Liberia: Forest Community Constructs Police Station, Clinic, City Hall from Logging Revenues

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In January 2020, the new forest management body of Sawacajua wrote several complaints to the management of Mandara Company, informing the company of its failure to implement CUC reached between the company and community. Following this, a decision to halt the company’s operations was made by the community. But the Forest Development Authority (FDA) later intervened, at which time the company promised to deliver on its promises. After several months of follow-up, community members say the company again failed to live up to the promise it made before the FDA.

In July 2021, Sawacajua community [sued](https://gnnliberia.com/2021/04/24/liberia-mandras-logging-contract-with-sawacajua-risks-termination/) Mandra Logging Company for non-compliance.

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in January 2019, SDI conducted a two day Record keeping and Bookkeeping training for Sawacajua Community Forest officials as part of FAO funded project: “Strengthening community forestry structures and their governance”. The two day training strengthened their technical capacities to document and manage community records, record all financial transactions and to manage community funds.

Four years on, the leadership of the Sawacajua forest community has constructed three key social infrastructures from revenue received from the Mandra logging company.

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