Liberia Action Plan

Planning for Safe, Inclusive and Resilient Cities TDD
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Liberia Key Takeaways from TDD

1. Citizens are the expert of their own issues. (Ex: Not Government officials going directly in the community thinking that you can solve the issue but it’s actually the citizens who are victims can solve their issues).

2. Levels of citizens engagement (First you inform, then you consult, and collaborate and finally you empower). This level of engagement seems to be very effective that it influences the community or citizen to embrace national leaders. Ex: Politicians, NGOs and community stakeholders.

3. Transparency in terms of use of public resources and how decisions are taken.

4. Social Welfare system for laborers at the Airin District (The local government along with NPO have established a free sleeping facility, feeding and contractors jobs site with protection).

5. The rapid decrease and management of riots in the Airin districts with the constant engagement of the police and the local authority is something tremendous.
Liberia Accomplishments Needed

1. There is a need for a more holistic and effective citizen engagement framework.
2. Reduce the Rural-Urban migration by providing basic necessities for the rural dwellers.
3. The building of trust in public officials.
4. Putting laws and structures in place for the smooth operation of the city.
Liberia Actions to be Taken

• **Short-term:**
  - Citizen engagement framework, by the CITY GOVERNMENT
  - Re-Organizing the City Government organogram for effective service delivery, by DONORS

• **Medium-term:**
  - Development Plan/ City Resilient Action Plan, in Collaboration with Donors
  - Jobs Creation mechanism, by the CITY GOVERNMENT
  - Re-Organizing the City Government organogram for effective service delivery, in collaboration with Donors

• **Long-term:**
  - Implementing a City Beautification, in collaboration with Donors
  - Reduction in poverty and tackling social issues like Prostitution, Drugs addiction and Sanitation, by both the CITY GOVERNMENT and DONORS
Barrier/Challenge of Implementation of Plan

1. Financing. We are seeking donors funding, Public–Private engagement and corporate social responsibility.

2. Knowledge and capacity Gap. We are trying to provide knowledge through consultation.

3. Ineffective Communication Channel. Providing formal communication channel through the social media, TV and Radio.

Liberia Lending and TA Active or Needed

- **Ongoing lending and TA by the WB**
  - CLUS-SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, $10.5 m
  - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON URBAN MANAGEMENT

- **Technical Assistance Work Planned /:**
  - Reorganizing the City Government Organogram
  - Urban Youth skills development action plan
  - Recycling
  - Data Collection (Urban Settlement and Asset mapping)

- **Investment Work Planned:**
  - Slum upgrading
  - City beautification and Solar energy
  - Rehabilitation and skill Center for Street kids and drugs addicts
Liberia Support Needed

- **World Bank and other Donors:**
  - Grants
  - Infrastructure Development

- **TDLC Program (Japan)**
  - Technical Assistance in data collections
  - Experts in Technology (Urban Designing)

- **Knowledge Products (Case Studies, Policy Notes, etc.)**
  - Agriculture (Urban Farming)
  - Youth Employment
  - City Governance Experience
  - Recycling policy notes (Plastic and organic waste)
  - Security mapping and community policing