



THE 55TH LEGISLATURE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



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**Office of Hon. Bernard Blue Benson
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Monrovia, Liberia**

DATE:	March 22, 2025
VENUE:	Artington City Hall, Montserrado County, Liberia
PUPROSE:	Presentation of District report by Bernard Blue Benson
ATTENDANCE:	Local Government officials, Stakeholders, Youth and Student Leaders, Civil Society, Media and Citizens
ORDER OF PROGRAM	The Program commences at 12:00 noon with Mr. Hasting Gbamon Jr. serving as master of ceremony.
DISTRICT REPORT	Hon. Bernard Blue Benson will make a power point presentation of his report, to the district covering Legislative and district activates from January 15, 2024 to march 15, 2025

MEET THE DISTRICT STAFFS

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers noteworthy Legislative and District activities
Undertaken by Hon. Bernard Blue Benson Jr. in his capacity as
Representative of the District #17, Montserrado County
For the period ended January – December 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE

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It is with profound gratitude that I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to God Almighty for affording me the opportunity to serve you our citizens in the capacity as your humble Representative. This immense privilege wouldn't have been possible without your tireless efforts. For this, my family and I are internally grateful. Fellow citizens, I am here to report to you my illustrious employers as a way of accounting for the trust you placed in me to lead. Accordingly, with very limited resources from the National Coffers, we have been able to achieve some milestone developments in our District thus signifying the magnitude of strength when Community unites.

As a Freshman Representative and this being my first annual report of a term of six years, I must acknowledge and thank you for trusting in our vision for this District as it was presented and accepted by you before our ascendancy.

We have recently emerged from a smooth and incident-free political transition, resulting in changes that have embodied our manifesto which primarily focuses on accelerating Community Empowerments; Infrastructural Development; Developing Our District's Tourism Potential; Decentralized Leadership; Youth and Women Empowerments Advocacies, etc.

We anticipate that our team will strive to achieve heights and make unmatched positive impacts as compare to our predecessors and quicken the mission of our District's vision; focusing on Service Delivery, Institutional Transformation, Employment opportunities, Inclusivity, etc.

Today I fulfill my duty in keeping with the doctrine of transparency and accountability. These exercises are important as we relay this information in terms of our job as your direct representation at the Legislature.

In view of the above mentioned, it is our honest gratitude to have come with a comprehensive report accounting for all challenges overcome and goals accomplished in less than twelve months as your legitimate representation at the 55th National Legislature. It is our hope that as this document keeps us on record, let it remain an uncompromised decision to allow us enjoy your explicit confidence as we embark on another calendar year of leaping in rapid developmental initiatives of our district. With sentiments of our highest esteem, we remain.

Executive Summary

The legislature, as provided in Chapter V, Article 29 of the Liberian constitution which states that, “The legislative power of the Republic shall be vested in the Legislature of Liberia which shall consist of two separate chambers: A Senate and a House of Representatives, both of which must pass on all legislation is a bicameral legislature of the government of Liberia. It consists of the Honorable Liberian Senate, and the House of Representatives, modeled after the Congress of the United States of America.

Sessions of both houses are held in the same city on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from the hours of 10:00am to 12:00pm and from 2:00pm to 4:00pm respectively, at which time roll call and votes are taken, while Mondays and Wednesdays are set aside for Committees meetings and Fridays to be observed for constituency business. The Legislature of Liberia is considered one of the three branches of government based on Article III of the Constitution of Liberia, which stipulates in pertinent parts that all three branches ought to be equal and coordinated based on the principle of separation of power and checks and balances.

The Honorable House of Representatives contains 73 duly elected members, with each county being apportioned seats based on its population with candidates who gain a majority of the votes winning their contested seats. Members of the Honorable House of Representatives who emerge as winners in their respective districts with a six years tenure and is subject to re-election.

Predicated upon the preceding, the 55th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia which transitioned from a democratically elected legislature (54th Legislature), emerged after the 2023 Presidential and Representative Elections.

The body in consonance with Chapter 4, Rule 6 of the House’s Rule and Procedure of the House of Representatives, which implies that on the first day of Session, members shall elect one of their members as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, followed by the structuring of its leadership in accordance with Rule 7 for the smooth functioning of the Honorable House of Representatives.

Considering its structure and modus operandi, the 55th Legislature has an enormous responsibility which is executed through Statutory, Standing, or Special Committees in the holistic interest of their Constituents and Country.

Consistent with this provision, we were appointed as:

Chairman -Committee on Information, Broadcasting, Culture and Tourism

Member - Committee on Post and Telecommunication Member –

ommittee on Lands and Mines and Energy

Consistent with the 1986 Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, the three cardinal responsibilities of a lawmaker are Representation, Lawmaking, and Oversight. However, the quest for improved living conditions and the increasing demand of public servants' commitment to better livelihood initiate the development of an agenda that mirrors the living conditions of the people and such is considered the best working tool for deliverables.

