





The Carter Center support to LEON

	Implementing partner(s)	The Carter Center and the Liberia Elections Observation Network (LEON)
	Location	Nationwide
	Agreement period	July 2021 – June 2025
	Budget total	31 300 000 SEK

Overview and objectives

The project "Strengthening citizen voices to advance electoral reform and democratic governance" will be carried out by the Liberia Elections Observation Network (LEON) through the Carter Center. The overall goal is that by 2024, LEON will have increased capacity to operate independently and will have contributed to the strengthening of democratic elections, governance, and an informed citizenry through credible non-partisan and evidence-based citizen observation around elections and democratic processes.

This intervention will support a two-fold objective in line with the Swedish strategy (2021-2025) by contributing to consolidation of democracy, including oversight, transparency and accountability while also strengthening the watchdog role of civil society. In addition, this support complements the UNDP elections support (2021-2024) also supported by the embassy and which seeks to continue strengthening the electoral processes and institutions, in particular the National Elections Commission (NEC).

Activities

This project will focus on the following main areas of activity:

- advocacy on electoral and constitutional reforms
- monitoring the legislative branch to improve transparency
- accountability, and citizen engagement
- conducting discussion groups to ensure citizen input on legislative and government programs
- conducting national surveys that generate results that can guide policy
- facilitation of county-level discussions on key topics to address information gaps outside of Monrovia
- observation of legislative by-elections and the 2023 national election.



Figure 1: Woman voting in Liberian Elections.
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