



# IN PROFILE

## Thursday DAILY

**PUL's**  
**Best**  
**Newspaper**  
**2012-2013**



In All That We Do And Write, In All That We Report, Come What May And No Matter What... **Liberia First**

Capitol Bye Pass, Monrovia-Liberia Tel: 0886-639237/0777920246, Email: [inprofilecontact@gmail.com](mailto:inprofilecontact@gmail.com)

Vol. 6, No. 36

In Profile Daily Thursday January 2, 2014

Price: L\$30.00

## Down Syndrome Victims Must Be Rescued

*-Says Madam Major As They Face  
 Limited Opportunities In Liberia*

By Kelvin Teikah Kpakolo/0880355153

**T**he Chief Executive Officer of My Heart's Appeal, Lovettie Major, said people living with Down Syndrome in Liberia are faced with very limited life opportunities.

She made the statement Tuesday in Monrovia when she met with over a hundred people living with Down Syndrome.

Major said that there are over seven million people living with Down Syndrome around the world, citing it as being the most common and recognized form of learning

*Cont'd on Page 10*



*Madam Lovettie Major*

## Down Syndrome Victims Must Be Rescued

disability.

Despite this fact, Major said that most people with Down Syndrome still face the harsh reality of a very low life expectancy, physical and psychological abuse, stigma and segregation and very limited life opportunities as children and adults.

"People with Down Syndrome living in poverty face all of these challenges, but it is also true across the spectrum of wealth due to educational, political, medical and social barriers. There is so much to learn about how to

provide information to heart, education and find social professionals working with people with Down Syndrome," she said.

"We want to help build the capacity to form advocacy groups in areas where there is none. Together, we can advocate; self-advocate; incorporate business strategy to help each other; push for legislation; government lobbying; and human rights."

Major concluded with the saying that stakeholders can work together to empower themselves to advocate the

right to basic living standards, medical care, education and acceptance into society, and importantly to allow people with Down Syndrome to advocate for themselves.

"My Heart's Appeal has taken the challenge and will need the help of all Liberians and the international community. In Liberia, people with Down Syndrome face very limited life opportunities. We can change that with your help," she noted.