

## ActionAid: Just and Equal Communities, SRHR

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	Action Aid International
	<b>Location</b>	Bong, Gbarpolu, Grand Gedeh and Montserrado counties.
	<b>Agreement period</b>	August 2019 – December 2024
	<b>Budget total</b>	42 000 000 SEK

### Overview and objectives

Guided by feminist analysis and a human rights-based approach, *Just and Equal Communities* seeks to promote access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and services and consequently, improve the socio-economic status of young women and men, sexual minorities, and other marginalized groups in Liberia. The overall aim of the project is to ensure that women, young people, and marginalized groups thrive in healthy, equitable and inclusive communities in Liberia. The fulfilment of SRHR is central to ensuring that young people can gain education, make healthy and informed decisions about their sexual health and well-being, and participate effectively in social, economic, and political life. Access to SRH rights and services are also key to addressing the sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV); exploitation and discrimination young people face based on HIV status, disability or their sexual orientation or gender identity. The program was extended in 2023 for one year to include a pilot program on eradicating FGM at the community level.



SRHR Network Members proudly display their menstrual and hygiene solidarity as they prepare for menstrual hygiene and management awareness raising sessions in

The programme outcomes are:

- **Women, young people and marginalized groups** with capacity and information to make healthy and informed decisions on their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.
- **Communities** demonstrate improved power relations and reduction of traditional practices and cultural beliefs that inhibit access to **comprehensive SRH**
- **Strong and effective actions** taken by **communities, Human Rights Defenders, civil society, and social movements** in holding **duty bearers** to account for SRH commitments under the **Maputo Protocol** and other national and international obligations.
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGMO) practitioners have alternative livelihoods and promoting women and girls' rights including health.

### Activities

Action Aid Liberia will mobilize young people through facilitating safe spaces for peer-to-peer learning and support; and develop age-appropriate educational material to form a coherent rights-based foundation for awareness raising and empowerment. Boys and Girls forums in communities will be established to enhance members understanding of their rights to SRH services, creating demand for those services and the conditions necessary for increased supply. Community leaders (traditional and religious) will receive capacity building (workshops, community meetings, etc.) on human and women rights and SRHR to improve their knowledge on gender analysis and information on statutory laws, policies and state commitments (i.e. SGBV, child protection, domestic relations, and Maputo protocol on FGM) to facilitate advocacy efforts. Furthermore, the project will support alliances with groups who work on the issues of SRHR and with young people, and marginalized communities.