

# DESCENDANT S OF GRAND BASSA

"THINK GRAND BASSA ALWAYS"



#### INTRODUCTION



Overview of Liberia: Contextualizing Grand Bassa County within Liberia's geography.

Population: Approx. 5 million Liberia's 15 counties



Focus: Grand Bassa County's history, culture, and developmental efforts.

#### **GEOGRAPHY OF GRAND BASSA COUNTY**

- Location: Central coastal Liberia, bordered by Margibi, River Cess, and Bong counties.
- Area: Approx. 7,936 square kilometers.
- Key Features:
  - Atlantic Ocean coastline
  - River systems: St. John River
  - Capital: Buchanan

#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- Pre-Colonial Era: Indigenous tribes like the Bassa people.
- Colonial Period: Influence of freed African-Americans and settlers in the 1800s.
- Post-Independence: Role in Liberia's national history.
  - Contributions during the civil wars.

#### **ECONOMY AND RESOURCES**

- Agriculture: Subsistence farming—cassava, rice, palm oil.
- Mining and Natural Resources:
  - Rubber plantations (e.g., Firestone)
  - Iron ore mining (Buchanan is a key export hub).
- Fishing and Timber: Coastal fishing communities and forests.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Transportation: Key roads connecting Buchanan to Monrovia and other regions.
- Port of Buchanan: Major economic hub for iron ore export.
- Education and Healthcare:
  - Schools and health facilities are gradually improving post-war.
- Challenges: Infrastructure gaps due to war damage.

#### **CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- Bassa Culture: Traditional music, dance, and folklore.
- Festivals: Celebrating the county's rich cultural diversity.
- Tourism Potential:
  - Historical sites: Fortsville, old missionary settlements.
  - Natural beauty: Beaches along the Atlantic coast.

#### TRIBES IN GRAND BASSA

 Grand Bassa County was among the three counties that originally formed the Republic of Liberia. The two major tribes are Bassa and Kpelle, followed by the Kru. Previously one of the more economically vibrant counties, during the war most economic activities were halted and the infrastructure was looted.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENT

#### Economic Initiatives:

- Infrastructure projects, road construction, and electrification efforts.
- NGOs to start working in the region for education, healthcare, and development (e.g., Descendants of Grand Bassa and their HEART initiatives).

#### Challenges:

Poverty, unemployment, post-war recovery.

#### DESCENDANTS OF GRAND BASSA

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1. The name of the organization shall be [ **Descendants of Grand Bassa**], henceforth referred to as the "**NGO/ Project- Based Group**".

#### Article II:

- Purpose
- 1. The purpose of the "NGO/ Project- Based Group" to collaborate with the residents of Grand Bassa County, to improve the quality of life, by facilitating high impact projects through its HEART\* initiatives: Healthcare, Education, Agriculture, Revitalization (Infrastructure), Tourism (Return to Grand Bassa 2026), and Sports

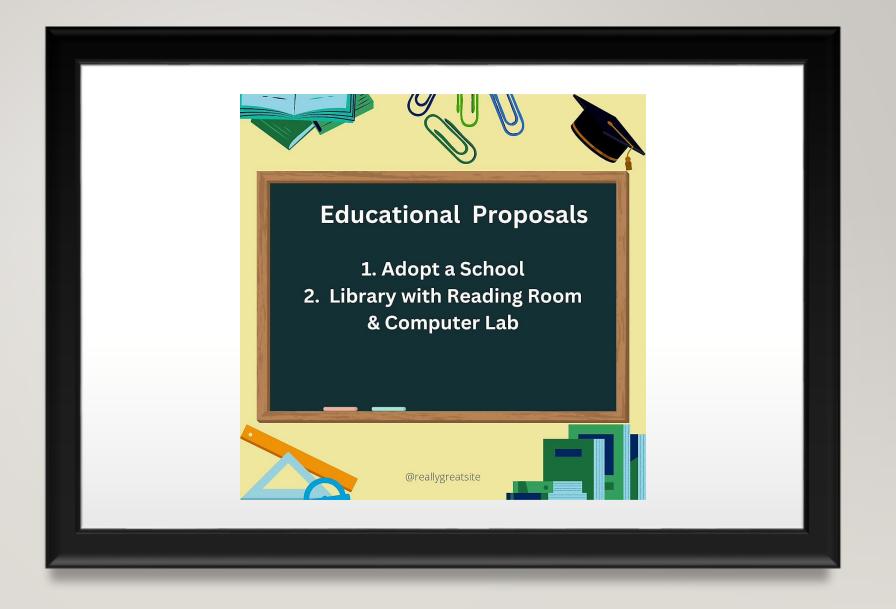
#### PROJECTS IDENTIFIED TO BE IMPLEMENTED



HEARTSHEALTHCAREEDUCATIONAGRICULTUREREVITALIZATIONTOURISM-SPORTS



#### **EDUCATION**



#### **AGRICULTURE**



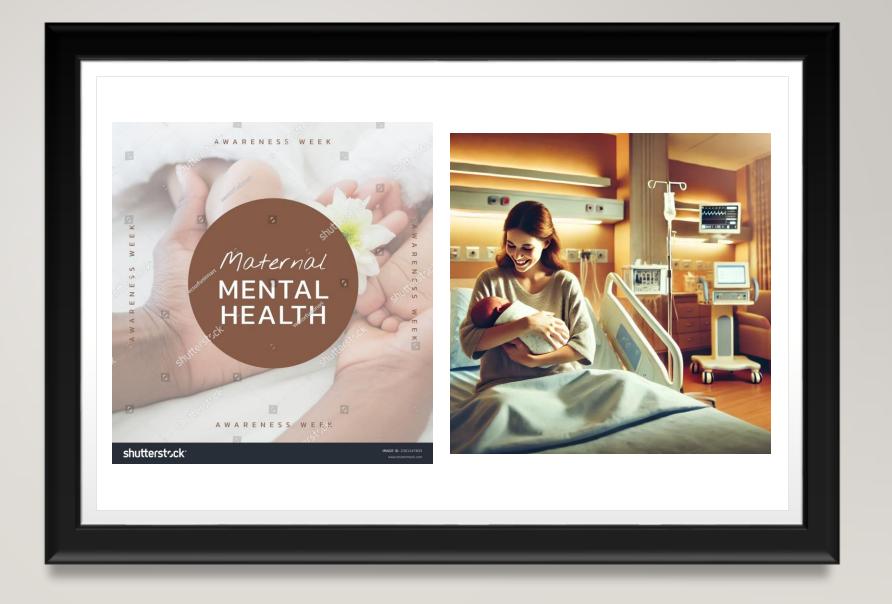
REVITALIZATION/INFRASTUCTURE



### **TOURISM**



IST PROJECT-BABY & MOM WARD WITH MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING



## 2<sup>ND</sup> PROJECT- MASSIVE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN OF BUCHANAN CITY









# TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

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