The Legislative and District's Agenda of District #17, Montserrado County are developed from commitments assured to the people of the District by Hon. BERNARD BLUE BENSON JR. that if elected, he will serve to the wishes and aspirations of his constituents.

The agenda focuses on key sectorial issues which include:

- Electricity
- Roads and Infrastructure Development
- Healthcare
- Women Empowerment
- Education
- Security
- Disable Community
- Sports and Recreation

This agenda is a short and medium-term working tool for the implementation of policies and strategies for the period of three (3) years (2024-2027) and can be revised after a considerable period depending on the feedback of its implementation.

Round table discussions among stakeholders and community leaders to foster Reconciliations.

Legislative Functions/Achievements

In keeping with the District's Agenda and fulfillment of constitutional mandate, we are pleased on this historical day to inform you our Citizens of District #17, elders, youths, our mothers, religious Leaders (Muslim and Christian), people living with disabilities, our at-risk youth, and members of the fourth estate about our workings at the 55th Legislature.

Before we read further, I would like us to have a moment of silence for our fallen compatriots in the District who died painstakingly during the period under review.

May their gentle souls and the souls of all other faithful departed rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN!

I bring you greetings from my family and compatriots in solidarity with **The Coalition of Democratic Change (CDC)** and **The People's Liberation Party, (PLP) and colleagues** who sits at the first quadrant of the three branches of government, and from members of the indomitable Team Blue Movement by extension the Blues' Foundation.

Let me appreciate you for the opportunity given us to give account of our stewardship based on the promises and commitments made during our campaign. Today marks a historical event not solely to receive a report but because of our commitment to transparency and accountability in our provision of transformative leadership.

With a comprehensive synopsis of undiluted feats we have accomplished on behalf of you our employers, this report for the period under review, will detail performances and challenges affecting our **legislative functions and will focus on, ELECTRICITY, ROAD and INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, WOMEN & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SECURITY, SPORTS & RECREATION.** More precisely, it will further outline activities our office has embarked on during the period under review.

To name a few:

AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Representation

In fulfilling the functions of lawmaking and oversight, Legislators represent those that elected them to parliament. The representative function of a Legislator is characterized by his/her role as a deputy with disparate perspectives, expressing and debating issues of local and national importance, and translating those debates into policies.

As one of their cardinal responsibilities, effective representation requires engaging their constituents in continuing dialogue in order to understand their views and perspectives and voice the resulting ideas from various concerns raised.

Being knowledgeable and having the passion to represent their constituents at the legislature, thee conducted several Community Engagements with stakeholders in the district including youth organizations, pressure groups, religious organizations, former representative candidates, women organizations, community leaders, motorcyclist unions, community elders, disabled community and visually impaired and deaf society; where they solicited views for legislative actions and explained their decisions taken in the discharge of their legislative duties. Most of these interactions are in person, and through social and traditional media engagements which stands as convenient mediums available to accomplish the task as assigned.

Statistical report/activities on the first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) quarters; including extra-ordinary sittings for the first session of the Honorable House of Representatives and the statistical report of the Representative of District #17, Montserrado County.

This statistical report of the 55th Legislature of the Republic of Liberia cover the fiscal period which began on the 15th of January, 2024 and ended on the 6th of January, 2025.

NO	SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSION	NUMBER OF SITTINGS
1	REGULAR SITTING	76
2	EXECUTIVE SITTING	32
3	SPECIAL SITTING	7
4	LEADERSHIP SITTING	31
5	TOTAL	146

Law-Making Function

The constitution vests this function in both Houses of Parliament; the Senate and the House of Representatives. This means, in order to become a law, a bill originating from the House of Representatives must be passed by both Houses in the same text before it is forwarded to the executive for enforcement.

If you may be aware, the constitution of the Republic of Liberia envisages two types of laws that could be legislated on our behalf by the legislature:

1. **Constitutional Amendment Law**, which may either expand existing articles of the constitution or introduce new ones, and
2. **Ordinary Laws**, which regulates the life of the community.

These two types of laws follow different procedures in term of their passage through Plenary and their ranking in the legal system.

In a nutshell, members of the Legislature are tasked with drafting, debating, and enacting laws that address the needs and challenges facing the Country. This includes laws related to economic development, social welfare, health, education, and infrastructure. In the discharge of this function as assigned by you our employers, we managed to have legislated a bill at lower house seeking to establish the Liberia national Tourism Authority

Oversight Function

The Legislature with exclusive oversight over the other branches of government, with the authority to monitor the implementation of laws and policies thus, ensuring accountability, fiscal discipline, and rule of law within the functionalities of government.

In our democracy, the government and the public are engaged in an ongoing and ever-evolving conversation about the state of our country and society. These conversations take place in town hall meetings and public hearings, on broadcasts and social media, during campaigns and elections.

