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## Public Service Announcement for the Posting of Social Economic and Reconnaissance Survey & Demarcation Results in

#### **Luyeamah Applicant Community Forest**

This is to inform the general public including all districts, chiefdoms, clans, including towns and villages located within and adjoining the Luyeamah Applicant Community Forest located in Ziama&Bodey Clans, Zorzor&Voinjama Districts that the Forestry Development Authority FDA, will be Posting results of Socio Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance & maps from preliminary demarcation that were conducted in the Luyeamah Authorized community forest.

The results and maps will be posted for a period of thirty (30) days beginning from June 4 to July 4 2021. The results and maps will be posted in all public places in every towns and villages of the Luyeamah applicant community forest and adjacent communities. After the 30 days, FDA will work with each community to find a suitable date and time for the next step, which is setting up of the governance structures by Elections.

Therefore, every member of the above communities are encouraged to please check at every public places in the towns and villages to view the results and maps.

Meanwhile, in all adjacent communities where the Posting of the Social Economic & Reconnaissance Survey (SESRR) and Demarcation results will take place, community members in these areasare encouraged to please take note and Govern themselves yourself for setting up the governance structure; (Election) after the 30 daysis completed without any contestation to the results and maps.

You are also asked to cooperate with the FDA.

Signed: The Community Forestry Department

Forestry Development Authority, RL.

Posting the Preliminary results from Sucio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance and Mapping and. Demarcation of the Luyeama Proposed Authorized Forest Community.

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4	Yassah	Kessellie	Chairlady	0770730821	F
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1 Yarkpazuo Moli Town Chief
2 Lazawolo James Youth leader
3 Massa Mulbah Chairlady
4 Forkpa Pewu Elder
5 Supuson James Elder
6 Oldman Laveleh Elder
7 Koiwu Tarnue Elder
8 Inloiwu Mulbah Elder
9 Lorpu Morris Youth
10 Yanmah Luhah Youth
11 Mallay Kpadeh Youth
12 Deddeh Harwars Youth
13 Kebbeh Jarnue Elder
14 Yarkpawolo Zawu Youth
15 Zelema Morris Elder
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1 James K. Kojwu general Townchier	M
2 Kezeli Borboi landlord	M
3 Tarnue Zubah Youth leader 0770691110	M
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3 Muhu Lopu Elder	19
4 William Zubah Youth leader	M
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7 Mulubah Kpalasu Town Chief	M
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10 John Forkpa Elder	F

# COMMUNITY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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TO

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Senior Extension Officer

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**THROUGH** 

: John Kermue

**Regional Extension Officer** 

Community Forestry Department Forestry Development Authority (FDA

**FROM** 

: McDonald M. Kamara

**Natural Resource Management Officer** 

Community Forestry Department Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

**SUBJECT** 

: Posting of the preliminary results from Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance, and Demarcation and mapping of the

Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest Report

DATE

: June 10, 2021

### Introduction

This report contains Posting of the preliminary results from Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance, and Demarcation and mapping of the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest. A teams from the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) header by the McDonald M. Kamara the Natural Resource Management Officer, and the acting Leadership of the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest header by Peter F. Zayzayboi posted the summary of the Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance (SERR), the summary of the report from the preliminary demarcation and preliminary Map of the proposed Luyeama Community Forest for at least 30 days to informed members of the seven (7) applicant communities (Barzewain, Luyeama, Konia, Boi, Bodah, Soblelima and Vorneyeazu) and the three (3) adjacent Communities (Bardezu, Libeliba and Woilama).

In compliance with chapter 2, section 2.9 of the Regulation to the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands, which states that for a period of thirty (30) days, the preliminary results from the Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance and Demarcation and Mapping shall be posted in and around the area of forest resources being proposed as community forest, for review by the community members and members of the adjacent communities.

In view of the above, the two extension officers and the natural resource management officers of Region Two along with the acting Leadership of the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest headed by Mr. Peter F. Zayzayboi performed the posting exercise in and around the Luyeama proposed Authorized Forest Community. We started the exercise in Barzewain town. During the Posting in Barzewain, we gathered the Stakeholders and some citizens in a town hall and explained the results of Socio-Economic survey and Resource Reconnaissance (SESRR) and Demarcation and Mapping for the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest before posting the flyers. . In our explanation, we said the Luyeama Propose d Community Forest have many resources as such Forests, Rivers Wildlife, and NTFP. We also explained that, the Luyeama Community Forest have the population of 13,462 with three ethnic group (Lorma, Mandingo and Kpelle) with the Literacy rates at 27.4% and majority of the citizen are Christian. For infrastructure, we said the Luyeama Community Forest have six (6) Primary/elementary and Junior High School, one senior high with ten (10) traditional well and 33 modern hand Pump and three Government Health Clinic with 16 churches and 2 Mosque. They get their livelihoods by mean of Fishing, Farming, Animal husbandry, Tree crops and NTFP collection. WE explained the Preliminary results from Socio- economic survey and resource reconnaissance (SESRR). After explaining the results of Socio-Economic survey and Resource Reconnaissance (SERR), we also explained the results of the demarcation and mapping that was conducted in March 2021. We use the map that was prepared after the demarcation to explain the results to the stakeholder and Citizen of the seven affected Communities and the three

adjacent community of the Proposed Luyeama Community Forest. During the explanation we name the major town and villages of the proposed Luyeama Community Forest and name the major rivers, creeks and streams in the forest, also locate the Primary roads and Secondary roads in the Forest. After that, we explained the boundary of the Luyeama Community Forest from the wologizi Proposed Protected Areas. We said the total area of the Proposed Luyeama Community Forest is about 9,993 ha/24,693 acres of land. The same method was applied in Six (6) Communities out of the Seven (7) communities of Proposed Luyeama Forest Community and two (2) adjacent communities out of three (3) Communities. After explaining the result of the demarcation and mapping for the Proposed Luyeama Community Forest, various concerns were raised by the first five (5) communities of the Proposed Luyeama Forest Community. These are some of concerns that were raised during the Posting of the preliminary results from Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance and Demarcation and mapping of the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest.

