

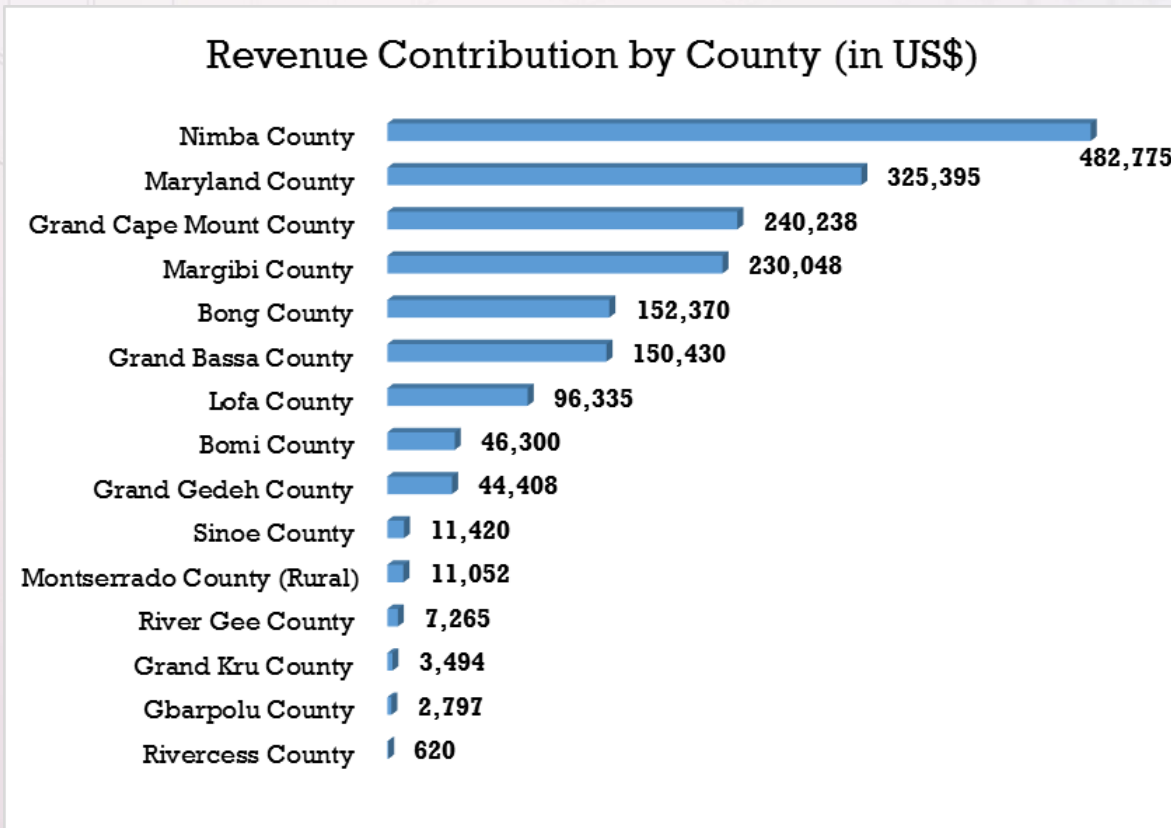


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## Nimba Tops Revenue Collection From Counties For Quarter 1 of 2017/2018

(Monrovia, December 19, 2017): Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) Commissioner General Elfrieda Stewart Tamba has applauded Nimba County Taxpayers for contributing the highest to the envelop of revenue collection from the counties for the first Quarter of 2017/2018.



A total of US\$1.8m was collected from rural and customs business offices across the 15 counties from July 1 to September 30, of which collection from Nimba County alone contributed a total of US\$482.8k or 27% of gross receipts from the counties.

Of the amount contributed by Nimba, US\$378k or 78.3% came from Customs ports, with Luogatu and Ganta ports bringing in US\$231k and US\$147k respectively.



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## Tax and Customs Receipts Per County

	Tax	Customs	Total	Share
Nimba County	104,776	378,000	482,776	27%
Maryland County	288,395	37,000	325,395	18%
Grand Cape Mount Cour	101,238	139,000	240,238	13%
Margibi County	230,049	-	230,049	13%
Bong County	112,370	40,000	152,370	8%
Grand Bassa County	150,430	-	150,430	8%
Lofa County	14,336	82,000	96,336	5%
Bomi County	46,300	-	46,300	3%
Grand Gedeh County	24,408	20,000	44,408	2%
Sinoe County	11,420	-	11,420	1%
Montserrado County	11,052	-	11,052	1%
River Gee County	7,265	-	7,265	0%
Grand Kru County	3,494	-	3,494	0%
Gbarpolu County	2,797	-	2,797	0%
Rivercess County	620	-	620	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,950</b>	<b>696,000</b>	<b>1,804,950</b>	<b>100%</b>

The Commissioner General also commended Maryland County for bringing in the highest Tax revenues of US\$288.4k from the Harper Tax Business Office. Under the Customs component, Maryland contributed US\$37k, pushing its total contribution to US\$325, 395 or 18%.

Nimba and Maryland counties are followed by Grand Cape Mount and Margibi Counties, respectively contributing US\$240,238 and 230,049. Bong and Grand Bassa each contributed 8%, with collection in Bong totaling US\$152,370 and US\$150,430 in Grand Bassa. Lofa County sits in the 7th position with a total revenue collection in the County of US\$96,336 or 5%.

In a Thank-You message to taxpayers, the CG appreciated all taxpayers who paid their fair share of taxes due during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017/18.

“The tax payments you contribute to the revenue pot enable Government to meet its basic responsibilities to the people of Liberia,” the CG noted, indicating that if Liberia is to develop, appropriate investments in domestic resource mobilization and the funding thereof must be prioritized. The CG said that there is much more that can be collected and that the LRA is working hard at strengthening its systems and processes to facilitate the collection of the much needed revenue for the people of Liberia for the national good of all of us.



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