Through investigation and the establishment of facts, legislative oversight helps focus on how well the government works to address our collective concerns. Considering constitutional reliance which grants the Honorable House of Representatives a unique power to conduct far-reaching public investigations into important issues and, when necessary, to compel people to share documents and provide testimonies. Lawmaker examines an array of societal concerns, existing government programs, private sector abuses, disasters, crises, and mismanagement of entrusted public funds.

Moreover, with the authority, as enshrined in the constitution of Liberia, the legislature can establish new or improved government programs, better allocate taxpayer dollars, address abuses, and provide needed checks and balances across government.

Accounting for our gains made during the year under review at the 55th Legislature, we have monitored the implementation of several laws and policies, ensured accountability, and investigated many issues as they may have affected the social, economic, and physical welfare of residents of District #17, Montserrado County and Liberia at Large; informed plenary which is the highest decision-making body at the House of Representatives to help gradually minimize or

eradicate the undeserved occurrences of those imposed issues.

Official Ceremony for the Opening of the 55th Legislature took place on
January 16, 2024.

The 1st Session of the 55th Legislature commenced on
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Achievements at the House of Representatives and in the District

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1.	Regular Sittings	70
2.	Executive Sittings	29
3.	Special Sittings	7
4.	Leadership Sittings	28
5.	Total	134

From a total of 146 sittings held during the first session of the 55th Legislature, we managed to have attend 134 sittings; having 12 absents granted by plenary due to pressing National and District Engagement.

During these special sittings hosting budget debate process, we made the case for budgetary allotment for Public and private Clinics in District 17, The National Collective Society of Liberia that include people in the creative sector of our society and for the copyright society of Liberia. we also voted for the increment of budgetary allotment for the National Fire Service Agency which have impacted our district positively with the assignment of 1 Fire Truck for District 17.

We also cited the following Agency to Plenary for Legislative expediency:

* A Communication on March 6, 2024 requesting the appearance of SSF Construction to plenary to give reason for not completing the Road maintenance and repair work in District 17 as stipulate in the MOU with Western Cluster.

* A Communication on September 7, 2024 requesting plenary to consider the allocation of USD\$200K to the Ministry of Information for the enhancement of the Collective Society.

* A communication on June 17, 2024 to Hon. Ansu V.S. Dukuly, Executive Director National Disaster Management Agency of the Flood situation in district 17 including New Jeruselem

Community, Christain Community, Ricks Junction Community, Cheesmanburg Settlement, Red Hill Field Community and Gbateah Town Community.

* A communication to Min.Roland Layfette Giddings, Minister of Public Works informing him about the disaster of Road splitting in Cheesmanburg warranting National attention.

* A communication to Minister Louise M. Kpoto on April 15, 2024 requesting allotment in budget line be directed to Gbondoi Health Center in District 17.

* Advocating and signing of the document for the establishment of the War and Economic crime court.

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In the discharge of this function as assigned, we legislated and sponsored a bill at the lower house seeking to uplift the Tourism sector of our Country to be more viable and productive. The Bill will make Tourism an autonomous agency to focus mainly on promoting the tourism sector of our country which have the potential to create many jobs in our Country. the Bill is called “An Act to Amend Title 30, Public Authorities Law, Liberian Codes of Law Revised to Establish the Liberia National Tourism Authority Act (LNTA). in short, A Bill to Establish the Liberia National Tourism Authority. Our. The bill was passed by the House on September 24, 2023 and concurred by the senate on January 29, 2025 and is now awaiting the signature of the President to be a Law.

Additionally, We Co Sponsored several Bills including:

- * The Community Radio Station Act
- * The Presidential Transition Act
- * Ministry Of Local Government Act
- * Advocating and signing of the document for the establishment of the War and Economic crime court.

OVERSIGHT

ELECTRICITY

Bringing Electricity to District 17 has been a collective effort from all Citizens. I want to thank all of those that were vocal as well as those that worked assiduously behind the scenes. I want to give a special thanks to former President Weah and the Pass Administration for initiating the Gap project that brought Electricity to many Communities in District 17 before the commencement of the ongoing World Bank Project. I also had the opportunity to thank President Boakai for the continuation of the Gap expansion Project that has brought relief to most of our citizens.

The Gap project brought Electricity to Red Hill Field Community, Tire Shop Community, Iron Gate, Lott Carey, Cole Farm, Central Brewerville, Parts of Christopolis and Banjo communities.

Electricity Expansion is currently in progress in District 17 as part of the World Bank Project implemented by Wilkins Engineering Firm. Poles Planting and Wiring are in progress in Communities including, VOA, G4, Nascroop Village, Jah Tondo Town, Bible College, Christopolis, Virginia Waterside and more to be announced.



ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURES

OUR first challenge in office was the condition of our main roads from St. Paul Bridge to Kpo River due to the heavy use of that Corridor by Western Cluster and other concession company. On February 22, 2024 I invited the Head of Western Cluster to my Office to ascertain on why their deliverable to fix our Roads has not been completed. Western Cluster provided documents of USD1.5 million be paid to the SSF Engineering Company for Road Maintenance. After citing SSF Engineering Company to Plenary, the matter was forward to the committee on Public Works where SSF were given the Legislative Instruction to commence road maintenance. Consistent pressure from our office made this possible. Notable damaged area repaired by SSF Engineering include St. Paul Bridge, Over Head Bridge, Iron Gate, Lott Carey, and VOA Junction including Culverts installation around the Ricks Community.



The Ministry of Public Works also commenced the Grading of the Corridor from Brewerville Store to Gbarpolu County through a Company called Geoscope, I met with the team in my office on April 8, 2024 to get information on their scope and quality of work and have visited their area or work within our district. we are are hopeful that that corridor will be ear marked for pavement soon by the GOL.

I also visited the minister of Public Works on December 9,2024 to talk about Roads and Bridges Issues within our District, most especially The VOA Road, Jah Tondo Town Road and the Virginia/Clayashland Bridge. I was informed by Min. Giddings that the VOA Corridor would be paved this year which is presently ongoing, and I am also glad to report that the Ministry of Public Works has also issue notice to bidders for the Pavement of Jah Tondo Town Road and also the Repair of the Virginia/Clayasland Bridge. So our efforts of engaging positively are paying off.



There were also commitments made by LICHI Inc. through their CEO Mr. Wang on September 5, 2024 to install box Culverts on the Virginia Roads but have yet to commence. Our office will make sure that those commitments are fully executed in the near future.

Torrential rains in 2024 resulted in the complete splitting of the main road in Chees manburg that connects Markets and Schools and also the only road for commercial activities in that settlement. The Legislative project of USD\$45,000 was disbursed to Cusmos Construction Corporation by LACE to Construct 1 New Bridge and 1 Line of Culvert in 2 damaged areas on that corridor.

That project is at 75% completed and the public will be invited at the dedication. That remains the only funds directed to our district for development for the fiscal year 2024 under review.

With the absence of Social Development Funds, Our office was compelled to underwrite the cost of Feeder Roads rehabilitation in Brewerville and Virginia. Many thanks to the partnership of

Hon. Saah H. Joseph for the use of his motor Grader and to our office that absorbed all operational cost including Fueling, Personal compensation and Maintenance of equipment cost. The following table represents Community that benefited from Roads rehabilitation in 2024.

No.	ROADS
1.	Jah Tondo Town to Nascroop Village to Massaquoi Town Road
2.	Vonzon to Moulton Corner Junction
3.	Christain Community Road
4.	Christopolis Community Road
5.	Brisbane Road
6.	Moulton Corner to Catholic Shrine Rd.
7.	Bay Community to Bamboo Town Road
8.	Brewerville Cementary Road
9.	Banjor Market to Gborkon Junction
10.	Zaye Town Road

For the pass years, accessing Artington and Millsburg was only possible through Louisiana and Harrisburg in District #1. This was due to the roads condition and the absence of the bridge that connects the 3 settlements. After intimate engagement with some citizens and seeing the challenges they faced on a daily basis to commute to school and market, I made a vow to develop that entire corridor including the construction of the Bridge to connect the entire District. After over 37 days of work and the renting of 966 Earth Moving machines and Motor Grader at USD\$900 daily, Plus Fueling and Personal Compensation, and other cost incurred from the Construction of the Bridge that have been active for almost 1 Year, I am proud to report

that cars, Kehkeh and Motorcycle can now ply freely from Virginia to Artington without any obstacle, and people are beginning to access these areas for land purchases and other commercial Issues.



HEALTH

The Public Health Facilities in District 17 is challenged in terms of Drugs Availability, Infrastructure depletion, Accessibility, Electricity and Water. Our office has made strides to insure budgetary allotment be directed to Gbondoi Community Health Center and Gbondoi Health Center is captured to receive allotment of USD\$20,000.00 in this Budget period. This amount is very small to bring monumental rehabilitation to the Facility. For this reason, Our District Advisory Council have agree for SDF be directed to the Rehabilitation of the Gbondoi Community Health Center, The digging of 1 well for safe drinking water, including the development of the Roads from Ricks to Gaynama. Our office has already commenced the project by digging a well for safe drinking water.

I also visited the Bromley Health Center where they are challenged with accessibility and Electricity Constraints. Portion of the SDF will also be used to replace current Solar System and open the corridor for accessibility.

Our district was also blessed with the Goodwill of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with over USD \$168,000 for the renovation and equipment donation at the Artington Health Center. the project is presently ongoing. Our team of Nurses from the Blue Foundation continues to provide Life Saving assistance to citizens of District 17 since 2017. Today we are still providing FREE medical assistance to less fortunate communities around the District including FREE Ambulance assistance to the nearest referral Hospital. These initiatives are funded exclusively through our Foundation efforts.

