHR/MOGCSP to Enhance the Knowledge and Understanding of Communities on Criminal Court E in Nimba County, Human Rights, and GBV and their respond to GBV and Related Cases.

Result: An MOU was signed between ERDI and the 10 women CSOs to ensure that the network of women CSOs commit themselves to the conduct of the awareness on Criminal Court E existence in Nimba County and its services as well as the prevention of SGBV/GBV in Nimba County.

The women CSOs have conducted **110 days** of awareness-raising campaigns between the period August 2024 – February 2025. This awareness is being conducted through house-to-house, community squares, marketplaces, town halls, schools, peer to peer, etc. ERDI also collaborated with the INCHR in the county to monitor and provide mentorship to the network of women CSOs working on this project.

During the period under review, the women CSOs awareness sessions conducted reached the total of **72,348 people (females - 47,244 and males - 25,104)** through intensive community engagement activities using their megaphones within their communities. The network of women CSOs are trained to the use of specialized data collected form to collect the statistics of those reached. Please see the chat below for the details of those reached.

Table – 2: Statistics of people reached during the Network of Women CSOs Awareness during the project.

No.	Name of Women CSO Network	Name of Women CSOs involved	Number of People Reached	Female	Male	PWD	Total
Tappita District							
1	Tappita Women CSOs Network	Lower Nimba Women for Justice and Peace	13,260	8,919	4,313	28	13,260
Saclepea-Mah District							
2	Saclepea Women CSOs Network	Women Against Crime and	14,684	8,561	6,102	21	14,684
Bain-Garr District							
3	Ganta Women CSOs Network	Initiative for Community Empowerment Liberia and Women Women Empowerment Action	17,202	11,891	5,288	23	17,202
Sanniquellie-Mah							
4	Sanniquellie Women CSOs Network	Nimba Disable Female Association (NDFA) and Rural Women and Girl Promoters	15,532	10,200	5,110	222	15,532
Gbehlay-Geh							
5	Karnplay Women CSOs Network	Jesus Koazeah Childcare Center and Gbehlay-Geh Rural Women Cooperative	11,670	7,653	4,291	45	11,670
Total Reached			72,348	47,224	25,104	339	72,348



Figure 2: Tappita Women CSOs Network conducting awareness in school and local community in Tappita City, Tappita District, Nimba County in September 2024.

Activity 1.1.4: Production of Promotional Materials (radio jingles, t-shirts, radio drama, flyers, and posters) to enhance the provision of messages on the existence of Criminal Court E and its services to ensure justice for GBV/SGBV Survivors and GBV/SGBV Prevention in Nimba County.

Result: ERDI with funding from UNDP launched the 100 days of planned awareness (**110 days were completed**) on Criminal Court E and SGBV/GBV prevention via community radio stations using radio jingles produced in local languages and simple Liberia English. This form of awareness began on the 10th of August 2024 within the 6 major cities of Nimba County. The radio programs are conducted through radio talk shows and radio jingles increasing awareness on the establishment of Criminal Court E in Sanniquellie, Nimba County to prosecute SGBV cases as well as the prevention of SGBV in Nimba County and Liberia at large. During the period under review, ERDI completed **110 days of radio jingle airing on 5 community radio stations** in Nimba County and held **5 radio talk shows** in the county.



Figure-3:Photograph of Ganta Women CSOs network and ERDI staff conducting radio talkshow on the esistance of court E in Nimba County and SGBV Prevention on Radio Kergheamahn, Ganta City, Nimba County in January 2025.

