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## **Cummings Africa Foundation distributes 1,000 bags** of rice



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The Cummings Africa Foundation has donated 1,000 bags of 25kg rice to citizens and residents of southeast Liberia. Distribution of the rice began on Monday, June 22nd in Maryland County, southeast of the country, covering four districts, namely; Harper, Pleebo, Karluway and Barrobo, respectively. The Foundation is owed by the political leader of the opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) Alexander Cummings.

Mr. Cummings, a former presidential candidate, currently chairs four Collaborating Political Parties here, CPP that seeks to defeat President George Weah's governing Coalition for Democratic Change at the next poll in 2023. In district one, Harper City, the Foundation identified with citizens of Pullah, Middle Town, Little Wlebo, New Harper, Bishop Hill and J.J. Dosson.

In Pleebo Sodoken district, (district#2) beneficiaries include members the Group of 77(disable) Blind Association of Maryland, Pleebo Town, Old Sodoken, New Sodoken, Gedetarbo, Gbolobo, Gbloken, Gbaken, Witehoken, Muslim community, Friends of Giko and the entire 15 communities which contain both A and B in Pleebo City.

The exercise also covered Karluway, District#3 extending to Gbaken, Gbon, Karloken, Manolu and Nyeworkon. In Barrobo, District#4, food reached Cavalla, Glofeken,Rock Town and Teaken besides River Gee and other counties in the southeast.

Presentation the food rations to citizens on behalf of the Cummings Foundation, a senatorial aspirant of the ANC, Eric WleaGiko, said the gesture is the Foundation's way of identifying with them during the Covid-19 pandemic. According to him, the Cummings Foundation had previously promised the people of Maryland County, but a boat bringing food was grounded in Grand Bassa County, something that delayed the entire process.

Eric assured the residents the Foundation will not leave anyone out when the bigger consignment comes late but "I think you guys should receive this want, while awaiting the bigger want." "This donation is more symbolic, even if we have brought two thousand bags of rice for each of you, it will not still be enough; we try to show to our people that we are with them during this time of the crisis though everybody cannot get it." He expressed joy that Maryland is getting something about this time and the beneficiaries should appreciate the Cummings Foundation, because there has been no donation from the Government of Liberia.

Receiving the rations several beneficiaries lauded the Cummings Foundation for identifying with them during this health crisis. The Group of 77(disable) in Pleebo, Maryland County, said the donation is welcome and its members are glad to be counted among the recipients.

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