Our short term goal is to develop and build the capacity of all Public Health Facilities in the District to be more efficient in providing medical service for the citizens of District 17 through National Government intervention or through the intervention of development partners, NGOs and Stake Holders while subsequently planning to propose the construction of a modern referral Hospital to the DAC.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women Empowerment through Financial Grants have been the most requested direct assistance from our community engagements. our office have provided Financial Grants/Loans to Women Groups in communities including, VOA, Dukuly Farm, Brisbane Road, Christain Community Royesville, Millsburg, Gbanday Artington, Jalieba Town Artington, Red Hill Field, United Gateway Community, Cole Farm, Moulton Corner and Agape Community with more to follow.

WOMEN GRANTS INDEX		
No.	Community	Amount
1.	VOA in the Sand	Lrd. \$100,000.00
2.	Dukuly Farm Comunity	Lrd. \$100,000.00
3.	Brisbane Rd. Community	Lrd \$50,000
4.	Christain Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
5.	Royesville Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
6.	Millsburg Township Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
7.	Gbandy Town, Artington	Lrd. \$100,000.00
8.	Jalieba Town, Artington	Lrd. \$100,000.00
9.	Red Hill Field Women	Lrd. \$100,000.00
10.	United Gateway Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
11.	Cole Farm Community	Lrd. \$50,000.00
12.	Moulton Corner Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
13.	Agape Community	Lrd. \$100,000.00
14.	PLP Women Organization	Lrd. \$250,000.00
15.	Women of Success, Jah Tondo Town	Lrd. \$50,000.00
16.	BERM Women Organization	Lrd. \$100,000.00
17.	Total	Lrd \$1,600,000.00

There have been notable developments and successes in these empowerment initiatives. I will like to give a special recognition to the Women of Millsburg Township who utilized their funds to engage in Farming and is now selling their produce to local markets at the same time affording members of the group access to funds for businesses.

I will also like to recognize Pastor Collins of Royesville Township who is now in their second face of their Loan process and have now decentralize her local business to Hotel Road and Duala where she purchased Refrigerators and is now selling Ice and Water and making even bigger profits than initially. She will soon be able to help more women commence their business through the process.



EDUCATION

In the period under review, we made some minimum intervention in the educational sector of our district. To enhance the educational process, we provided Chairs for Blamasee Public School and AB Dennis Foundation High School, including Doors and Locks donation to the Mango Town Public School.

Our office was also instrumental in providing Electricity to Bible College being the oldest religious institution of higher learning in the district now offering various academic disciplines.

Our Scholarship program is impacting over 150 students from kindergarten to University and Trade School level. The recipients covers all seven settlements of District 17 from 16 Elementary and Sr. High Schools. We look forward to doubling this number in 2025.

We also look forward to directly engaging the Ministry of Education on addressing the situation of Volunteers Teachers, lack of Teachers and the supply of chairs and other materials to our public institutions.



SECURITY:

Recent shooting of Citizens in our district by personnel of the Liberia National Police Must be condemn to the fullest. We have call on the IG for speedy investigation on the incident and have also encourage the LNP to train officers that they are entrusting with firearms. However, the joint security of District 17 is challenged with logistics to respond and fight crimes. The Police detachment in District 17 vehicle is broken down; DEA does not have logistic to fight drugs and there is no Fire engine in District 17 to save life and properties.

Fortunately, through our advocacies our District has been assigned a Fire Truck awaiting the construction of the Hub for the Fire Truck to be constructed in the coming weeks. We ask all citizens contribution and participation. Thanks to the Commissioner of Virginia for assigning the Land for this important initiative. Our office also took the lead in donating LRD\$100,000.00 to the DEA of district 17 to assist in their office operations and setup. This year, we will work with developmental partners to make sure that Transportation and other logistic is provided to our joint security to boost efficiency in preventing and fighting crimes.



DISABLE COMMUNITY:

The disable community including the Group of 77 and the blind and deaf community remain constraint and challenged with goodwill and other logistic to enhance learning and other skills training programs especially for the Group of 77 communities.

We made several donations to the Disable community over the period including a special visit from NFL Professional Player Kenny Yeboah on March 20, 2024 where he donated over USD\$5000 worth of Food Stuff, Wheel Chairs, Stationary, Hygiene materials and other provisions to the Deaf, Blind and Handicap community.

There is good news for the handicap community in district 17 with the ongoing construction of The National Resource Center for persons with disabilities and Group of 77 in Kpekor right here in District 17 that will include a high school, clinic, dormitory and trade school for people with disabilities.