At the end of the project **110 days of radio awareness** was completed via the radio through radio jingles, and talk shows conducted by ERDI staff and the network of women CSOs. Furthermore, the radio jingles and dramas produced with voices of members of the women CSOs in 5 local languages that are currently been aired on **5 radio stations** in Nimba County which include Radio Kergheamahn (Ganta City), Radio Nimba (Sanniquellie City) and Radio Karn Voice of Peace (Karnplay City), Radio Saclepea (Saclepea City) and Radio Voice of Tappita (Tappita City). During the **110 days** of the project messages dissemination through the radio stations, up to **63,281 community members (female – 30,560 & male – 32,721)** were reached with enhanced knowledge on Court E, human rights and SGVB preventive messages. ERDI provided the totals of **60 pieces T-shirts** for the 10 women CSOs including **250 fliers, 100 posters and 150 stickers**. The network of women CSOs and INCHR are physically conducting the awareness in schools, marketplaces, major streets, parking lots, at homes, peer to peer, football field, health facilities, and other public places.

The posters are bearing the referral pathways originally produced by MOGCSP and partners which ERDI reproduced and distributed throughout Nimba county. These stickers and posters are distributed by ERDI awareness team along with the network of women CSOs during the conduct of the awareness. The IEC materials were distributed to **520 persons (312 females and 208 males)** during this reporting period.

As a new strategy for awareness under this project, ERDI is using soccer stadiums in Nimba County to spread the messages of the project. In Nimba and elsewhere in Liberia, soccer stadiums are normally used to host largely populated events such as soccer tournaments, conferences, entertainment events, political rallies, etc. With this backdrop, ERDI printed some of the messages on the walls of the Ganta Sports Stadium.



Figures – 4: Photographs of the newly printed messages on the fence of the Ganta Sports Stadium in Ganta City, Nimba County. These printings are done on other stadiums in Nimba County. This was completed October 30, 2024.

Activity 1.1.5: Conduct of training/meeting with local community leaders, elders, justice chain actors.

Result: ERDI conducted 5 training/meeting sessions within the communities the 5 Women CSOs networks which include Karnplay, Sanniquellie, Saclepea, Ganta and Tappita cities with community leaders' elders, justice chain actors, etc. These meetings brought together **738 community members leaders (female – 618 & male - 120)** such as elders, zoes, and justice chain actors during the first and final phases of the project. These training/meetings were hosted and led by the Network Women CSOs to enhance continuity and community ownership. These sessions were used to provide improve information to cultural leaders and justice chain actors on the prevention of GBV/SGBV as well as the existence of criminal court E and its services in Sanniquellie, Nimba County. The cultural leaders again are aware that SGBV cases are not home or family cases rather than government cases that are non-billable and can only be prosecuted by the specialized criminal court E. The conduct of these training/meetings has also given rise to chiefs and zoes further discussions around establishing mechanisms and processes that will support the efforts of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in ending FGM in parts

of Nimba County according to Nenlay G. Doe, head of Nimba Disable Women Association and Doris M. Dinsea, head of Women Against Crime – one of the project’s Women CSOs in Sanniquellie and Saclepea Cities respectively.



Figure 4: Pictorial of ERDI team conducting training / meeting with local authorities, elders, justice chain actors, and community leaders on the prevention of SGBV and the establishment of Court E in Saclepea City, Nimba County on February 21, 2025.

Activity 1.1.6: Airing of radio programs, talk shows etc.

Result: To date, 110 days of awareness has been conducted via the radio with radio jingles, and 5 radio talk shows conducted by ERDI staff and the network of women CSOs. Furthermore, the radio jingles and dramas produced with voices of members of the women CSOs in 5 local languages that are currently been aired on 5 radio stations in Nimba County which include Radio Kergheamahn (Ganta City), Radio Sehnwai (Sanniquellie City), Radio Voice of Tappita (Tappita City) and Radio Karn Voice of Peace (Karnplay City). Similarly, there were 5 radio talk shows held with repeat broad cast conducted monthly on the same radio stations during the phase of the project. Over the last 110 days of information sharing via radio programs airing, it is estimated that approximately **63,281 community members (female – 30,560 & male – 32,721)** have been reached with enhanced knowledge on Court E, human rights and SGVB preventive messages via community radio stations.

Activity 1.1.7: Cost for Community Mobilizers to Provide Support in the County of Awareness-raising/Sensitization in Communities.

