

Workshop Strengthens Community Conflict Resolution in Liberia

With support from the European Union (EU), the Research and Action for Peace (REcAP) Network organised a three-day capacity-building workshop in Ganta City, Nimba County, Liberia, from 4 to 6 July 2024. This workshop aimed to equip 20 participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to address and mitigate conflicts, prevent violent extremism, manage crises, and promote peaceful coexistence and social cohesion in their communities and workplaces in Nimba County.

The participants included eight females and twelve males from civil society organisations, community youth structures, religious groups, and local authorities directly involved in peacebuilding and conflict prevention interventions.



The beneficiaries expressed deep appreciation for the training and committed to applying the acquired knowledge and skills to mentor others, resolve disputes, and improve workplace relations in their communities and organisations.

The training achieved significant milestones, as participants from seven communities and five organisations in Nimba County gained essential skills and techniques for peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and decision-

making. They developed a deeper understanding of conflict analysis tools, sensitive peacebuilding approaches, and effective alternative dispute resolution strategies. Additionally, the training equipped them with the ability to identify key conflict and peace indicators, focusing on early warning signs to minimise conflict risks. Participants enhanced their mediation skills, recognising it as the most effective alternative dispute resolution tool for their communities. The training also improved their awareness of the distinctions between the concept of gender and sex, as well as gender equality and gender equity. Finally, participants received tools for conducting diagnostic assessments, conflict analysis, and planning appropriate strategies for managing disputes constructively and non-violently.

The capacity-building training in Ganta City is the first of five workshops planned for Bong, Lofa, Grand Bassa, and Montserrado Counties, each targeting 20 participants. These efforts aim to support peacebuilding and technical skills development for preventing conflict at community levels, universities, and workplaces.