



**Humane Slaughter Association**

## **Media Release**

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **Promoting humane animal handling and slaughter in Liberia**

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has funded a six-month project in Liberia to promote humane methods of slaughter and handling of animals in markets and during transportation. The project, delivered by the Liberia Animal Welfare and Conservation Society (LAWCS) received funding through the HSA's Grants Scheme.

As part of the project, five-day training sessions were delivered to 350 people including slaughtermen, drivers, marketers, farmers, local journalists and the local authorities at the Liberian Ministry of Agriculture. Training was conducted in the three districts of Voinjama, Kolahun and Foya.

In addition to the training, a weekly animal welfare education programme was broadcast via local radio stations and LAWCS staff worked alongside official livestock inspectors in the county during inspections of slaughter houses. A committee was also established, consisting of representatives in each of the three districts from slaughterhouses, farmers, the drivers' union and marketers, to "ensure and enforce the humane treatment of animals in the transportation sector, slaughterhouses and on the farms".

The HSA's Grants Scheme supports essential scientific research and other projects aimed at improving animal welfare during transport, in markets and at slaughter. Applications are welcomed year-round. For more information contact the HSA, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk), telephone 01582 831919.

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Attached photos:



Attendees at a LAWCS training session in Voinjama district



Inhumane transport of animals by motorbike  
(photos courtesy of LAWCS)

Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

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