

RFSU: SRHR Support

| | Implementing partner(s) | RFSU (The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education) |
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| m2 | Location | National |
| | Agreement period | January 2021 – December 2024 |
| (6) | Budget total (Sweden) | 21 635 000 SEK |

Overview and objectives

RFSU's theory of change is based on assumptions that when Liberian civil society actors advocating for the realization of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Liberia regularly engage with each other: to network and share information to build relationships, and to strategize in a coordinated manner, SRHR in Liberia will be advanced nationally. RFSU's intervention will strengthen SRHR civil society actors in their technical knowledge of SRHR issues as well as their capacity in this area.

The programme aims to stimulate a Liberian civil society movement to ensure that all people in Liberia are free to exercise bodily and sexual autonomy regardless of power and wealth.



Figure 1: ARN awareness event. Photo credit: RFSU

The programme outcomes target Liberian civil society organisations to ensure that CSOs:

- have advanced SRHR;
- Increase knowledge and awareness about bodily autonomy, sexuality, and rights among Liberia youth, women, and marginalized populations as well as relevant stakeholders; and
- become vocal in claiming SRHR.

Activities

RFSU facilitated the formation and official launch of the Amplifying Rights Network, a network of 10 local civil society organizations formed through a network Charter guided by the human rights-based approach and with a strong commitment to pursue the broad SRHR agenda jointly and individually in Liberia. The project contributed to the participation of 74 persons from civil society, INGOs and the government to review and reflect on the SRHR-related recommendations from Liberia participation in the 3rd Universal Periodic Review. As a result, civil society has an agreed process to monitor how the government addresses the UPR recommendations that they have accepted. RFSU supports regular coordination meetings of the partners within the Embassy SRHR portfolio: RFSU, Kvinna till Kvinna, UNFPA, ActionAid, and UN Women. These meetings enable partners to listen and learn from each other and harness synergies within the portfolio.