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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020120			
	Total estimated cost: EUR 13 000 000			
	Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 13 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with the entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The overall objective of this Action is to contribute to gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) in Liberia by significantly reducing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), one of the most common forms of violation of women's rights in Liberia. It will also ensure the rehabilitation of SGBV victims and survivors as well as the full protection of women and girls in all their diversity, particularly those facing increased risk of violence, such as women with disabilities. To attain this objective, the Action uses an integrated and multi-sectoral approach to reduce SGBV and its severe consequences on women and girls and other marginalised groups through interventions encompassing prevention, protection, and response compounded with Government's institutional support. The Action will build on the EU's recent investment in the Spotlight Initiative by addressing the gaps in implementation and consolidating the results.

At the micro level, the Action will use an evidence-based community mobilization approach to change attitudes towards and perceptions of SGBV, by also engaging men and boys to challenge the negative masculinity that underpins SGBV. Furthermore, it will target religious, traditional, and community leaders and increase their role in prevention and in the reduction of stigma across gender and disability. The Action also intends to economically empower disadvantaged and marginalised women and youth, increase their voice and agency, and reduce their vulnerabilities to SGBV. At the macro level, the Action will seek to advocate for legislation that protects women and girls from SGBV and increase the knowledge and capacity of law enforcement bodies and service providers to enforce existing laws. The meso-level approach will target local governments, county administrations, service providers, and legal and judicial systems.

In addition, the Action will contain interventions that scale up access to justice for victims and perpetrators, law enforcement and accountability, as well as comprehensive and coordinated services, one-stop centres and quality safe homes to address women's and girls' multi-dimensional needs.

The Action will heavily contribute to the realization of the [EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025](#), which aims to make significant progress by 2025 towards ending gender-based violence and challenging gender stereotypes, and to the [EU Gender Action Plan 2021-2025 \(GAP III\)](#) mainly with regard to the following areas: 1) freedom from all forms of gender-based violence; 2) promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights; 3) promoting economic, and social rights, empowering girls and women, as well as to the 2030 Agenda's principle of leaving no one behind (LNOB).

The proposed Action is in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular with SDG 5 (Gender equality). Furthermore, it also contributes to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 10 (Reduced inequalities), SDG 16 (Peace, justice, and strong institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). It has synergies with the TVET – Youth Rising programme, which may give opportunity for gender violence survivors' empowerment, through education and employment opportunities.

At national level, the Action is aligned with the new Government 100 Days Deliverables and its ARREST (Agriculture, Roads, Rule of Law, Education, Sanitation, and Tourism) development agenda, which expresses the Government's commitment to enact laws and formulate policies that ensure the empowerment of women, girls, youth, children, and persons with special needs. The Government is also committed to prioritise gender in its new National Development Plan, currently being developed, which will replace the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) that expired in 2023. The Action is also aligned with the National Disability Action Plan 2023-