

TOPIC: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION

ROOT CAUSES OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION UNDER- DEVELOPMENT- GENERAL LEVEL	1. Failure of current government to implement previous government’s agriculture plans (e.g. introduction of government farms in the counties, Samuel Doe green revolution)
	2. The church has not prioritized agriculture (holistic ministry as found in scripture: Jn. 21:15-17; Jn. 6: 6-12)
	3. National preference for white collar work as opposed to agriculture
	4. Insincerity of farmers to effect seed multiplication and animal reproduction
	5. Failure of government to train and supply extension field services
	6. Failure of trained agriculturist to return home and contribute in agriculture
	7. Government has low salary scale for personnel
	8. Government failure to donate attractive prizes during World Food Day agriculture exhibitions
	9. Shifting cultivation of subsistent farmers poses high financial and labor cost, limited knowledge in crop rotation
	10. Cultural practices have not given way to improved methods
	11. No specific work plan for agricultural activities by government
	12. Government failure to improve quarantine facilities
	13. Lack of seed bank by Ministry of Agriculture
	14. No good monitoring system of extension service workers by government

IMPACTS (4 LEVELS)	Church Community-----Liberia -----Government Individual
	1. Church: – Suffers from lack of financial support (lack of school structures) – Limited job facilities – No improved infrastructure – Limited holistic approach
	2. Government: – Low Gross National Product (GNP) / Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
	3. Individual: – High cost of living incurred; lack of knowledge in cultural practices
	4. Community: – Unable to feed oneself (hunger) – No community development – Financial depression

WHAT CAN WE DO? THE WAY FORWARD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Engage in agriculture activities – Create an awareness of the importance of agriculture & food security industries – Develop preservation and storage facilities
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strengthen the efforts of county agriculture officers – Improve strength of farmers by use of power tools (power tiller; harvester, power saw and mechanical farming implements)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Construction of farm to market roads
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Government to employ and deploy enough quarantine workers so as to avoid diseases and pest being imported in our country
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Provide consumer health worker to identify consumable commodities/produce
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. To establish market for farm produce
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Development the resource of more extension worker to cover the country
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The establishment of seed multiplication units
THE CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create loans to those who want to engage in agriculture
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Agriculture to be introduced in the curriculum for schools and seminaries
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Pastors to engage in back yard garden

STORY OF TRNSFORMATION	1. Visiting and friendship-building
	2. Meeting fire of development
	3. Agriculture - biblical view
	4. Sanitation and health care teaching
	5. Working together
	6. Building relationship
	7. Eating together
	8. Joseph and Emmanuel Story
SUMMARY	IF ALL OUR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ABOVE ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND CARVED INTO A NATIONAL DOCUMENT, THERE WILL BE A RAPID NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY 2027
ADDITION REMARK REGARDING GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT	TOTAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE PART OF REPRESENTATIVES & CONSTITUENCIES