

2023 Annual Report

Episcopal Church of Liberia Development Society (ECL-DS)

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Overview of Goals and Objectives

- Established February 2019 by a mandate of the Special Diocesan Convention. Incorporated 2021 as Episcopal Church of Liberia Development Society, non profit organized under the Laws of Liberia.
- Board of Directors: Bro. Gerald FB Cooper – Chairperson, Sis. Deontee T. King-Sackie – Vice Chairperson, Bro. Christopher Fayia, Sis. Elizabeth Nelson, Rev. Enid Cole, Bro. Garway Bright & Bro. John Mellish.
- Goals set for 2023: secure World Bank Retrap grant, complete poultry farm renovation & start Farm operation under Trinity Agro Corporation Inc. **Accomplished.**
- Conclude partnership agreements with Timbali after matching World Bank StarP grant approval process. **Pending**



Performance Highlights

- Trinity Agro Corporation (TAC) established to own and operate agriculture projects of the ECL and Cuttington University
- TAC submitted grants proposals to LACF for Retrap, StarP and to USAID for matching funding (two local & one international)
- TAC is Manage by 7 Member Board of Directors from ECLDS & CU
- Nature of Grants – Poultry and Horticulture/Animal Feed & providing training/support to small farmers and households back yard gardens
- RETRAP Matching Grant – US\$232,725.00 – RETRAP – US\$139,635 (60%) & TAC – US\$93,090 (40%). Drawdown at year ending 2023, US\$51,381.10.



Highlights of Challenges

- Securing Star-P matching grants and USAID value addition funding
- Elections and appointment of new Government is delaying due diligent and grant approval
- Resulting to delay in signing agreement with Timbali and fast cashflow turn over.
- ECL-DS & TAC is building a long term “shared vision” relationship that will generate resources and help the local communities / small farmers & house whole backyard gardeners.
- Identify talented Episcopalian in agro value chain services



Outlook for the Next Year

- Expand the TAC poultry farm to produce 10K plus chickens for market and small holder farmers/householders
- Continue with efforts to secure grants for the agriculture and animal feed processing projects
- Start mixing fertilizers from chicken waste for use and sale to market
- Complete partnership documents with Timbali and start operation
- Create a robust cashflow to source short term capital from Bank.
- Activate the Food Science and Climate Technology and Innovation Lab at Cuttington to support organic and local food value eco system and train talents to evaluate standards.



Recommendation

- Churches with farmland contact TAC to have their land information register for soil testing and evaluation towards a sustainable partnership with Trinity Agro Corporation.
- ECL and CU leadership endorse the GOL national agriculture policy privately and publicly so that TAC can benefit to the fullest of the agriculture grants and incentives such as duty free and transborder trading of goods and services
- ECL Board of Trustees (BOT) continue to support the efforts of the ECL-DS's Board Members

