



# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

THE PRESIDENT

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129

### THE EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 110 REPOSITIONING THE NATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE AGENCY (NFAA)

**WHEREAS**, the Country being able to feed and sustain itself by providing food security for its people is one of the strongest pillars in the ARREST agenda of the Government of Liberia;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 110 repositioning the National Food Assistance Agency (NFAA) which has expired was issued to address food insecurity and boost food availability and sustainability in Liberia;

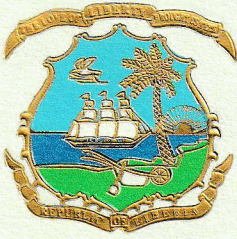
**WHEREAS**, Liberia has acceded to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) global initiative of ending hunger and poverty in the world by the year 2030;

**WHEREAS**, Liberia has been challenged over a long period of time to produce sufficient food to feed itself, to export other agricultural products for revenue gain and achievement of developmental goals;

**WHEREAS**, the Government in an effort to tackle its challenges and boost security in the food sector, calls on its international partners to include World Food Program, Food and Agriculture Organization and all others in the food assistance sector to provide logistical, technical and educational support to make this agenda achievable;

**WHEREAS**, the Agro-Liberian institutions who endeavour to take charge of reversing decades of deficiencies in the self-sufficient food industry of Liberia, and realizing that in order for the NFAA to complete its mandate and serve adequately as strong pillars in achieving one of the ARREST agenda, urge that NFAA is given an autonomous status to enable it operate independently to meet up with the demands and trends of global food insecurity and elimination of hunger by the year 2030;

**WHEREAS**, the NFAA operated by Executive Orders in 1970 and 1977. In the years in review, NFAA operated under the statutory mandate to coordinate and solicit on behalf of the Government of Liberia, relevant to food security, assistance from international partners such as the World Food Program (WFP), and the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), etc;



**WHEREAS**, NFAA embraces the statutory mandate of tackling food insecurity and realizes the urgency of achieving international objective to end hunger in the world by the year 2030. Issuing an Executive Order though it is only for a period of one year will commence the process of instituting measures to reform its food assistance sector;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of Liberia vest powers in the President to issue Executive Order that is in the best interest of the public, either to meet exigencies or address particular situations which cannot await lengthy legislative processes;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr. President of the Republic of Liberia hereby issue this executive order establishing the National Food Assistance Agency and mandate the agency as herein stipulated:

### **Section 1: Authority and Scope**

This Executive Order has established the authority, scope, functions and operations of the National Food Assistance Agency as stated below:

1. To make school feeding program sustainable across the country and tackle hunger through the Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) approach and ensure improved nutrition for Liberian school children to increase their access, participation, and achievement in learning outcomes (ie, enrolment, attendance and retention). This method will make use of food commodities produced locally as well as the donated food products. The approach will in turn increase agricultural productivity and income of smallholder farmers, thereby enhancing resilience to shocks among food insecure communities by promoting access of farmers to production and market opportunities;
2. To purchase from farmers excess produce to be processed and stored for distribution to schools, prisons, hospital and other institutions in case of needs or emergency;
3. To introduce food stamp and free meal for the following categories of people:
  - a) Physically challenged persons;
  - b) Single and vulnerable parents including young children, pregnant women and lactating mothers;
  - c) The aged, sick and mal-nourished children;
  - d) The children under-age without parental guidance and support.



4. To establish storage and processing facilities for local crops (cassava, plantain, eddoes, and rice) for distribution. This will augment food relief donation to Liberia.
5. To ensure that the National Food Assistance Agency (NFAA), receive, store, and conduct an effective distribution and supply of good quality food commodities to reach the Liberian public.
6. To provide a sustainable and reliable food security and nutrition systems through the establishment of regional food hubs, ensure compliance with established standards for food quality, monitor and distribute food commodities to the vulnerable, underprivileged individuals and disadvantaged institutions, store and facilitate market linkages for local farmers for surplus commodities.

## **Section 2: Application**

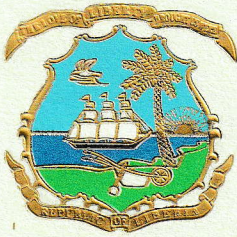
To ensure that the objectives of this Executive Order are fully implemented, the following measures will be taken:

1. That the National Legislature provide workable supplementary budget to augment and/or harmonize employees' basic salaries and enable NFAA to meet both its administrative and operational challenges;
2. Conduct a survey and create a comprehensive database of both local and international food-related NGOs in Liberia;
3. Ensure a proper monitoring mechanisms of food donations from foreign sources and their ultimate distribution and supply to targeted Liberian beneficiaries and institutions.
4. Ensure the continuous existence of regional food banks across the country for timely interventions in food assistance during natural disasters such as flood, quakes, drought, etc.