Result: ERDI hired the services of three persons as Community Mobilizers who provided support to the network of women CSOs in terms of community mobilization, court visitation,

police station visitation, identifying and reporting potential GBV/SGBV cases. The community mobilizers also provided technical support to the network of women CSOs to do their monthly and quarterly reports for submission to ERDI Project Manager and M&E Officer. For effectiveness, each mobilizer is assigned to two cities of Nimba county. Jamesetta N. Sonkarlay (Ganta and Bahn Cities); Zuawuan K. Davis (Tappita and Saclepea cities); and Titus Koko (Sanniquellie and Karnplay cities).

Activity 1.2.1: Provision of Financial and Technical Support to the Network of Women CSOs, INCHR, MOGCSP for Monitoring the Efficiency of Criminal Court E, Identifying and Reporting of SGBV/GBV Cases and Enhancing Communities Access to Justice.

Result: ERDI provided technical support to the 5 network of women CSOs to monitor the efficiency of court E, increase awareness about the specialized court existence in Nimba as well as strengthen their organizational capacity and sustainability. During the period under review, ERDI provided operational funds to all the 10 women CSOs to enable them carryout basic expenses and operations while they conduct their awareness and report SGBV/GBV cases. On the other hand, ERDI also supported the INCHR and MOGCSP to enable them provide support to the network of women CSOs in terms of monitoring Court E, identification, and the reportage of SGBV/GBV cases as well as ensuring communities' access to justice. Even though there has been a reduced presence of INCHR and MOGCSP full participation during these court visits in the county.

During this first and second halves of the project, the network of women CSOs continues to be engaged with activity of monitoring the effectiveness of the SGBV Court and the Justice System. This process is done through monitoring cases on the court's docket for prosecution; monitoring the court proceeding; documentation; etc. The criminal Court E in Sanniquellie is monitored by the Sanniquellie Women CSOs Network which comprises of the Nimba Disable Female Association and Rural Women and Girls Promoter with the aimed of bringing all the other Women COSs from other cities to witness some Court's proceedings in the County during the dry season. The women CSO are now monitoring the efficiency of Court E in Sanniquellie, Nimba County. There has been regular hearing of cases at the court where more than **26 survivors** were supported, and treatment provided, and the perpetrators some cases have been heard and some awaiting court trials. The court is now working in coordination with ERDI and Partners to monitor the efficiency of the Court. The network of women CSOs and ERDI are provided information on dates for cases that are ready for prosecution along with statistics as well as the report of each term of court.



Figure – 8: Photographs of ERDI staff and Women CSOs raising awareness GBV/SGBV in Sanniquellie St. Mary's High School and Tappita School during their devotions and as well raising awareness on the establishment of Criminal Court E in Sanniauelli during a monitoring visit in January 2025.

Activity 1.2.2: Provision of Psychosocial services to 20 Vulnerable Groups such as SGBV survivors and disadvantage individuals.

Result: ERDI is currently providing psychosocial support to a total of **26 SGBV survivors** whom some are currently going through traumatic recovery and treatment as well. **12 of these SGBV survivors** are currently based at the Safe Home in Sanniquellie, Nimba County while **the rest** are based at their various homes of their parents in Sanniquellie, Karnplay, Saclepea, Ganta and Tappita. The psychosocial support includes feeding, clothing, medical care at SGBV health facilities, and psychosocial counseling provided by ERDI with funding from UNDP. During this period, ERDI donated some assorted Food, Non-Food Items and has well renovated the broken fence and back gate where criminals used to steal TV, TV desk and other materials in September from the Safe Home in Sanniquellie City even though there's a need for proper security, monitoring and management of the materials supplied at the Safe Home for the survivors. To date, the materials donated to the Safe Home in support of the vulnerable SGBV survival include: 30 bags of rice, 10 tins of vegetable oil, 10 gallons of red oil, 5 cartons of vita cubes, 6 bags of sugar, 5 bags of onion, 10 bags of tissue and 13 cartons of tie soap, the renovations of the broken fence and gate etc. These donations and renovations are intended to curb psychosocial, security and welfare issues currently faced by SGBV survivors and staff at the MOGCSP-run Safe Home in Sanniquellie. The County Supervisor of MOGCSP in Nimba County, Mr. Bob Glietee along with the Safe Home Social-Woker, Olivia M. N. Baimie who received the donations. The donation is provided monthly to prevent the safe home staff from taking the items away for personal gain. As part of the psychosocial package, the parents or guidance of these SGBV survivors were also provided financial support to remain with their child or children during their time of trauma with one of survivors been directly supported by ERDI to start her table business since she's being abandoned by her children father in Sanniquellie.