- All the towns and villages of Luyeama Forest Community expressed dissatisfaction of the result on the map.
- > That they are not aware of Wolgizi range declaration as proposed protected area.
- They further argued that if it was declared as proposed protected area; why the Government allowed the logging company to carry out logging activities in the Luyeama forest in the pass?
- > They argued that it is impossible for Wologizi Range to extend as far as Barzewain, Luyeama, Konia, Boi and Vorneyeazu forests.
- Another concern has do with the five(5) original members communities been labeled as overlapped communities, therefore, their names are not on the map, Are they still members of the said Forest Community?
  Will it not create future embarrassment for their children?
  The two newly communities (Bodah and Soblelima) that came on board as a result of the Demarcation and whose names are on the Map, will they not claim the ownership of the forest?
- They also told us that the Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) is working with them performing Boundary demarcations, placing them into zones, building the capacity of CFMBs and ECs, at the same time FDA encouraging them to form forest community make them confused. However, they planned to host a mass meeting to discuss their dissatisfaction and find the way forward.

At the end of the Posting of the preliminary results from Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance, and Demarcation and mapping of the Luyeama proposed Authorized Community Forest, we told them that any dissatisfaction from members of the applicant

community applying for the Luyeama Authorized Forest Community as well as members of adjacent communities an official objection shall be submitted to the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) during the thirty (30) day period (June 4 to July 4) in which the results from the Socio-Economic Survey and Resource Reconnaissance (SESRR), Preliminary Demarcation report, and the Preliminary Maps of the Luyeama Authorized Forest Community are posted. In a separate remark, during the posting exercise, the following stakeholders made remarks as it is indicated below.

- Oldman Forkpa Gbavili an elder of Barzewain expressed happiness for the conduction of the demarcation and mapping exercise. However, Highlighted disappointment of the result due to the overlapped issue of the original members towns (Barzewain, Luyeama, Konia, Boi, and Vorneyeazu).
- Hon. Moses Tarnue a town chief of Luyeama commended the FDA family and acting leadership of the proposed Luyeama Forest Community for the hard work that yielded a fruitful result. He further promise to call for a town hall meeting to inform his citizens for their inputs as we experienced low attendance due to the president of Liberia visitation.
- 3. Hon. James Tarnue, a clan chief of ziama Clan firstly extended thanks and appreciation to the FDA family for the job well done. However, he expressed dissatisfaction of the result and the entire citizens buttressed him by arguing that no in time wologize range been declared as proposed protected area. He suggested that a mass meeting should be held to give the citizenry to speak their minds and find an amicable solution.
- 4. Madam Korpo Mavuo, a chair lady of Boi on behalf of the citizens extended thanks and appreciation to both the FDA family and that acting leadership of the luyeama proposed authorized forest Community for the tireless effort applied towards the establishment of the said forest Community.
- 5. Mr. Kessellie Borboi, the landlord of bodah said they are happy to part of the Luyeama Forest community. He also committed on the name bearing the forest community which according to him means that it absolutely belongs to Luyeama. He suggested that the name should have been Ziama Forest community. He made mention that the Sustainable development Institute (SDI) is cutting boundaries between towns and villages: at the same time FDA placing them in group to establish forest Community, how can they reconcile with the two entity?

#### Frequency of participants in attendances:

NO	Community	Male	Female	Total	Membership status
1	Barzewain	8	2	10	Applicant community
2	Luyeama	10	5	15	Applicant community
3	Konia	12	4	16	Applicant community
4	Boi	10	6	16	Applicant community
5	Bardezu	7	5	12	Adjacent Community
6	Libeliba	8	3	11	Adjacent Community
7	Bodah	8	4	12	Applicant community
8	Soblelima	6	5	11	Applicant community
9	Vorneyeazu	6	4	10	Applicant community
	TOTAL	75	38	113	

# Challenges

- Low attendance due to the president visitation in the county as everybody was mandatory asked to assemble on the main road to welcome his excellency Dr. George M. Weah
- Due to the over flown of the Lawa River, we were unable to reach Vorneyeazu and Wanlima as a result we Sent the flyers by citizens of the two towns to hand deliver it to their town chief

#### Recommendations:

We recommend that the results of the Socio-economic survey and Resource Reconnaissance and mapping and Demarcation to be scheduled in the dry season.

# **Activities Photo**



During the posting meeting in Barzewen



Posting in Boi Town



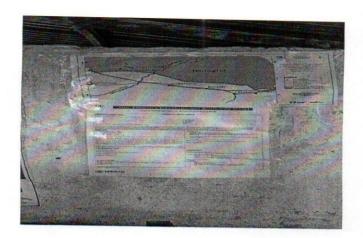
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Posting in Bodah Town



Posting attendance in Konia



Maps posted in Luyeamah Town



Acting CF Chairman Mr. Zazaboi explains the maps in Lorma vernacular