## **Section 3: Structure and Organization**

The Agency shall be structured to have:

1. A Board of Directors;
2. A Director-General, who shall be responsible for running the Agency along with two deputies: one for Administration, while the other is for Operations and



3. Directors heading the following different units of the Agency:

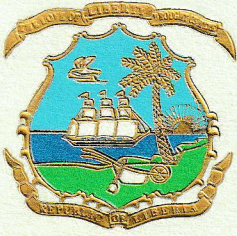
- a) Human Resources
- b) Public Relations
- c) Planning and Research
- d) Inspectorate
- e) Finance
- f) Procurement
- g) Maintenance
- h) Project and Program
- i) Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E)
- j) Technology
- k) Warehouse
- l) Security

**Section 4. The Board of Directors**

1. The Board of Directors shall have nine (9) voting members, to be appointed by the President of the Republic of Liberia. Membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- a) Ministry of Agriculture which serves as Chair
- b) Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) as Co-chair
- c) Ministry of Education - Member
- d) Ministry of Commerce - Member
- e) Ministry of Internal Affairs - Member
- f) General Services Agency - Member
- g) Liberia Chamber of Commerce - Member
- h) Liberia Marketing Association - Member
- i) National Food Assistance Agency - Secretary

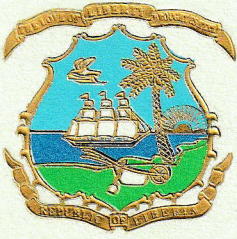
International organizations such as Food Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Program (WFP) serve as observer members.



2. The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties to:
  - a) Approve regulations for implementation of this Executive Order;
  - b) Approve the strategic plan of the Agency;
  - c) Review the annual reports presented by the Director-General;
  - d) Monitor and evaluate implementation of this Executive Order;
  - e) Establish committees whenever it deems necessary; and
  - f) By a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership of the Board of Directors, recommend to the President, for the removal of any member of the Board of Directors including the Director General for cause, including any acts incompatible with the Agency's or Board's rules or regulations.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of this Executive Order, the Board of Directors shall issue its own rules of procedure for the conduct of meetings, and establish a code of conduct governing the activities of the Board and members of the Board.

### **Section 5. The Director-General of the Agency**

1. The Director-General, a qualified Liberian, shall be appointed by the President of the Republic and, shall serve as the administrative and technical head of the Agency, and shall direct and administer the day-to-day activities of the Agency. He/she shall serve at the will and pleasure of the President.
2. In consultation with the Agency's Board of Directors, the Director General shall recruit qualified and competent Liberians, consistent with Civil Service Standing Order, who will ably undertake the implementations of the various programs of the agency with a view to making the agency as viable in post-war times as it had been in its pre-war era, or even more;
3. The Director-General shall in consultation with his technical and administrative teams exercise the following duties:
  - a) Exercise the functions and duties of the Agency;
  - b) Administer personnel of the Agency consistent with the basic principles of the Liberian Labor Law and Civil Service Standing Order
  - c) Promulgate regulations as necessary to meet its responsibilities of the agency, including regulations providing for administrative hearings necessary for effective enforcement of the agency's mandate;
  - d) Develop and disseminate guidelines, procedures, guidance and other materials necessary for effective implementation of the functions of the Agency;



- e) Provide current and unbiased information on food commodities donated from foreign and local sources to the general public;
  - f) Be responsible for its human resources development;
  - g) Promote, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the agency's duties;
  - h) Receive and investigate complaints regarding alleged violations of any regulations promulgated by the Agency, and impose appropriate sanctions in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Agency, and consistent with the Administrative Procedure of the Republic of Liberia and with due process of law;
  - i) Carry out other functions as deemed necessary by the Agency for the effective and fair implementation of the agency's mandate;
  - j) Prepare and submit to the Board of Directors the annual plan and budget of the Agency for approval, which shall be implemented upon approval by the President;
  - k) Effect payments in accordance with approved budget in line with the approved annual plan of the Agency;
  - l) Submit monthly and annual reports to the Board of Directors;
  - m) The Director-General may delegate part of his functions to the Deputy Director General for Administration and the Deputy Director General for Technical Services of the Agency to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of its activities;
4. In performing its functions, the Agency shall apply principles of Good Regulatory Practices, which include but not limited to:
- a) Ensuring transparency and accountability;
  - b) Promoting stakeholders' participation and building consensus; and
  - c) Observing a code of conduct and managing any potential conflict of interests.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 19<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2024.

Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.

**PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**