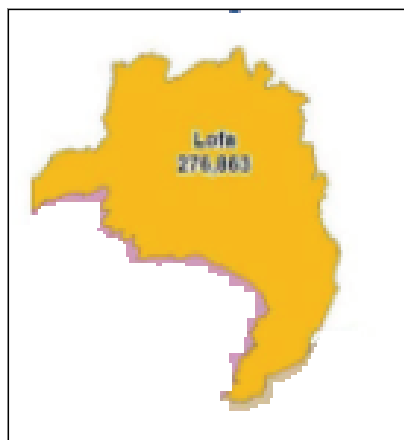




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## Lofa County Profile

**Map of Lofa**



Lofa County has seven (7) Political districts and one township. The capital City is Voinjama. The County has 6 Liberian tribes ;( Lorma, Kissi, Gbande, Kpelle, Mende and Mandingo)

Traditional culture remains strong in Lofa with Poro and Sande Societies play a critical role in the education and initiation of boys and girls.

Lofa began a County in 1964. The symbol of Lofa is a flag comprised of three colors green, light blue, and brown. In the middle of the flag, there is a hand holding a stick across a river which symbolizes unity. The river in the middle is the Lofa River which is named after the County.

Lofa lies in the north western corner of the Country.

Lofa is bounded on the north by Guinea, west by Sierra Leone and on the south by Gbopolu and Bong Counties. Lofa is the third largest County in Liberia.

The climate in Lofa is tropical hot and humid. The temperature normally ranges annually from 24°C to 30°C (75°F to 85°F). Lofa has an average rain fall of around 115 inches.

Important mountains ranges are the Wologisie, Wutizi and Wanigisi. The soil of Lofa is clay loam, sandy clay loam. And the vegetation is composed of tropical of rain forest and low bush. Agriculture products of the County are Rice, Cocoa, Coffee and Sugar cane. Mining products of the County are Gold & Diamond.

### Population per District

District	Male	Female	Total
<i>Foya</i>	36,152	37,150	73,312
<i>Kolahun</i>	28,586	31,971	60,557
<i>Quardu Gbondi</i>	8,824	9,961	18,785
<i>Salayea</i>	11,399	12,179	23,578
<i>Vahun</i>	8,621	8,516	17,137
<i>Voinjama</i>	20,623	22,516	42,790
<i>Zorzor</i>	19,406	21,298	40,704
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>276,863</b>

### Liberia 2008 Population Density, Area Acres and Hectares in square Miles

County	Total	Male	Female	Area	Acres	Ha	Density
Lofa	276,863	133,611	143,253	3,809.68	2,438,206.58	986,707.20	73

**Number of Schools per District**

Foya-----	80
Kolahun-----	92
Salayea-----	20
Vahun-----	13
Voinjama and Quardu Gbondi-----	83
Zorzor-----	<u>55</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>343</b>

Junior Colleges are 2, Lofa County Community College and the free Pentecostal College all in Voinjama City with one teacher training Institute in Fissebu Town, Zorzor District.

The Total number of health facilities in Lofa County, 57 health facilities, 50 clinics, 3 health centers and 4 referrer hospitals including personnel's per district.

See table below for details.

S/N	DISTRICT	# of Facilities			Total	PERSONNEL						Total Personnel
		Clinic	Health Center	Hosp.		Dr.	PA	RN	CM	LPN	Lab Technician	
1	Foya	10	0	1	11	1	6	22	16	3	1	49
2	Kolahun	10	1	1	12	2	7	19	18	1	1	48
3	Salayea	8	0	0	8	0	1	10	15	4	0	30
4	Vahun	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	4	1	0	9
5	Voinjama and Quardu Gbondi	14	0	1	15	3	12	48	26	4	3	96
6	Zorzor	8	1	1	10	2	3	29	26	15	1	76
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>308</b>

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## Overview

This report cover the activities of the CSIO for the month of December 2013. During the period under review, the CSIO participated in coordination meetings, monitored projects under the AfT/CDA deliverables in Voinjama District and also participated in three days workshop with SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation.)

### 2.0 Achievements

During the period under review, the CSIO monitored the Voinjama City concrete pavement project that is on going. The CSIO also collected data on the market price of Voinjama Central Market. The CSIO benefited from a gift from SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation) two laptops and two GPS. The organization (SDC) has agreed to continue with the building of staffs' capacities.

See photos below:



Laptops Donated by SDC to CSIO

## 2.1 County coordination/collaboration

The CSIO participated in coordination meetings during the month that were held include; Education cluster meeting, Agriculture cluster meeting & CDSC.

The pavement of the major streets of Voinjama is put at 2.53 kilometer for the first phase. The on gone project completed at present is put at 1.0. The remaining to be done is 1.53 and the pavement contract is put at, \$2 Million USD. The contract is being carried out by China Liberia Ltd. and is closely monitored by the Ministry of Public Works and SIDA.

