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Liberia: Sen. Taylor Breaks Ground For Two Legislative Projects

Bong County Senior Senator Jewel Howard Taylor over the weekend broke grounds for the implementation of legislative projects in the county.

The projects include the renovation of the Jorwah Clinic situated at the border town of Jorwah in Panta Zota, Bong County, and the reconstruction of the Teasley Mission School in Salala, Lower Bong. The projects will be implemented by the Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE).

According to Sen. Taylor, the projects, when completed, will bring needed relief to the citizens of the target areas, expressing delight that at long last the critical projects will soon commence as a means of promoting development which is her dream for the people of Bong County.

She stressed the significance of the reconstruction of the Jorwah Clinic, noting that when completed the project will benefit both Guineans and Liberians since the location is closer to Guinea and Guineans often plying the area.

The Bong County senator, who identified the project prior to her re-election in 2014, noted that citizens in the Jorwah area were at a great disadvantage, owing to the fact that they had to walk several miles in search of medical attention.

She said this has posed danger to the existence of the people of Jorwah and its environs.

"The completion of the project will bring to an end, amongst other things, the use of torch-lights and lantern by midwives in delivering pregnant women," she said, acknowledging the wisdom of former Liberian and Guinean Presidents, William R. Tolbert and Guinean Sekou Toure, who saw the need to build the facility in the 1970s to provide health care services to rural dwellers.

Madam Taylor vowed to ensure completion of the project, and not to allow the dreams of former great presidents of the two countries wasted.

As a means of kick-starting the project, the Bong County Senator informed implementing partner LACE that under the National budget for Legislative projects, US\$ 50,000.00 has been approved as initial funding for the renovation work on the health facility.

LACE Executive Director Mr. Julius K. Sele commenting at the occasion admonished citizens of the County to be grateful to their lawmakers, noting that their advocacy for development in the County is always in the right direction.

Mr. Sele asserted that in order for the project to be successful, citizens should fully participate and cooperate, since indeed the project is their own and will serve their best interest.

He promised to work with every citizen in the County where projects are undertaken by his agency to meet the expectations of everyone especially in achieving the purpose for which his agency was hired by the government and the people of Bong County.

Also speaking at the groundbreaking ceremonies was Certified Midwife Annie S. Togba who expressed her happiness for the project.

She indicated that with a very small facility available, more than 150 persons are being catered to on a daily basis, something she said has been posing serious stress on services being rendered.

Madam Togba noted that their ability to fully perform their duties will be enhanced when the project is completed, since they will no longer have to work under strenuous condition.

Some citizens from nearby Guinea who attended the groundbreaking ceremony also said they were glad that renovation works on the clinic had started, noting that they will no longer have to walk several miles in search of medical attention.

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