SPORTS AND RECREATION

in 2024, our office have been directly involved in the support and promotion of sports and other social activities in District 17 on the backdrop that sports unites communities and can also expose talents that can be uplifted to National Level. Our office has also been actively supporting Pageantry and many other social activities during the period in review. The following are Districts and Communities Activities we Sponsored:

No.	Community/Organization	Support	Notes
1.	Montserrado County District League	Lrd. \$1,000,000.00	Our Team reached semi Finals.
2.	BOSOSA	Lrd. \$100,000.00	
3.	Red Hill Field Traditional Tournament	Lrd. \$275,000.00	\$200K to Organizers, \$100k on Trophies & Medals
4.	United Gateway Community Traditional Tournament	Lrd. \$400,000.00	\$200K to Organizers, \$200k on Jerseys, Trophies & Medals
5.	Graham Town Tournament, Virginia	Lrd \$50,000.00	
6.	Jah Tondo Town Tournament	Lrd. \$175,000.00	75K to organizers 100K on Jerseys, Trophies
7.	Islamic Tournament Banjor	Lrd. \$30,000.00	Plus 1 Set of Jersey for Winner
8.	Plumpkor Community Tournament	Lrd. \$150,000.00	50K to organizers 100K on Jerseys/Trophies
9.	Moulton Corner Tournament	Lrd \$20,000.00	Last Minute engagement. we will support substantially 2025
10.	Wilson Corner Tournament	Lrd. \$25,000.00	
11.	Miss Brewererville Pageant	Lrd. \$100,000.00	
12.	Miss District 17 Pageantry 2024	USD \$10,000.00	Inclusive of Prizes, and events
13.	Total	USD. \$10,000.00 / Lrd. \$2,325,000.00	



CONCESSIONS REPORT

1. AquaLife:

AquaLife have made a milestone commitment to underwrite the cost of Road and Street repairs at the Conference Center Round about and the entire Red Hill Field Community including the transformation of the sports pitch to a modern Turf Stadium. They have been actively engaged in their Social Responsibility by Co-Sponsoring Red Hill Field Traditional Tournament and Sponsoring numerous event across the district. Their municipal obligations to the Township are current. However there remain issues with labor practices that are being addressed presently and we will share details in subsequent report.

2. LITCHI Sand Mining:

LITCHI Sand Mining Contributes to the Township on a profit sharing agreement signed by the Commissioner, Council Men and the Company. Proceeds generated from LITCHI are meant for development in the Township. However, there have been lots of misappropriation of funds from the previous leadership resulting in our office recommending a freeze on the Account during the transition period but was later lifted and turned over to the County Superintendent and the District Commissioner. However, we still await to see the commencement of development in Virginia from these funds collected, as our office have writing the Commissioner and Superintendent to commence road grading from the second Bus stop to Bromley.

Also, we cannot overemphasize the damage sand mining is imposing on communities in our district. Erosion, Habitat destruction, Water Quality degradation, biodiversity loss are some of the alarming disadvantages sand mining is imposing on our district. we are working with the Ministry of Mines and the EPA to abolish the mining of sand in our district and compel the company to pay for damages it have cost to the ecosystem.

3. BAO CHICO:

Bao Chico is a mining company that Mines in Gbarpolu County but may ship through a port under construction in Royesville. At present, There was a moratorium on the company's operational activities by the Government of Liberia and that was lifted a few weeks ago. They have just begun operation recently. our team will follow activities and report findings especially corporate responsibility and Labor issues.

CHALLENGES:

The following are dire challenges and constraints:

1. Roads Connectivity and Construction of Bridges across the District.
2. Lack of Referral Hospital within District 17
3. Youth employment and Empowerment
4. Absence of Social Development funds to commence and complete needed projects in the district.
5. Inadequate funds to complete monumental Legislative project in the district.
6. The lack of citizens participation in developmental initiative in the district.
7. The addition of addicts and ghettos in District 17
8. The placement of squatters in right of ways and beautification spots across the district.
9. Lack of coordination from some local authorities
10. Lack of budgetary support for the various settlement and Cities
11. The construction of Homes and other permanent structures in Swamps and waterways.
12. Persistent Land crises in our District
13. Trash and Dump sites across the district

PROSPECTS:

1. Continuation of the oversight for Electricity Expansion across District 17
 2. Work with concessions to prioritize youth employment and empowerment
 3. Renovation and enhance the operation of Gbondoi and Bromley Community Health Center.
 4. Renovations of selected Public Schools
 5. Construction of Docking Station and office to host District Fire Truck.
 6. Continuation of Roads and Bridges rehabilitation
 7. Commencement of the Red Hill Field Community District beautification project
 8. Launching of the Mobile Clinic
 9. Continuation of Women Empowerment in Communities
 10. Provision of Pipe borne water to district 17
- Completion and dedication of the Zakama Field Community Center to host our Rural trade training program.