Additionally, ERDI also facilitated renovation works on the fence of the safe home in Sanniquellie which host SGBV survivors who go through trauma healing during their period of psychological turmoil. The fence which was damaged by erosion caused by heavy rain led to the theft of numerous belongings of the safe home including television, food, toiletries, equipment, etc. During the period under review,

ERDI re-constructed the broken fence with reinforcement concrete and steel as well as refurbishing of the back gate which was also a part of the damage caused by the erosion.



Figure – 9: ERDI psychosocial support of Assorted Food and non-food items for 12 SGBV survivors at the Safe Home in Sanniquellie City, Nimba County on January 8, 2025 (left) and Income generation business support provided for SGBV Victim, Rita Dolo in Sanniquellie who was gang raped in Zolowee (right).

Activity 1.2.3: Provision of Legal Aid Support to 20 SGBV Survivors and Other Disadvantaged Individuals to ensure that they have access to Justice.

Result: During this period of reporting, ERDI provided financial support for legal aid to **16 survivors/ disadvantaged people** as in the table above. This support was provided to enable the SGBV survivors participate in police investigations; medical examinations; take care of transportation fare for both the survivors and parents or guidance; feeding during court appearances; etc. During the period under review, some of the cases the project is providing support to were transported from Tappita to Sanniquellie; Ganta to Sanniquellie; Saclepea to Sanniquellie; Karnplay to Sanniquellie; etc during this first phase of intervention. The table below shows the number of SGBV survivors and other individual groups who have received legal aid support from ERDI/UNDP.



Figure 10: Photograph of ERDI Staff, Members of Sanniquellie Women CSOs Network, and Jud. Musa Sidibey at the Criminal Court during the opening of November 2024 Term of Court in Sanniquellie City, Nimba County.

Table – 3: Statistics of Survivor provided Psychosocial and Legal Aid Support During the period.

No.	Name of Survivor	Age	Case Type	Location	Date of Occurrence	Perpetrator (s)	Age (s)	Case Status
1.	Rita Dolo	29	Gang Rape	Zolowee Town Mt. Gangra	May 15, 2024	Emmanuel Saye and Emmanuel Nyahnpue	23 26	The perpetrators were tried and convicted for 30 years. ERDI provided income generation business for Rita.
2.	Justina Freeman	13	Statutory Rape	Ganta	August 2024	Peterson Gweh	20	Peterson is still in detention after first hearing of the case.
9.	Jamesetta Kardein	7	Statutory Rape	Zahnla Klodin Town	August 9, 2024	Clay Moses	21	The perpetrator has been sent to jail in Sanniquellie pending trial at criminal court E.
5.	Allenton Tokpah	5	Non-persistent Support	Old Car Garage Ganta City	August 10, 2025	G. Allen Tokpah	32	ERDI reported the case to the WACPU (LNP) where Mr. Tokpah was found guilty. He signed to provide his son's mother (Kou Dolo) 25kg bag of rice and L\$6,000 monthly.
6.	Samatac Brown	5	Statutory Rape	Yordiplay	August 13, 2024	Emmanuel Yormie	26	Released due to survivor parents not showing for prosecution.
7.	Grace Zamay	6	Sexual Assault	Gbouyee, Ganta City	September 2, 2024	Amos Domah	34	The case is registered and the perpetrator is jailed and he's pending trial at criminal court.

