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Motto: Be Prepared Woman & Children First

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Several outcomes observed in the process of compiling the report indicate that with the continuous support of the government of Liberia, the Liberian People and Irish lifesaving foundation, the goals of the Liberia Sea Scout can be successfully achieved. We can deliver and ensure success in the future agenda of life saving across the country if we receive the needed support and remain diligent in the implementation!

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ABREVIATION / ACRONYMS

AFL-----Armed Forces of Liberia

FY-----Fiscal Year

LNRC -----Liberia National Red Cross

LNFS-----Liberia National Fire Service

LSA-----Liberia Scout Association

SRT-----Search and Rescue Procedure

LGT -----Life Guard Training

CDIQ-----Core Drowning Indicator Questionnaire

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Safety has been major challenge for the Liberia Sea Scout and Liberia as a country. The 2011 Core Drowning Indicator Questionnaire (CDIQ) estimated that 64% of teenagers died by drowning during holidays on beaches, Lakes and rivers. With existential challenge in post war Liberia, the Liberia Sea Scout through broad based consultations with Liberians in every village, town and city developed an ambitious 10-year, safety strategy (Operation Save All) to provide Safety and safety training across the country. Operation save all has been the national safety agenda for the Liberia Sea Scout since August 2012 and is expected to be completed June 2023.

August 2013 marked the first year of operation save all implementation. As a result of the accomplishment made under the operation save all agenda to date, there has been a little sign of improvement .but our limitation remains the lack of safety equipment and training manuals.

Introduction

This report covers the operation and activities Of the Liberia Sea Scout for the fiscal year (FY) of August 2012, to July 2013. The areas of operation during the year included: public safety awareness for beach owners, and beach users, fire safety procedure, search and rescue procedure, lifesaving training, beach management, camping activities and participation in national programs. The limitations of the organization, and the establishment of new ships across the country.

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

5.1 Training on life saving

The Liberia Sea Scout was able to conduct the total of six training sessions for beach owners and beach users, fishermen etc. on safety rules, boat emergencies, operation and seamanship across the country. The training is conducted every two months according to regions. Areas along the coastal belt were given first preference while those areas in the hinterland second. The total number of participants from the five regions were 10,500 persons; the training was conducted in collaboration with the Liberia National Red Cross (LNRC), the Liberia National Coast Guard and the Liberia National fire service (LNFS). Budget was provided by national headquarters of the Liberia Scout Association (LSA), from rallies, donations from organizations and volunteer contributions from scouts. The coast guard of the national Armed forces of Liberia assisted in the provision of training, on Search and Rescue Procedures (SRP), Life Guard Training (LGT) and survival skills. While the national fire service of Liberia (NFS) assisted in the area of fire safety procedures. But one of the greatest problems faced by the organization is the lack of safety equipment such as life jackets (PFD), training manuals, boats, vessels etc.

Beach Management

From the period of January 16, 2011 to August 2012 the total of 14 training sessions on beach management were conducted with both private and public beach owners in the country. The totals of 30 beaches were covered.

From the 15 to the 29 of March 2011, 75 Sea Scouts Training of Trainers workshops were conducted on the Providence Island. Certificate of participation was awarded to participants.

The area of training included:

- A. Safety Awareness
 - I. Fire safety procedure
 - II. Life guard training
 - III. First Aid
 - IV. Survival skills
 - V. Radio communication and
 - VI. Swimming Skills

SHIPS ESTABLISHMENT

7.1 From the month of August 2012 to July 2013, we were successful in establishing 50 ships across the country. About 105 ships have applied for membership. By the end of 2013, we expect to have the total of 200 ships.

7.2 **CAMPING ACTIVITIES**

The total of 72 camps were hosted across the country by the sea scouts, while the national headquarters of the Liberia scouts Association hosted 10 camps for the celebration of National holidays and Baden Powell Birthday.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the period under review, the Sea Scout participated in all of the national activities which include, Armed forces day which is every year February 11, March 15 Joseph Jenkins Robert birthday, August 24 is national Flag Day. All these days are celebrated with a parade throughout the principle streets of Liberia with military, paramilitary, organizations and students parading.

On July 26 every year is Liberia Independence Day. The day is climaxed with indoor activities. On this day, Scouts are there to assist the police in controlling traffic at national functions. And on November 29 we participated in the birthday celebration of one of Liberia longest serving president, President William V.S Tubman.

CONCLUSION

Despite the many challenges faced by the organization

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Shows that the national safety agenda, operation save all, has been accepted by the government and young people of Liberia.

the national government through the Coast Guard of the Armed forces of Liberia (AFL), has been very helpful in assisting to provide training on waters safety and also linking the organization to other institutions in the country. The national safety agenda of the Liberia Sea scout can be fully realized and implemented if and only if we can receive the necessary financial and logistical support from donors and international partners.

NATINAL HOLIDAYS OF LIBERIA

January 1 –New Year Day

February 11- Armed Forces Day

Second Wednesday in March- Decoration Day

March 15 –Joseph Jenkins Roberts Birth Day

Secord Friday in April -Good Friday

May 14--- National Unification Day

July 26 --- Independence Day

August 24 – National Flag Day

Second Thursday in November – Fast and
Prayer day

November 29 –William V.S Tubman Birthday

December 25- Christmas Day