### 2.1.1 Key Results from PRS/CDA Deliverables

#### ❖ Pillar one (peace & Security pillar)

**BIN**- there is ten acres of land donated to government some point in time in yeala, Zorzor district for the construction of a joint securities barrack.

Security information gathered during the month under review states that the **BIN** office revealed that some Liberian refugees are expected to arrive in Liberia through Lofa County.

In Lofa County, there 29 (twenty nine) main borders entrance, 14 (fourteen) bye passes, 7 (seven) checkpoints with 6 (six) completed UNMIL quick impact projects and 3 (three) abandoned projects namely: Beyan's Town, Foya Tengia and Safudu Projects.

**MOJ/Probation**- reported that they currently have 15 persons convicted and place on probation.

The probationers were convicted on charges ranging from theft of property, negligent homicide, and aggravated assault, amongst other. Ten of these probationers are residing in **Voinjama District**, four in **Foya Statutory District**, and one in **Kolahun District**. As part of their services they provided rehabilitation for the probationers.

❖ Pillar two(Economic Transformation)

Voinjama District Women for Peace and Development (**VODWOPED**) is involved in skill, Peace building Development of today's youth around the county. They build skill in soap making, tailoring, weaving, raising of snails, honey, Milling of paddy rice and many more including human capacity development in Peace build and HIV Trainings.

See photos below:



Rice Milling Center



Equipment donated to VODWOPED by USAID



**VODWOPEDE Head Office in Voinjama, Lofa County**



**Equipment Donated to VODWOPEDE by Donors**



**The Tailoring Training Center**





**The weaving center of VODWOPED**



**Soap Making Center of VODWOPED**

This organization (**VODWOPED**) is implementing for **USAID, WFP, ORT, IRC** and **Plan Liberia**  
**USAID** and **ORT**- Donated the canal crushing machine and are involved in contracting Training Packages for  
**(VODWOPED)** Who carried out training for young people across the county,

**IRC**- and **Plan Liberia** – contract circle programs in tailoring while,

**WFP**- Contract the milling of paddy rice for school feeding. At present they (VOWOPED) are milling 50 metric tons of paddy rice.



**VODWOPEDÉ Rice Warehouse in Voinjama. Director of CSIO Visit warehouse of VODWOPEDÉ in Voinjama.**

**MoA** - Ministry of Agriculture is to start buying paddy rice by next month January 2014. The purchase will be done at every farmer’s selling point. Transportation of paddy rice will be done by the Ministry.

❖ Pillar three (Governance & Public Institution)

**BIN**- To start Aliens registration document inspection since the year is coming to an end in order to have correct statistics on aliens with in the county as compared to pass years.

**BIN**- Reported that the **UNMIL** Quick Impact Project at Beyan’s Town is nearly to completion.

**MPW**- The pavement of the streets of Voinjama now gone to 1.0 remaining pavement is 1.53. Total work on pavement for the first phase is 2.53 kilometers

❖ Pillar four (Human Development)

**MOE**- A survey is now ongoing by the education ministry which will determines the number of teachers by sex at is presently in the employ of the Ministry.

The CEO also reported that by next year 2014, the ministry will be conducting an educational survey that will be spearheaded by LISGIS.

**LTPP-** Is now selecting communities that they will be carrying out teaching of interesting individual who are willing to go to school.

❖ Pillar five (Cross Cutting issues)

**MoL-** reported that the Ministry conducted two weeks awareness on child Labor.

**MoL-** reported that employees of Tellewoyan hospital complain against the hospital concerning the services render the hospital with out being compensated. The MoL called for mediation conference and the case was concluded in favor of the complainant at which time the hospital paid the complainant \$ 235.00 USD (Two hundred and thirty five United States Dollars).

### **2.2.2. Humanitarian Issues (none for the month)**

#### **2.2.3 Coordination meeting**

**MoA-** Is Expected to start giving out empty begs for the purchased of paddy rice by the ministry from farmers.

**FAO-** The three modern poultry houses in Konia, Vezala and Foya chicken are now ready for sale for the Christmas season.

**MoE-** there is a survey ongoing by the ministry to know the number of teachers across the Country.

LISGIS to spearhead the Education survey by next year 2014.

## **2.2 Data collection**

The CSIO Participated in the HIES training which started from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2013. The training was aimed at training qualify people to participate in a year survey.

### **2.2.1 Survey Activities (none for the month)**

### 2.2.2 Routine County Data collection Activities

During the month, CSIO collected market prices from Voinjama. The market price is to compare prices of major consumer goods for the month.

Market Price monitoring details.