8.	Angeline Tokpah	14	Statutory Rape	Peace Community, Ganta	September 6,2024	Moses Komoateh	29	The case is registered with the police while the perpetrator is in jail pending court trial
9.	Mamie Y. Luogon	36	Persistent non-support	Kparipa Town	September 9, 2024	Jerry Gaye	36	Jerry was found guilty and agreed to support his family by providing L\$10,000 and a 25kg bag of rice.
10.	Yei Sonkarlay	13	Statutory Rape	Garr Gbedin Town	September 10, 2024	Saye Mantia	36	The case is registered, and the perpetrator is still in jail pending trial at criminal court E but the survivor is not alive.
11.	Rita Yormie	13	Statutory Rape	Karnplay Zone #5	September 17, 2024	Stanley Dahn	22	The perpetrator is released due to the survivor parents climaxing of the case at the community level and refusal to show up in court.
12.	Genevee Flomo	13	Statutory Rape	Garr-Lydin	September 27, 2024	Meiwaseh Gono	21	The perpetrator is at large probably in Guinea. The Survivor has been treated and provided all required support by ERDI.
13.	Rebecca Jimmy	47	Alleged Statutory rape	Ganta LPMC	October 10, 2024	Saye Quewon Messah	45	The perpetrator was arrested by Guinean authority and turned over to LNP and forwarded to Court.
14.	Josephine Joe	16	Alleged Rape	Kparipa Town	October 23,2024	Nathan Gagba	17	The case is registered and the perpetrator in jail is pending trial at criminal court.
15.	Janet Quiah	14	Statutory Rape	Kola Tree Community, Tappita	October 24, 2024	Prince Wogbeh	54	Prince was found guilty at criminal court E and sentenced for 20 years.
16.	Josephine Joe	16	Alleged Rape	LPMC Community, Ganta	November 7,2024	Mark Kollie	36	The Perpetrator was investigated by the Police and forwarded to Sanniquellie Prison pending trial.
17.	Anita Luoyea	14	Rape	Saclepea	December 4, 2024	Peter Gangbay	74	The perpetrator was arrested in Saclepea and was turned over to Saclepea Police but has been taken to Sanniquellie central prison pending trial.
18.	Oretha Duo	47	Gang Rape	Soo-Zarglay Twah-River	December 9, 2024	Michael Payne, George Larmie, and Oliver Sontaye	44 38 40	The perpetrators were arrested in Soo-Zarglay Town and taken to Sanniquellie prison pending trial at criminal court E.
19.	Diana Gaing	16	Statutory Rape	Old Car Garage Ganta City	December 10, 2024	Patrick Paye	20	Patrick has been tried and

								sentenced for 10 years in prison.
20.	Angeline Tokpah	14	Statutory Rape	Glenyeeluu Community, Ganta	December 30, 2024	Emmanuel Danah	14	The case has pending trail in Criminal Court E.
21.	Irene Dahn	16	Gang Rape	Catholic Community, Ganta City	January 1, 2025	Elijah Dahn and two other unknown persons	17	The case is registered and Elijah is under detention in Samniquellie pending criminal court E trial while the other two are on the run.
22.	Jessica Gartah	31	Alleged Rape	Sehgeh Town	January 6, 2025	Aaron Gee	31	The case was reported to the police but information we gathered was that the case was climaxed at both parents.
23.	Irene Domah	32	Attempted Rape	LPRC Community	January 8, 2025	Alexander Paye	40	The perpetrator found guilty but was resolved at the Police Station level.
24.	Decontee Bumie	8	Figer penetration	LPRC Community	January 11, 2025	Jackson Dahn	10	The perpetrator is still at large. He was reported to be at a church yard in LPRC community but has not been arrested.
25	Kou Dolo	34	Aggravated Assault	Garr Wheynor Town	January 15, 2025	Samuel Paye	39	Samuel has been arrested and forwarded to court for prosecution.
26	Evelgn Barser	3	Rape	Geanplay Town	February 20, 2025	Junior Wantu	16	The community arrested Junior, turned him over to the police, and he is in detention and pending trial.

