



# **Catalyst Liberia Incorporated**

## **Ganta Highway, Gbarnga, Bong County, Liberia**

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### **Catalyst profile**

#### **Who we are**

CATALYST LIBERIA INCORPORATED is a non-governmental, non-profit making, and non-religious organization born out of the need to help rural communities improve lives through self-help initiatives. Catalyst was established in 1999 and duly registered and accredited in 2000 as local NGO.

Catalyst management team comprises of skilled agriculture and research professionals with extensive field experience.

#### **Our Experience/Projects**

Catalyst has over 22 years of professional expertise in the management and implementation of agriculture (livelihood) and aquaculture and rural development projects.

Catalyst Liberia Inc. partners with the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA). We also provide extension services to international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other public and private institutions.

Catalyst has partnered with several institutions on various rural development projects. Below are some of our projects:

#### **Our Projects**

##### **The STRIVE Project (2021 January– 2025 June)**

Catalyst is partnering IECD to implement STRIVE project; supporting 200 vegetable farmers in accessing new economic opportunities through value chain development for farm produce in Bong County.

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#### **The Fish-Lib Project (December 2019 – December 2023)**

We are also partnering with APDRA pisciculture paysanne to implement the Fish-Lib Project- “Enhancing smallholder fish farming by agro-ecological intensification and integration into inclusive commercial value chain” supporting fish farmer in Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties

- 150 existing farms with an increase of fish production from 0,5T/Ha/Year to 1T/ha/year and additional rice 1T/Ha/Year,
- 250 new fish farmers with a fish production 0,5 T/ha/year and additional rice 1T/Ha/Cycle with vegetable gardening using the ponds fertilized water,
- 35 local farmers based organizations
- 3 fish farmers’ unions at County level
- 25 aquaculture small and medium profitable enterprises in semi-intensive production systems
- 30 women involved in fish marketing activities
- 1 fish farmers’ active platform

#### **WHH (Welt Hunger Hilfe) – PARTNERS Programme – funded by EU (April 2021 – September 2022)**

Catalyst Partnered with WHH to implement the PARTNERS program in 12 (6 in each county) communities in Rivercess and Grand Kru Counties with 720 small holder farmers (SHF) beneficiaries. Catalyst provided extension services and trainings to enhance the productive capacity and sustainability of SHF in five target-crops; cassava, Plantain, cowpea, legumes and Moraga.

The “Prosperous Agriculture Roadmap to Nutrition and Entrepreneurship, Reinforcing Sustainability”(PARTNERS) programme was a 5-year action funded by the European Union under the European Union Liberia Agriculture Programme (EULAP)-Component 2 Rural Development. The overall objective is “to improve food and nutrition security and increase income and resilience against shocks in the rural areas of Liberia across 7 counties’; Rivercess, Grand Kru, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Grand Bassa, Sinoe, Bomi. Specifically, the programme

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aims to improve the productivity and sustainability of nutrition-sensitive agriculture at the level of smallholder farmers.

#### **CNFA/LADA (2020-2021)**

In collaboration with CNFA/LADA extended training to fifteen inland valley fish farmers across Montserrado, Margibi, Bong and Nimba Counties in the areas of Pong development and management and appropriate local fish feed ingredients identification and processing with funding from USAID.

Capacity Building Grant to Support Aquaculture Value Chain Development within LADA program locations in Montserrado, Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties -The project purchase 5 sets of fish feed processing equipment including feed grinders, mixers and extruders for fish farming enterprises. The equipment are been used on a cost recovery basis. LADA funded 50% of the cost for on-site training to 500 aquaculture farmers in pond management, local feed formulation and application, post-harvest handling (processing and preservation) etc.

#### **WFP/BIL project (2012-2015)**

Catalyst Partner with Community based Sustainable Food Security of smallholder rice producer farmers in target countries of West Africa in recovery and development phase “is a bilateral trust fund project financed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Government of Japan. The project is an agriculture and capacity building project implemented as a WFP-MAFF joint project, aiming to support national strategies fighting poverty and food insecurity through rice production.

