



## Mission Statement

of the German Organisation

### ***Help Liberia – Kpon Ma***

The German club „**Help Liberia-Kpon Ma**“ is a humanitarian organisation to help the Liberian people living in the rural area of Liberia medically.

After a very long civil war in Liberia the country has established a stable democracy. But the Liberian government needs more to rebuild yet the medical infrastructure. Especially in the hinterland thousands of people have no access to any hospital, doctor or not even to a pharmacy. And the maternal and child mortality is still one of the worlds highest concerning to the UNMIL. This is why we German citizens feel very pity with the Liberian people.

So for a temporary period of time we want to provide medical help in a similar way the president of the NGO has worked under the NGO „Cap Anamur“ before. This supposed to be focussed to the Bong County and because of this the one part of the name of our club is held in the Kpelle Language which is the most common in this area ( „Kpon Ma Te“ means „help me“ )

The main aim of the NGO is to run bush clinics, also called „outposts“. These buildings and the properties are owned by the communities and are provided by them for this purpose.

Allways on market days when the most people are coming from the hinterland for shopping and others the clinics are open.

Trained very experienced Primary Health Workers who got their education for many years in the Bong Mine Hospital mostly from German doctors are there during these days. They examine every patient, prescribe them medication or do small urgent surgery and dressing. Extremely serious cases we help to go to the hospital. If possible the screeners give a short lecture in basic health education to the crowd of patients before the treatment day.

Every patient is registered in name, adress, sex and age by a voluntary secretary. She also takes a small fee of never more than 35.- Liberian Dollars from every patient. Those patients who can not afford even this are written for free.

All the symptoms, the diagnosis and the treatment is recorded also for a follow up. The drugs are given accordingly to the prescription also by trained workers in a dispensary in the same building. These drugs are all coming only from big reputable pharmacies in Monrovia and are carried by Liberian transport systems to the bush. So we additionally support the Liberian economy small, too.

Further we have voluntary workers from the community and around to guard the drugs in the outposts, to guide the crowd of patients which can reach somedays over onehundred, to maintain the buildings, to provide drinking water and so on.

Thereby we ensure that the community is involved good in their own interest. The small collection of the patients fee is shared among these workers for their efforts.

Also all the renovation of the clinics is done alone by natives.

Only the screeners who are responsible for the clinics and the Outpost Supervisor get a small salary regulary but we do not plan to establish an office in Liberia.

The financial base of the NGO are membership fees payed by people who have a deep feeling for the Liberians by any means. They donate regulary and the head members of the club decides together the purpose of every expenditure according the by-laws.

The money is send by money transfer companies to Liberia.

Besides the medical treatment in each clinic also a least one, sometimes two experienced midwives trained from the Bong Mine Hospital are working in the clinics. They make not only check ups for the pregnant women but they help for hygienically clean deliveries throughout the time.

For that we provide them separate rooms equipped with all tools and bed and delivery table. The conditions are prepared for every mother day and night seven days in the week.

We want to work together very familiar with the Liberian authorities which is the governement and even its representative the District Health Officer.

Besides that all in the near future we hope to be able provide also an extra room for vaccination checks and campaigns.

All these efforts are allways in the understanding of humanitarian purpose!

The German club „**Help Liberia-Kpon Ma**“ wants to help the most vulnerable and we hope to realize that, you all help us, too!

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