Activity 1.2.4: Provision of logistical Support to the Women and Children Protection (WACP) Unit and the Criminal Court E to Fast Track SGBV/GBV cases.

Result: To strengthen the effectiveness of the justice and security actors in terms of proper documentation and fast tracking of SGBV/GBV cases as well as reporting in Nimba, ERDI provided funds in the form assorted stationery and supplies to all 6 Women and Children Protection Units of the Liberia National Police within the 6 cities of Nimba County as well as the Criminal Court E. Sergeant Cephus Gbankula Cooper received the supplies on behalf of the Liberia National Police Nimba County Detachment while Jud. Sidibey instructed a staff of the court to receive funds and their supplies on behalf of the court.

The supplies were intended to ease some of the constraints faced by the Women and Children Protection Unit of the LNP to effectively document statements, findings, and report of cases during their investigation exercise.



Figure 11: ERDI staff donating assorted stationery and supplies to the Clerk of Court at Criminal Court E (left) and to the County Commander of the Women and Children Protection Unit of LNP (right) in Sanniquellie City, Nimba County during the project.

Analysis of Progress towards the Achievement of Result The project works to achieve one key outcome statement which will be achieved through two output statements as stated below:

Outcome 1: By 2024, vulnerable groups including SGBV survivors in the targeted communities in Nimba County have improved access to justice and security services that protect and respect their rights.

Output 1.1: Community knowledge and understanding on Court E in Nimba County, human rights and GBV enhanced to prevent and respond to cases of GBV.

This output was achieved through the production and distribution of stickers and posters bearing key messages to enhance community knowledge. At the same time, ERDI and the network of women CSOs are conducting awareness-raising campaigns within rural community through community radio stations, house-to-house, and public places to strengthen community knowledge and understanding on Court E, human rights, and GBV prevention. In the same vein, portion of the Ganta Soccer Stadium fence was also printed with key messages to enhance the stadium users' knowledge and understanding on Court E in Nimba County. ERDI also provided technical support and mentorship to the network of women CSOs to strengthen them in the conduct of their awareness on Court E existence in Nimba County and SGBV/GBV prevention within their communities.

Output 1.2: Enhanced access to legal aid and psychosocial services by vulnerable groups (disadvantaged individuals, including SGBV survivors) in the targeted communities.

During the period under review, ERDI ensured access psychosocial services for 26 survivors of SGBV and other vulnerable persons; 12 survivors at the Safe Home in Sanniquellie and 14 survivor at the home of their guidance in Ganta, Nimba County. On the other hand, 16 survivors

also had access to legal aid support and services. The project ensured fair trials and justice and improved security services to protect and respect their rights to reduce the risk for SGBV and Rape cases within the project communities.

Terms of Court Report (Nimba County Criminal Court E)

Table – 4: Brief Criminal Court E Statistics

Descriptions	August Term 2024	November Term 2024
Cases Docketed	8	5
Cases Disposed of/Adjudicated	7	7
Cases Convicted	2	2
Cases Remain on the Docket	2	8

Lessons Learnt

ERDI has realized that survivors still need reintegration or resettlement package even when their cases are finalized, and the accused sentenced. Based on our experience, their reintegration support ranges from academic support, livelihood support, continued medical support, continued psychosocial counseling, and the likes to ensure that the survivors are fully reintegrated in society.

We also understood that most local leaders and community dwellers have been hearing about the legal pathways through the creation of awareness, jingles and radio talked shows but are still not following the legal pathways according to them due to family and other relatives' pressure when there are rape cases. Full transportation support to getting the accused/perpetration from the crime communities, remain vital to seeking justice for the victims/survivors at all levels.