106 hectares of rehabilitated paddy fields are well maintained and sustained by the project beneficiaries;

Up to 450 farmers (mostly women) will improve and increase their productivity of food crops in and around the margin of lowlands developed through training and provision of inputs (i.e. fertilizer, etc)

Food security of target groups is improved through increased rice production for own consumption or sale in the markets;

Location: Bong

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#### **ACDI/VOCA LIFE III "Farmers Field School (2015-2017)**

Farmer field school training for cocoa farmers in twenty communities in Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties working with over 600 farmers.

Commercial hybrid cocoa seedling nursery for over 100,000 seedlings for farmers in Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Bong Counties

Improved oil palm seedling Nurseries for over 6,000 seedlings for farmers in Bong County.

Survey and mapping of farms for farmers in areas of interventions.

#### **WFP Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Project (AIDP) (September 2012 to December 2013)**

In Bomi County working with farmers on a fifteen-month project to develop one hundred fifty (150) hectares of lowland for rice and food crops production.

Location: Grand Kru and Bomi Counties

#### **Oxfam GB Liberia Oxfam - Promoting Food Security in southeast Liberia (SEL)–funded by EU (2011-2015)**

Catalyst partnered with Oxfam - Liberia to Implemented the three years livelihood project: Promoting Food Security in southeast Liberia (SEL) through commercial Rice value chain development in Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties. Funded by the European Union, 2011-2015. The project covered 23 communities in Grand Gedeh (10) and River Gee (13) Counties.

#### **Results**

- The project achieved the layout and construction of 1018.9 acres of lowland
- Irrigation structures including canals, bunds, head dykes/earthen dams, peripheral canals were constructed and consolidated in the area layout.
- 2 mini and 2 large concrete dams (Polar & Seagboken / Dougee Town and Pronoken) were constructed in Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties.
- 1356 smallholders' farmers' beneficiaries were trained in the development and management of lowland rice production and swamp margin vegetable production.
- River Gee there are 717 (348 male & 369 females) farmers benefited and 639 (319 males & 320 in Grand Gedeh.

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### **USAID/LCIP (2004-2010)**

- Benefiting several separate grants worth over 1.5 million United States dollars for project in Bong Nimba and Lofa Counties with initiatives in agriculture and infrastructural development

### **Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)**

- To manage several grants funding the activities to identify the project beneficiaries and the distribution of planting materials and tools to over 14,000 beneficiaries, supervise and monitor project activities in Bong, Nimba and Lofa.

### **Our Areas of Operations**

We are a rural development organization with expertise in general agriculture, aquaculture and construction:

- Irrigated lowland rice production
- Integrated rice-fish farming
- Inland fish farming
- Vegetable production
- Animal husbandry
- Hybrid cocoa
- Oil palm
- Rubber
- Promote and strengthen the role of CBOs, cooperatives and local communities in development initiatives.
- Provide technical assistance for the improvement of access routes to facilitate transportation and communication for rural communities.
- Market linkages/ information
- Rural Development – civil engineering - roads & bridges, general construction
- water and sanitation

### **Our Style of Work**

Catalyst create the necessary environment which fosters integrated development of rural communities through agriculture and aquaculture and related activities; using the participatory

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Rural appraisal (PRA) approach as one of our strategies for implementation. We achieve our goals and objectives by harnessing the skills of diverse professionals with requisite expertise in agriculture, aquaculture and research. We collaborate with line ministries and agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure the quality of our work and to strengthen our bond with the communities we served. We serve through mobilization, sensitization, advocacy, training and the empowerment of rural households.

Catalyst partners with other national and international organizations that serves our mutual interest.

#### **Our Team of Professionals**

Catalyst has a permanent staff of seven including the Executive Coordinator, the Head of Program, the administrator, the project officer, the office manager, and two support staff. Staffs are normally recruited on a project to project basis. Catalyst prides herself with a pool of technical professionals ranging from diploma, Associate of Arts (AA) to Bachelor Degrees in various disciplines.

#### **Random Pictures of our Works**



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