

Formalization of Petty Traders
A Project of the
Bureau of Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**) is working along with National Petty Traders Union of Liberia (NAPETUL) to organize petty traders in Central Monrovia on designated sidewalks and formalize them. NAPETUL is a non-governmental organization with a membership of forty thousand (40,000) petty traders across 13 of the 15 counties in the country. The SBA has built market tables and stalls on designated sidewalks in Monrovia to help organize them by category of goods they sell. Under this initiative, the SBA has organized about 300 petty traders at a cost of **US\$3,500** and moved them from the informal to the formal sector. The estimated total cost of this exercise in Monrovia alone is **US\$60,000**.



Some Street Vendors (Petty Traders) on the streets of Monrovia



Women Street Vendors Selling in Monrovia



Most Street Vendors in Monrovia are youth



Street Vendors limit access to pedestrians and vehicles on the streets of Monrovia