Challenges

Police and the magisterial courts lack logistical and effective community support to apprehend perpetrators to be forwarded for investigation. As such, some perpetrators escape to unknown locations and lots of potential SGBV cases remain at the community level without being collected and forwarded for investigations.

Police who use their personal resources to reach potential SGBV perpetrators within difficult terrain will mostly trade the cases for personal gains and play blame games on the survivors' families.

Recommendation

Based on our experience over the last 7 months of the project's implementation, we recommend that the police be covered by the project, especially as it relates to logistics support to apprehend perpetrators out of the community during the next phase of the project. With this logistical support will allow the Police and ERDI field staff to promptly apprehend perpetrators timely to avoid this huge trading of rape and other cases by Police Officers may want to use their personal resources to effect arrest of perpetrators.

Community Structures, mainly the Community Watch Forums within the targeted community, should also be included in the project to help the police in terms of apprehending perpetrators and reporting cases. They can be compensated on site to aid the police when an incident occurs in their areas of control.

Annexes

Annex 1 (Table – 5): Completed Results Progress Monitoring Table

Indicators	Targets	Progress to date	Variance	Comment/narrative
Outcome 1: By February 2025, vulnerable groups including SGBV survivors in the targeted communities in Nimba County have improved access to justice and security services that protect and respect their rights.				
Indicator 1.1: % of SGBV cases prosecuted.	50%	61%	11%	Out of 23 cases reported, 14 were prosecuted/disposed during the period.
Indicator 1.2: Conviction rate of SGBV cases tried.	50%	29%	21%	Out of 14 cases prosecuted/disposed, 4 perpetrators were convicted representing 29%.
Indicator 1.3: Case disposal rate at Criminal Court E.	50%	61%	11%	These are cases prosecuted/disposed of during the period under review.
Output 1.1: Community knowledge and understanding on Court E in Nimba County, human rights and GBV enhanced to prevent and respond to cases of GBV.				
Indicator 1.1.1: Number of people reached with enhanced knowledge on Court E, HR and GBV disaggregated by sex, age and type.	100,580	136,339	+35,759	These people were reached through open air awareness activities and community meetings on a weekly basis by the trained network of women CSOs; and through airing of messages by 4 community radio stations.
Indicator 1.1.2: Number of local/community leaders, justice and response chain actors trained with enhanced knowledge in GBV prevention and response disaggregated by sex.	750	738	12	A total of 738 (618 females, 120 males) were trained during this reporting period
Indicator 1.1.3: Number of persons orientated/ refreshed from	80	190 (131 females & 59 males)	+110	There were more people recruited at the community level to attend the

community structures established/strengthened disaggregated by sex, age and structure.				orientation meeting with the women CSOs in five cities.
Indicator 1.1.4: Number of SGBV cases indicted by Criminal Court E.	20	23	+3	These SGBV cases were reported by the network of women CSOs with support from ERDI processed by the police and forwarded for prosecution.
Output 1.2: Enhanced access to legal aid and psychosocial services by vulnerable groups (disadvantaged individuals, including SGBV survivors) in the targeted communities.				
Indicator 1.2.1: Number of SGBV cases provided Psychosocial support and legal aid services disaggregated by sex, age and type.	20	26	+6	Other partners who were providing similar support have short down due to the international funding cut off.
Indicator 1.2.2: % of cases provided legal representation in court disaggregated by sex, age and type.	100%	80%	20%	Some of the cases ERDI identified and reported left within the community or climaxed at the police station.

Annex 2 (Table – 6): Completed Activity Progress Monitoring Table

Activity	Targets	Progress to date	Variance	Comment/narrative
Output 1.1: Community knowledge and understanding on Criminal Court E Nimba County, human rights and GBV enhanced to prevent and respond to cases of GBV/SGBV.				
Activity 1.1.1: Conduct of Project Continuation Meeting for provision of information on Court E in Nimba County and human rights promotion and GBV prevention and respond to cases of GBV.	1	1	0	The project continuation meeting was conducted in September 2024 which brought together 190 persons (131 females, 59 males) which comprised of various project stakeholders and sector actors.
Activity 1.1.2: Project orientation meeting with 10 women CSOs in Nimba County.	10	10	0	The Project orientation meeting with 10 women CSOs in Nimba County were held in the 6 project cities in Nimba including Karplay, Sanniquellie, Saclepea, Bahn, Ganta and Tappita Cities.