Community Charity Index		
1.	Masjid Rahman (Mosque) Banjor	LRD. \$200,000.00
2.	Pastoral Network of D17	LRD. \$100,000.00
3.	Miss Brewerville Pageantary	LRD. \$100,000.00
4.	Ramadam Contribution to Mosque 2024	LRD. \$600,000.00
5.	Arahim Islamic School	LRD \$100,000.00
6.	Blamasee Public	Arm Chairs, Printer
7.	Mango Town Public	10 Pcs Doors/Lock
8.	AB Foundation High School	Arm Chairs
9.	Infoot Institute	LRD. \$50,000.00
10.	Banjor Public School	LRD. \$30,000.00
11.	Red Hill Field Community Elections	LRD. \$150,000.00
12.	United Gateway Community Elections	LRD. \$50,000.00
13.	Virginia Christain Accademy	LRD. \$100,000.00
14.	Lott Carey Alumini Asso.	LRD. \$200,000.00
15.	2 Fire Victims Cheesmanburg	LRD. \$150,000.00
16.	Fire Victim Kobono Shop	LRD. \$20,000.00
17.	Fire Victim Virginia Waterside	LRD. \$30,00.00
18.	Hotel Africa Community	2 Handpump Repair
19.	Blue Foundation FREE Medical Outreach	LRD. \$1,500,000.00
20.	Blue Foundation Scholarship Program	LRD. \$1,800,000.00
21.	Motor Cycle Asso. Headquarters	LRD. \$800,000.00
22.	DEA District 17 for office Renovation	LRD. \$1,000,000.00

CONCLUSION:

Today marks our historical first annual report to the citizens of district 17 climaxing the year 2024. We want to state for the record that this report covers our activities and give statistical account of the mandate given us during the first session of the 55th Legislature which spans from January 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024, respectively. This report has come further in fulfillment of our constitutional and statutory mandate which makes us accountable and responsive to our people.

Fellow Citizens of District #17, elders, youths, our mothers, religious community (Muslim and Christian), the visually impaired, deaf society and people living with disabilities, our at risk youth, and members of the fourth estate, we must applaud ourselves collectively for the developmental initiatives and strong oversight we have achieved during the year under review. Your overwhelming support cannot be overemphasized.

We want to use this medium to officially commend the religious community for the immense prayers and supplications that has brought us thus far, the criticisms from the opposition community is also encouraged because it has strengthened our resolve, and the effort of our colleagues at the legislature is recognized in the discharge of our legislative duties.

We are extremely honored to have been elected with overwhelming majority of over 13,000 votes to represent our District at the 55th Legislature of Liberia. We got sworn into the Legislature to advocate and seek the welfare of our people as enshrined in

the organic law of the Republic of Liberia. Above all, we were elected with a mandate to serve and to ensure the development of the District.

As your Lawmaker, we have a commitment to bring sociolect-social and infrastructure

Developments to the people of District #17 in Montserrado County which is an essential tool in democracy; considering all candidates of the 2023 Presidential and

Representative Elections as winners and valuable partners to the forward march of our District

Our administration also intends to build an inclusive District in which our youths are partners. **“Youth Empowerment”** has been one major concern in our district. Our leadership as a District Representative cannot ignore the concerns, views, criticism, and aspirations of our people, especially the youths. They are the future leaders if they are well processed with a firm foundation that projects their future as leaders.

Our administration seeks to work with all duly elected community Chairmen who will

Immediately become members of the District Advisory Council (DAC) to address the needs of our people in the communities.

“Together We Can Break the Record and Make History in District #17, Montserrado County” Our office has put into place all the necessary mechanisms for District #17, Montserrado County through an alternative Plan of Action for the development of our District while we are yet to receive a favorable response on the disbursement of the Social Development Fund to the District. We are making progress with a new attitude of faith and togetherness expecting the best for our District. The 55th legislature has a pivotal role in shaping the future of Liberia. By fulfilling their responsibilities in **REPRESENTATION, LAW-MAKING, and OVERSIGHT**, members can contribute to a more democratic, accountable, and prosperous Liberia.

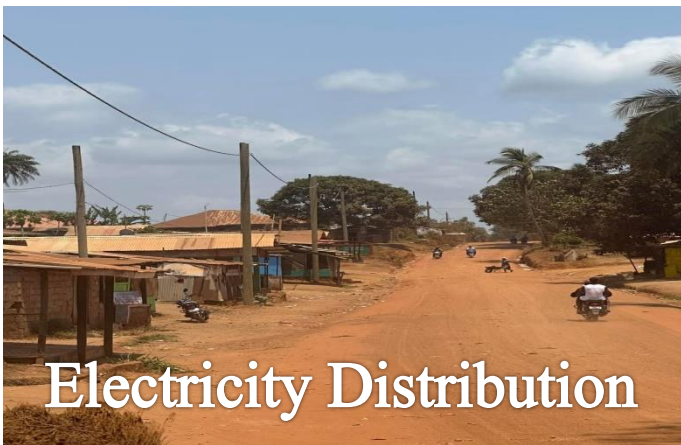
“In union strong success is sure, with God above our rights to prove we will o’er all prevail.” Together We Can Break the Record and make history in Electoral District #17, Montserrado County.

God bless our District and the Republic of Liberia.

I THANK YOU.



