



LRC Validation Workshop Participants

# Liberia Legislative Reform Committee



Members of the LRC review the draft Hazardous Work List and Light Work List ahead of the validation workshop in NACOMAL's office at the Ministry of Labor.

Legislative reform for child labor issues is a strong priority for the Liberian government. Through collaboration with the CLEAR II project, the National Commission on Child Labor in Liberia (NACOMAL) has established a Legislative Reform Committee (LRC) is to review and analyze child labor laws to make recommendations for reform and support advocacy to the Liberian legislature for the validation of policy.

The LRC was officially launched on December 5,

2017, to begin work on legislative analysis and drafting regulations on laws pertaining to children. It includes members from the government, including the Ministries of Labor and Education, and other key stakeholders. Figure 1 (next page) illustrates the LRC's membership by gender, organization affiliation, and position.

The task of the LRC is to review and analyze child labor laws to make recommendations for reform and support advocacy to the Liberian legislature for the validation of policy, including the domestication of International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention 182 and the ratification of ILO Convention 138. In less than a year, the LRC has become a proven government structure that has hosted meetings discuss and analyze children's laws and make recommendations for reform. CLEAR II partner LWOB has provided coaching through workshops, Skype calls, and email exchanges to help facilitate the LRC's activities.

The successes of the LRC to date include developing draft Hazardous Work Lists and Light Work Lists for children, revising and analyzing child labor laws, and contributing to the development of regulations and guidelines for children laws. These

policies and amendments, which include the Hazardous and Light Work Lists, Decent Work Acts amendments, and the Children Acts amendments. These policies and amendments were reviewed and validated on July 17, 2018 by the Ministry of Labor and LRC members. Though these policy documents have yet to be endorsed by the Liberian government, the LRC achieved many successes during its existence.

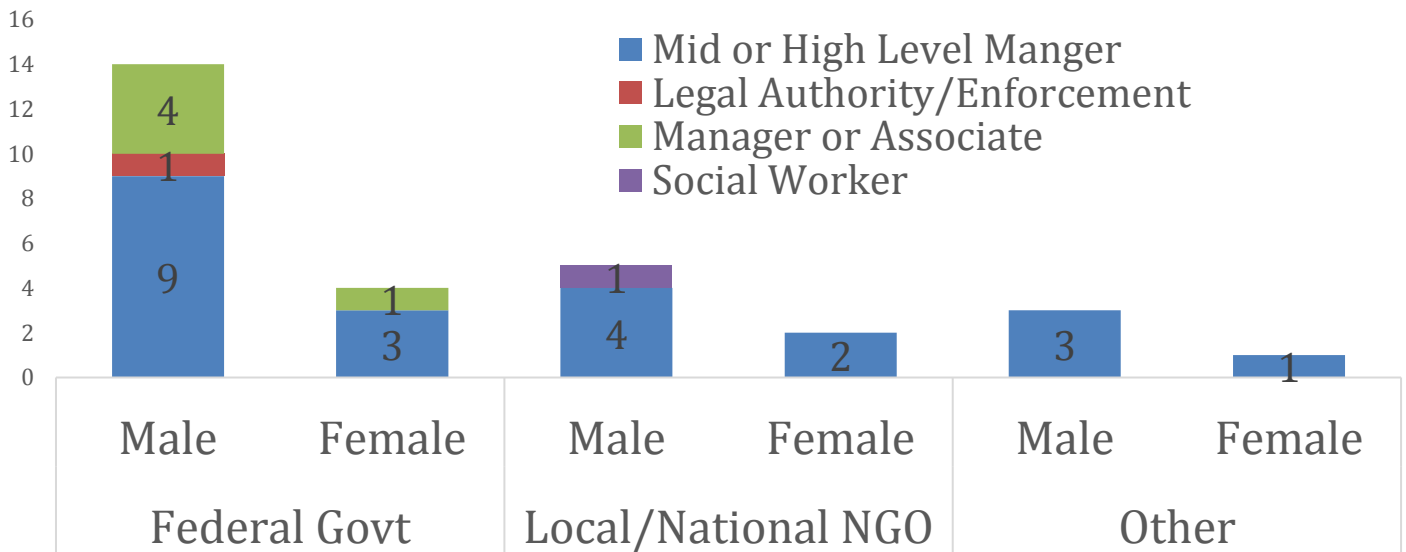
As a government structure, the LRC is motivated by the participation and supervision of NACOMAL in the Ministry of Labor, as well as participation from members of Parliament responsible for labor issues, including child labor. Currently, the Ministry of Labor through NACOMAL hosts LRC meetings independently to discuss and analyze children’s laws.



An Assistant Minister presents a certificate to an LRC member for completing a Child Labor Regulation Workshop. LRC members include government officials and representatives from civil society.

**FIGURE 1. LRC MEMBERSHIP**

## Liberia LRC Composition



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