Activity 1.1.3: Conduct of Awareness / Sensitization by Networks of Women CSOs and INCHR/MOGCSP to enhance the knowledge and understanding of communities on Court E in Nimba County, human rights, and GBV and their respond to GBV and related cases.	100 days	110 days	+10 days	With technical support from ERDI, the awareness was conducted by the 10 network of women CSOs in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender and INCHR through community forums, open air events, megaphone outreached, radio programs, fliers and sticker's distribution, and billboard posting.
Activity 1.1.4: Production and distribution of fliers and stickers, posters, and t-shirts for awareness raising purposes.	60 T-shirts, 250 flyers,100 posters, and 150 stickers.	60 T-shirts, 250 flyers,100 posters, and 150 stickers.	0	The T-shirts were distributed to members of the Women CSOs Networks, while the flyers and posters were used during the awareness campaigns.
Activity 1.1.5: Conduct meeting/training for local/community leaders, justice and response chain actors in improved SGBV/GBV prevention and response.	750	738	12	A few of the community leader has just been employed newly by government, so they were settling their compensation arrangements.
Activity 1.1.6: Airing of radio programs, talk shows, etc.	100 days	110 days	+10 days	ERDI added 2 new radio stations because the project was extended to additional cities in Nimba County.
Activity 1.1.7: Cost for community mobilizers to provide support in the county for awareness raising/sensitization in communities.	3	3	0	ERDI hired 3 community mobilizers who are currently providing support to the Women CSOs Networks in carrying out awareness and sensitization in the project's communities.
Output 1.2: Enhanced access to legal aid and psychosocial services for vulnerable groups (disadvantaged individuals, including SGBV survivors) in the targeted communities.				
Activity 1.2.1: Provision of Financial and Technical Supports to Network of Women CSOs/CBOs for Monitoring the Efficiency of Court E and enhancing access to legal aid by vulnerable groups.	10	10	0	The women CSOs networks received financial support after institutional capacity building from ERDI monthly to carry out their work.

Activity 1.2.1a: Support INCHR to assist in monitoring of criminal court in collaboration with the network of women CSOs/CBOs.	7	7	0	INCHR received assist to monitor criminal court E in collaboration with the network of women CSOs/CBOs.
Activity 1.2.1b: Provision of technical and financial support to hold monthly coordination meetings amongst network of women CSOs/CBOs, INCHR, MOGCSP, MOJ and the Judiciary.	7	7	0	Financial support provided to hold monthly coordination meetings amongst network of women CSOs/CBOs, INCHR, MOGCSP, MOJ and the Judiciary.
Activity 1.2.2: Provision of psychosocial services to 20 vulnerable groups such as SGBV survivors and disadvantaged individuals.	20	26	+6	Psychosocial support includes feeding, clothing, medical care at SGBV health facilities, as well as psychosocial counseling provided for 26 GBV/SGBV and other domestic violence survivors.
Activity 1.2.3: Provision of Financial support to most needy vulnerable persons such as SGBV survivors and other disadvantaged individuals to cater for wellbeing, legal aid, and other financial expense.	20	16	4	Some of the cases reported did reach the court even though the initial arrangements were supported by ERDI.
Activity 1.2.4: Provision of logistical support to the Women and Children Protection (WACP) Unit and Criminal Court E to fast track SGBV cases.	7	7	0	During this reporting period, ERDI provided assorted stationaries and supplies to all 6 WACP Units of LNP in Nimba County. In addition, ERDI provided similar assorted stationery to the Clerk of Criminal Court E to enhance their capacities.