

***The Initiative for Inclusive Security
Civil Society Consultation***

***Women civil society leaders' recommendations
for the Government of Liberia and the international community***

Security Sector Reform

1. Increase the role of women in security sector reform by engaging women-led civil society organizations in: transforming public perception of the military and police, strengthening disarmament, and recruiting women for the armed forces and police.

Education

2. Promote girls and women's education through scholarships focused particularly on increasing the number of women educators and trainers.
3. Foster education by providing more educational opportunities outside Monrovia, strengthening the mass literacy program, and mobilizing community support.
4. Ensure that women are 60% of participants all training and education programs, particularly those that will enhance leadership skills and enable them to improve living standards in their communities.

Crime and Justice

5. Improve law enforcement and provide counseling for victims to guarantee that rape and sexual violence are no longer treated with impunity.
6. Reduce the incidence of rape by using women's civil society organizations to monitor law enforcement and judicial treatment of perpetrators and victims of rape.

Health

7. Push the international community to enable women's organizations to prevent HIV/AIDS, enhance reproductive health care, minimize tuberculosis, and raise health awareness among youth.

Economic Empowerment

8. Ensure that government revises the law on property rights to clarify land ownership and women's ownership rights.
9. Establish a special court to settle land disputes and mandate that 50 percent of the judges be well-trained women.
10. Require that international non-governmental organizations partner with local nongovernmental organizations on all projects, and award women's local non-governmental organizations with one-third of contracts.

Community Development and Social Support

11. Establish support groups in each county for returning refugees. Assist local women's groups in different counties to provide psychosocial support to returning refugees.