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Grand Bassa Tops Revenue Collection By Counties For 2nd Quarter

(Monrovia, February 15, 2018): Grand Bassa County has emerged as the highest revenue collecting county for the second quarter of the 2017/18 fiscal period, according to the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) County Revenue Collection Report.

The LRA in the months of October, November and December (representing 2nd Quarter) collected a total of US\$1.7m from its rural Tax Business Offices (TBO) and Customs Business Offices (CBOs) in all 14 counties as well as rural Montserrado. The amount represents revenue received or collected exclusively in the counties through the LRA business offices.



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Grand Bassa County contributed a total of US\$489,900 or 28.1% of gross receipts from the counties. Of the amount, US\$358,609 or 78% came from the TBO's while the remaining US\$131,290 came in from CBOs.

Grand Bassa is closely followed by Maryland County which maintained its position of second highest contributor from the last quarter. Maryland contributed US\$318,480 representing 18.3%, while Nimba which came first during the previous quarter fell to third, contributing US\$281,580 or 16%.

Margibi, Grand Cape Mount and Lofa Counties are in the 4th, 5th and 6th positions respectively with 158,267 (9.1%), 151,415 (8.7%) and 109,150 (6.3%) contributions. Bong, Grand Gedeh and Bomi follow correspondingly with 4.5%, 3.7% and 3.2% as the 7th, 8th and 9th highest contributors.

The County Revenue Collection Report is the segment of the revenue report that features the performance of the LRA rural Tax and Customs Business Offices.

Revenues Collected in the Counties

Counties	Tax	Customs	Total	Share
Grand Bassa	358,609	131,292	489,901	28.1%
Maryland	259,626	58,855	318,481	18.3%
Nimba	66,029	215,554	281,583	16.2%
Margibi	158,267	-	158,267	9.1%
Grand Cape Mount	98,233	53,182	151,415	8.7%
Lofa	16,780	92,374	109,154	6.3%
Bong	48,362	29,924	78,286	4.5%
Grand Gedeh	35,824	28,586	64,410	3.7%
Bomi	54,985	-	54,985	3.2%
Montserrado (Rural)	16,215	-	16,215	0.9%
Sinoe	10,517	-	10,517	0.6%
River Gee	3,947	-	3,947	0.2%
Rivercess	2,453	-	2,453	0.1%
Grand Kru	2,046	-	2,046	0.1%
Gbarpolu	1,796	-	1,796	0.1%
Total	1,133,690	609,767	1,743,457	100.0%



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Rural Tax Business Offices are all TBO's located outside of Montserrado County, with the exception of Bensonville TBO, which, though located in Montserrado County, is considered a rural TBO.

Rural Customs Business Offices are all Customs borders and ports located outside of Montserrado and Margibi Counties. This means that revenues from Freeport, LPRC and RIA (Margibi) are not included in the County Revenue Collection Report.

The essence of this classification is to facilitate cross-sectional comparison among the counties to show their true economic potential.

Meanwhile, gross domestic revenues collected in the Second Quarter of FY 2017/18 was US\$89.1m. Of this amount, total collection from the counties amounted to US\$1.7m or 1.9% while the LRA Headquarters and other urban stations contributed US\$87.4m or 98.1%.