

Mercy Corps: Support to Prospects IV

	Implementing partner(s)	Mercy Corps Europe
	Location	Montserrado and Nimba Counties
	Agreement period	October 2021 – May 2026
	Budget total	48 000 000 SEK

Overview and objectives

Promoting Sustainable Partnerships for Economic Transformation (Prospects) IV, is a market system development for employment program implemented by Mercy Corps. The program is for 45 months, with the overall objective to reduce poverty by increasing incomes, job quality and job security for 16,400 urban youth. The program will be implemented in two defined urban areas – Monrovia (Montserrado) and Ganta (Nimba), with potential expansion to other counties contingent on first year's inception activities. The program is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

- Enhanced job-readiness of young men and women.
- Increased female and male-owned micro-enterprises with access to markets and market services, and
- Growth in responsible and inclusive labor-intensive businesses.

Activities

Using the Market System Development for Employment (MSD4E) approach, the project will support change to market actors' behaviours to address, systemic and gender-based constraints of supporting functions and rules to key labour supply, micro-enterprise, and wage employment systems that will lead to improved job-readiness of youth, improved micro-enterprise access to markets and market services, and growth in responsible labour intensive businesses; overall securing increased incomes, quality of work and job security for urban youths.



Figure 1: Two young men sit outside the shop that's brought them a new source of income.
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