Gap Project Dedication



Electricity Distribution



21 KM of Road Reopened

Clayashland to Millsburg to Arthington



Before After
Arthington Road



Hon. Benson inspect
Construction Site at Arthington Clinic





Hon. Benson
Ground breaks Cheesmanburg
Bridge Projects



The Construction and Dedication
of Motorcyclist
Office




REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
 P. O. Box 9011, 107 Lynch Street

INTERNAL MEMO

To: T. Benjamin Myres
Communication Director

From: Bobby F. Nyekan *B. Nyekan* 02-25-25
Procurement Director

Subject: Advertisement of Roads/Bridges and Goods for FY-2025

Date: February 25, 2025

The Ministry of Public Works has received funding from the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the National Road Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 and intends to use part of it to hire experience companies and Vendors to implement on the below listed Roads/ Bridges/ Goods.

1.	BRIDGES
	Periodic Maintenance St John River Bridge (Grand Bassa County)
	Periodic Maintenance Clay Ashland Bridge (Montserrado County)
	Periodic Maintenance Yunken Bridge
2.	URBAN ROADS
	Rock Crusher Community Road in Duazon
	Buchanan City Sidewalk
	Allison Street/Ministerial Complex Bypass
	Rehabilitation Jahtono Town Road (Brewerville)
	Rehabilitation New Georgia Estate-Bassa Town Road
	Caldwell Road



Gbondoi Health Centert



Bromley Health Center



Team Blue Free Medical Outreach



Gbondoi Health Centert



Blue foundation Ambulance transporting patient



Torrential rain Disaster in Cheesmanburg



Women Empowerment



Royesville women Empowerment



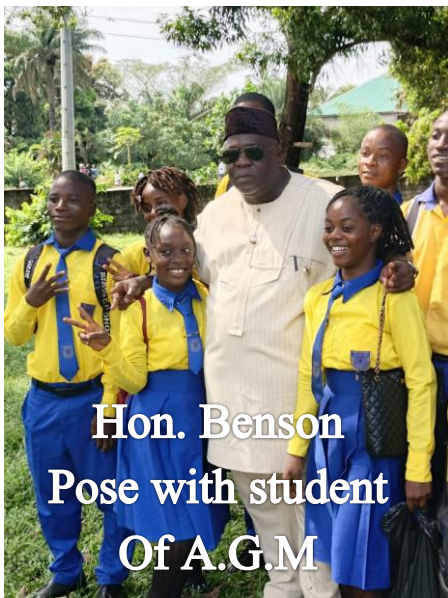
District #17 Women Empowerment



school Chair Donation
by Hon. Blue



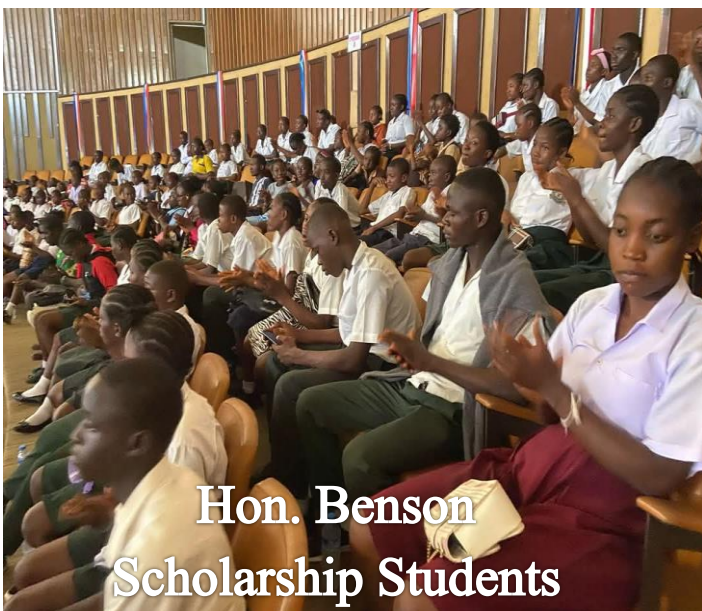
Hon. Benson
Scholarship Students



Hon. Benson
Pose with student
Of A.G.M



Blamasee Public School
Chairs donation by Hon. Blue



Hon. Benson
Scholarship Students



Panel Doors Donation to
Mango Town Public School



Hon. Benson makes
Donation to DEA Of District 17



Hon. P. Edwin Tisdell
Operation for National Fire Service
Inspects location for District 17
Fire Truck



Donation
To Disable
Communities



Donation
To Disable
Communities



Hon. Benson Support Sports In District #17



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Hon. Benson makes intervention in Land dispute in Po-River



Ramadan Donation



The Construction and Dedication of Motorcyclist Office



Ramadan Donation



Hon. Benson poses
With the contestants
Of Miss. District 17



Hon. Benson
Identify with kids



Sand Mining Company makes
Commitment to District 17
For Virginia Roads Rehabilitation



Zakama field multi
Propose building
Under Constriction



Hon. Benson
Greets Sr. Lions
At lott carey home
Coming 2024



Hon. Benson attended
Groundbreaking of Handicap
School



Hon. Benson
Visit historical site
In District #17



Hon. Benson
Try the purple
Sugarcane of Millsburg