S/N	Commodity	Unit	Type/Origin	Weeks (Foya and Voinjama)			
				Foya		Voinjama	
				1 <sup>st</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	1 <sup>st</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week
1	Parboiled Rice	50 kg	Indian			2,900	3,000
2	Butter Rice	50 kg	Thailand			3,000	3,000
3	Other Rice	50 kg	White Rice(Vietnam)			2,600	2,600
4	Cassava	1 kg	Liberia			450	450
5	Charcoal	1 bag	"			230	200
6	Palm oil	1 gallon	"			450	400
7	Cane Juice	1 gallon	"			350	350
8	Gasoline	1 gallon	"			400	400
9	<b>Exchange rate(LD to USD)</b>					<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>



### 2.3 Dissemination (non for the month)

2.3.1 Product disseminated

2.3.2 Requests **Received/Addressed**

### 3.0 Administration

#### 3.1 Red Flag issues:

CSIO remain to reflect issues that are impediment to the smooth operation of the office.

- 1- Lacking stationeries,
- 2- Fuel supply no longer available,
- 3- Lacking of petty cash.

#### 3.2 Yellow Flag issues:

The servicing of the three motor bikes remains a serious problem to the CSIO. Almost all of the computers at the CSIO are corrupted with Virus at the result; it is difficult to operate on them.

#### 4.0 Constraints/Challenges

Challenges faced are the repair of equipment motor bikes the of cartographic materials and fuel to run the office.

#### 5.0 Recommendation

CSIO recommend to LISGIS headquarters to facilitate the repair and Maintenance of office equipment so that our partners will not be discouraged about providing more support.

### ANNEX-----A

#### SUMMARY OF STAFF December 2013 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE SHEET

No	Name of Staff	Position	# of Working days	Total days Worked	# of days Absent	comments
1	Joseph K. Bryant	Director	21	3	18	HIES Training H.Q
2	Jekeh F. Koiyan	Asst. Director	21	3	18	HIES Training H.Q
3	Sam A. Kpadeh	Research Officer	21	21	0	
4	Francis S. Kardar	Mapper	21	3	18	HIES Training H.Q
5	Abdullah O. Swaray	Data Manager	21	21	0	
6	Nathaniel Koikoi	Monitor	21	21	0	

7	Robert Z Moisema	Monitor	21	3	18	HIES Training H.Q
8	Yarkpawolo Kpadeh	Office Assistance	21	21	0	
9	James K. Kpadeh	Driver	21	16	5	Travel to H.Q

**ANNEX-----B**

**STATUS OF ASSETS, EQUIPMENT & TOOLS**

N	SERIAL NO	BAR CODE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
1	7146		DELL 1525 Laptop	Data Unit	Director	Faulty
2	-	-	5wooden tables	Data Unit	Data staff	Functional
3	J6zqx31	-	200 DELL Desktop	Data Unit	Asst.Director3	Functional
4	010-00422-01	-	Map 60csxGPS	Data Unit	Asst. Director	Functional
5	3B0827X47965	-	APC Backups CS650	Data Unit	Asst. Director	Functional
6	-	-	Digital Camera	Data Unit	Research Officer	Faulty
7	-	CST/UNDP/2/IMO/B4-13	Standing Fan	Data Unit	Director	Functional
8	0H85747082153C24	-	Dell 3000 Desk	Data Unit	Monitor	Functional
9	MGZ42539	-	Canon Printer 3D40	Data Unit	Director	Faulty
10	L63726080700D42	-	AUX Two SPLIT Air conditioner	Data Unit	Director	Faulty
11	-	-	Office Cabinet	Data Unit	Director	Faulty
12	-	-	Wooden Office Cabinet	Data Unit	Director	Functional
13	14114707	LBR000011275	Mark76 GARMIN GPS	Data Unit	Asst. Director	Faulty
14	TF125-159785	-	Suzuki TF125	Data Unit	Research Officer	Faulty
15	TS1852-184635	-	Suzuki TS185	Data Unit	Data Manager	Faulty
16	2FZ982S	UNDP/EC	Dell Desktop	Data Unit	Data Manager	Functional
17	CNCOL51385	LBR000014405	HP Laser Jet P2035 Printer	Data Unit	Data Manager	Functional
18		2	Executive Chairs	Data Unit	Director	Faulty
19		10	Chairs	Data Unit	Director	Functional
20		1	Projector	Data Unit	Director	Functional
21		1	Yamaha AG 100	Data Unit	Asst. Director	Functional

**ANNEX-----C**

**Monthly vehicle movement log (none for the Month)**

**ANNEX----D**

**Monthly fuel usage log-(none for the Month)**

**ANNEX----E**

**Pictorials of interest for the Month**



**Some Activities of VODWOPED (Soap making).**



**Pavement of Voinjama City major streets.**



**Soap making & Rice milling process ongoing at the VODWOPEDÉ processing site.**





**VODWOPEDE poultry Site in Voinjama City.**



Main Road leading to Mandingo Quarter



Main road leading to Monrovia Parking



Main road leading to Central Voinjama



Main Road leading to the administrative

The Photos above shows the Pavement work ongoing of Voinjama city major streets.