

YMCA: YPS Peacebuilding and Social Inclusion through Community Dialogue (PSICD)

	Implementing partner(s)	YMCA Liberia
	Location	Montserrado, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Bong, Nimba, Lofa, Grand Gedeh and Greand Bassa Counties
	Agreement period	January 2023 – December 2026
	Budget total (Sweden)	20 000 000 SEK

Overview and objectives

The programme aims to enable young people to become active contributors towards sustaining peace and strengthening social cohesion in Liberia; framed around the pillars of the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda. At least 17,780 people are empowered and socially transformed to unlock their potential, connect to social inclusion opportunities, gain experiences to contribute to peace and lead active roles in community peace building and development initiatives as change agents.



Figure 1: YMCA Logo. Photo credit: YMCA Liberia

YMCA will enable Liberian youth through facilitating community dialogues and engagements, youth peace clubs, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as the capacity strengthening of YMCA Liberia.

The programme outcomes targeted are:

- Improved citizen participation and positive youth engagement with local authorities and community members in resolving disputes for increased social cohesion.
- A peaceful and safe school environment is established for students to reach their full potential and be empowered to serve as agents of change, ensuring transformation from subjects to citizens.
- Improved interpersonal relations, conflict mitigation skills and social cohesion among young people who are out of school to achieve their full potential and be agents of change.
- Improved capacity of YMCA to respond to the needs of young people and be socially relevant in the community they serve.

Activities

Activities for this programme will include regular engagement meetings with community leaders, radio talk shows, training of youth and community leaders in Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms, establishment of peace clubs, training and mentoring of peace club leaders, as well as training and coaching youth and community leaders on civil rights and responsibilities.