

Govt. Urged To Make Information Accessible

The Government of Liberia and private institutions have been urged to make information accessible to persons with disabilities in the country.

The call was made by Aaron Marvolo of Handicap International at the start of a three-day sensitization forum geared towards making information accessible for all including persons with disabilities.

The forum is a collaborative effort between Handicap International and Building Market Liberia. The sensitization forum is funded from USAID and UNDP.

Mr. Marvolo said that it was

important for persons with disabilities to have access to information because they make up about 15 percent of the country's population.

He said those with disabilities should have equal rights as any other Liberians and must be treated similarly.

Marvolo explained that persons with disabilities are faced with problems when it comes to accessing information due to their conditions and status in the society.

For her part, Aletha T. Brown of the National Commission on Disabilities (NCD) said

disabled people with disabilities should not be denied access to information.

She expressed disappointment that those with disabilities were being denied jobs both in the public and private sector of the country.

Madam Brown said those with disabilities have the potential to equally perform on the jobs as compared to those without disabilities.

She called on people in the private sector especially the media to design programs that will help transmit information to people with disabilities.