

WOMEN NGOs SECRETARIAT OF LIBERIA (WONGOSOL)



Mission Statement

WONGOSOL is Called to build the capacity of women NGOs and CBOs to promote sustainable peace and security.

our vision

WONGOSOL vision is a just and fair Liberian society where women and men equally participate in and benefit from decision- making processes at all level in all areas

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- To coordinate and strengthen links among NGOs, between members and the Government and donor agencies.
- To stimulate, collect and disseminate information which will encourage and facilitate member NGOs in their efforts.
- To establish training programs for member organizations when the need arises.
- To develop cooperation with other bodies throughout the world having similar aims.
- To be the voice and pressure group for member organizations on gender and development issues.
- Maintain a database for all women organizations where national and international community can gather information.

Brief History

WONGOSOL was started as an organ for coordinating the activities of women organizations in 1998. WONGOSOL is expected to coordinate activities of women organizations in Liberia, bring women together to formulate and present their independent views on government issues directly affecting women of Liberia.

Services Offered

WONGOSOL is a service organization which aims to strengthening affiliate members and facilitate their activities. The following are the major services offered to member organizations:

Training

The emphasis of training is on capacity building of members. Other areas covered are programming and advocacy training and women's legal rights. Plans also include starting training in participatory methods and techniques and gender training. WONGOSOL currently offers the following training:

- Training of Trainers



Women legal rights training

- Training of paralegals in laws safeguarding women's rights



Training on women's legal rights in session

- Training in programming and advocacy



Women participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy process in Liberia

Depending on available funding, the following training will also be offered in 2008-2009

- Role of Women NGOs' Boards
- Project proposal writing
- Management of NGOs

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Links with Donors

WONGOSOL gives advice to affiliates about available funding from donors and application procedures. It also mobilizes funding for member organizations. Some donors consult WONGOSOL for reference on members before approving their applications.

Networking

WONGOSOL provides networking for its membership and the International community through meetings, workshops and consultations. There are plans to initiate County exchange for visit to each other for the purposes of sharing information and experiences.



Town hall meeting to discuss critical issues affecting women in Bomi County

Criteria for Membership

1. Organization be a Liberian women organization and should be fully organized
2. Organization must be accredited and recognized by Government
3. Organization must be able to pay their dues.
4. Organization should have an office space.
5. Certificate of Registration.
6. Article of Incorporation
7. Should not be partisan (women's sections of political parties are not eligible)

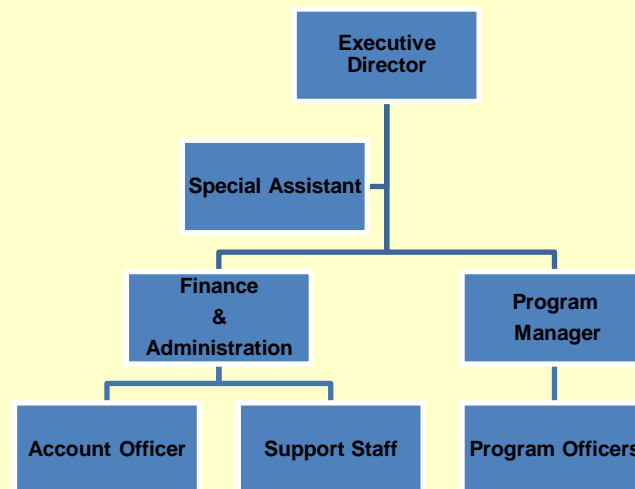
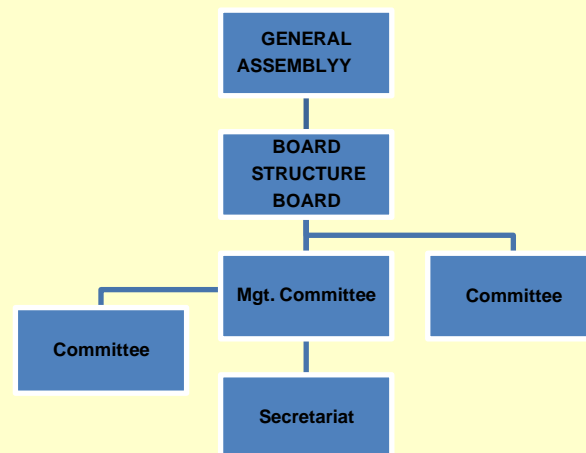
Membership committee may physically visit applying organizations before admitting them. The annual membership fees is 1,000.00 LD



Some of the member organizations of WONGOSOL

Structure

The supreme power is invested in member organization. They exercise their power at the Annual General Meeting which is held every two years. Each member has one vote. At the AGM members are elected to form the Board of Directors composing of thirteen members. The Board of Directors implement the aims and objectives of WONGOSOL, provide overall policy guideline and formulate programs of WONGOSOL. Sub committees help with the planning and implementation of activities.



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Publications

Plans are on the way to establish a database of all women organizations and groups and a quarterly newsletter which will target members and the women movement at large and collaborating partners. It will carry information on gender issues, the women's movement and current national issues and activities of WONGOSOL