



YOUTH CRIME WATCH STAFF CONDUCTING NEEDS ASSESMENT

## Addressing the Needs of Young Women

Youth Crime Watch Liberia is committed to meeting the needs of our community and the women of Liberia. In preparation for our Girls in Charge program the staff of Youth Crime Watch Liberia went into four different communities to conduct a needs assessment of the women. We conducted one-on-one interviews with young women discussing a variety of topics.

### Girls in Charge

*Girls in Charge* is a grassroots female empowerment activist program that seeks to build the self-esteem and confidence of girls and women in Liberia to be agents of change.

Under this program we envision confident, strong, and independent young women who believe in themselves and actively lead the development of their communities and country



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### The Needs Assessment

We asked the women a variety of questions. Girls in Charge strives to see young women as Agents of Change in their community, where they can identify issues and problems, create solutions, and form Action Teams to carry out that change. Girls in Charge will empower them with trainings on Leadership, Self-Esteem, Confidence, Policy Advocacy, Media, and many others.

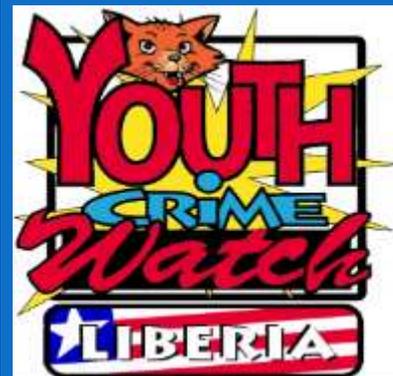
*"Women are looked over in the community, it is hard when you have been demoralized. United together can bring change, but we need the idea."*

### Results

We want to provide a space for young women and girls to be in charge. This begins at the conception by listening to their voices and responding. Girls in Charge will be tailored around the responses of the women in the community. It is by them, for them.

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## Girls in Charge First Steps to Change



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The most common responses were lack of hand pumps, and a means to dispose of dirt followed by teenage pregnancy.

### Issues Women Face

68% of women expressed forms of violence as a major problem followed by the effects of having limited options to support themselves.

### What Causes Stigmatization?

Being stigmatized is a paralyzing fear for many women. When this question was asked the responses came from personal experiences. Women spoke of how the abuse they receive from their husband's and rape is a main cause.

### What Women Need to Create Change?

The answer was not money or government, but the need for trainings and unity amongst women to support each other.

### Self-Esteem and Confidence

Women explained how they are demeaned in many ways. Every women questioned responded that she would like to learn how to have more Self-Respect.

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