ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Natural Resource Women Platform

Amplifying Women Voices in Liberia · For partners and funders · 2026

NRWP at a glance

Legal status	Registered, non-profit, women-led grassroots organization in Liberia · Registration no. 500274188
History	Established in 2010 (as the Liberia Forest Women Platform), formally launched in 2012, incorporated in 2014
Office	Corner of Benson & McDonald Streets, P.O. Box 5643, Monrovia, Liberia
Where we work	11 of Liberia's 15 counties, with women organized from clan to national level
Who we work with	Rural women farmers, women human rights defenders, Indigenous and forest women, and concession-affected communities
Reach (2025–26)	984 people directly, most of them women
Networks	Member of ESCR-Net, the WoMin African Alliance, FEMNET, the Coalition for Human Rights in Development, and the African Women's Climate Assembly (Steering Committee)
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Who we are

The Natural Resource Women Platform (NRWP) is a feminist, women-led grassroots movement of women who depend on land, forests, water and other natural resources. It was founded by forest women, many with little formal schooling, who came together from across Liberia to speak for themselves. In 2012, at Kon Town, Grand Cape Mount County, women miners, marketers and charcoal producers joined them, and the platform took its present name.

Today NRWP builds an organized movement of grassroots women leaders, women human rights defenders, rural women farmers and concession-affected communities who are advancing land rights, climate justice and sustainable livelihoods across Liberia.

Our mission

To build and strengthen women-led grassroots movements that defend land rights, protect natural resources, advance climate and environmental justice, and challenge systems of inequality.

Our vision

A platform that enables natural resource-dependent women in Liberia to express their own ideas and concerns about the challenges to their progress and empowerment, and to develop a common plan to address them.

How change happens: our layered approach

1. Economic entry
Savings groups and livelihoods build trust and women's independence

2. Rights awareness
Women learn their land rights and the Right to Say No

3. Leadership
Women step into leadership in their communities and counties

4. Organizing
Connected women's structures influence decisions, locally to globally

What we do

Our work rests on five pillars: knowledge building, movement building, capacity building, livelihoods and economic resilience, and climate justice and just transition.

984 people reached directly	**11** counties covered	**14** savings groups set up	**6** county leadership structures
210 trained on the Right to Say No	**60** women defenders supported	**120** women in leadership training	**20+** Indigenous seed varieties preserved

Results for April 2025 – April 2026, from NRWP's Annual Report 2025–26.

Program	What we do and what has changed
Economic empowerment	Village savings and loan groups reaching 500 people, with training in financial planning and group governance. Women report better household stability and more say in family decisions.
Rights awareness: Right to Say No	Training on land rights, free, prior and informed consent and community consent. Communities now question land deals and engage authorities more actively.
Women's leadership	Leadership training for 120 women and six county-level women's leadership structures that link villages to national processes.
Protection of women defenders	Legal empowerment, protection and peer support for 60 women land and environmental defenders; a protection toolkit in development.
Ecological solutions	A community seed bank in Sackie Town, Bomi County; five women-led communal farms in Grand Bassa; three cassava mills serving four communities in Sinoe; climate adaptation training.
Research and advocacy	*From Fields to Frontlines* (2026), a survey of 124 farmers in six counties; advocacy at COP30 in Belém and COP31 in Antalya; national engagement on land and climate policy.



How we are governed

NRWP is led by women at every level. The **Women's Assembly** is our highest decision-making body. A **Secretariat**, led by a Head chosen by the Assembly, runs day-to-day work. **County, district and clan caucuses** make sure women in every town and forest community are represented.

Leadership

Lue Nyemah	Chairlady
Yongor Darwolo	Co-Chairlady
Aderlyn Bernard	Secretary
Massa P. Turay	Treasurer

Staff

Radiatu H. S. Kahnplaye	Lead Coordinator / Policy Advisor
Veronica B. Gray	Head of Secretariat
Mercy A. Jlanyeneh	Program Assistant
Alfred B. Kiawu	Finance Officer

How we use resources

In 2025–26, most of NRWP's resources went directly to communities.



Community programs (60%) Operations and staffing (25%) Movement building and coordination (10%) Documentation and learning (5%)

NRWP's Finance Officer manages its accounts and financial reporting to partners.

Where we are going

- **Scale our integrated approach** to more communities, linking livelihoods, rights, leadership and ecological practice without losing depth.
- **Strengthen movement infrastructure**: communication, convenings and coordination linking savings groups, leadership structures and networks.
- **Deepen rights-based advocacy**, so that grassroots experience shapes decisions on land, natural resources and climate.
- **Convene a Women and Natural Resources Summit**, with county consultations leading to a national summit of grassroots women, defenders, farmers and policymakers.



Where partners can help

Area	What support would make possible
Core, flexible support	Staff, coordination and accompaniment of women's structures over time
Women and Natural Resources Summit	County consultations, documentation of women's demands and a national summit
Women defenders	Protection toolkit roll-out, legal support and a small emergency fund
Livelihoods and seed	More savings groups, seed banks and processing for women farmers
Evidence	The next round of the women farmers survey, and feedback visits to communities

Why partner with NRWP

- **Rooted:** founded and led by the women most affected, with structures in 11 counties.
- **Proven:** clear results in 2025–26 and evidence that reaches decision makers, from Monrovia to COP.
- **Good value:** 60% of resources go directly to community programs.
- **Connected:** part of African and global feminist and climate justice networks.



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