

## Overview of

The Transitional Justice Research Project

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## Rebuilding A New Liberian Society On Justice, Truth, Mercy And Peace

## Background of TJWG

- Date of formation: November 2003
- Mission: Help rebuild a new Liberian society based on truth, justice, mercy and peace.

## TJWG Membership

1. Association of Female Lawyers in Liberia
2. Catholic Justice and Peace Commission
3. Center for Democratic Empowerment
4. Flomo Theater
5. Fore-Runners of Children Universal Rights for Survival Growth and Development
6. Forum for African Women Educationalists
7. Foundation for Human Rights and Democracy
8. Foundation for International Dignity
9. Humanist Watch Liberia
10. Liberia Democracy Institute
11. Liberia Democracy Watch
12. Liberia Girls' Guide Association
13. Movement for Democracy and Human Rights
14. National Human Rights Center of Liberia
15. Oxfam GB
16. Pentecostal Church of God Action for Development and Peace
17. True Witness
18. West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
19. Search for Common Ground (SFCG/TDS)

## Aim of the TJWG

- Provide the forum for members to learn, debate, strategize together about justice and accountability, and stimulate and influence public discussions about transitional justice in the Liberian context.

## TJWG Objectives

- Educate members;
- Develop an analysis concerning transitional justice;
- Develop & implement strategies
- Elimination of a culture of impunity
- Ensure the CSO participation
- Serve as a resource to the TRC; and
- Lobby the TRC

## Activities of TJWG

- **Research and publication-draft TRC Law for Liberia and transitional justice research**
- **Capacity building for members and CSOs-training on transitional justice mechanism-TRC, special courts & tribunals.**
- **Media and advocacy-radio debates, TV and community discussions and forum theatre to create public awareness on transitional justice issues**

## Why the Transitional Justice Research Project

- Address concerns on rebuilding the society
- Concerns on human rights violations
- Concerns on reconciliation and healing
- Concerns on needs of victims
- Find answers to transitional justice issues

## Stakeholders of the research

- Transitional Justice Working Group
- The United States Agency for International Development Office of Transition Initiative
- Creative Associates International, Inc.
- Greeberg Quinlan Rosner, Inc.
- Subah Belleh Associates

## Uniqueness of the study

- First national study on transitional justice in Liberia
- Reliable results
- Answer all of the concerns and questions
- Conduct during the transitional period
- Opportunity to influence transitional Justice process

## How will the results be used?

- Transitional justice mechanism or model
- Influencing policy framework & legislation

## Beginning the Dialogue

- Work with NGOs, civil groups
- Engage decision and policy makers for policy change
- Conduct community consultations throughout Liberia
- Design programs for reconciliation and healing

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