

Community at Odds in Liberia: An Introduction to Conflict Mapping

Experiential Learning Activity (ELA)
Student Materials

The Undergraduate Experiential Learning Project

Supplemental Materials - Group 1



After the rain on a Lofa County road. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Map of West Africa



Map of Liberia



Central intersection in Voinjama. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



UN Troops in the schoolyard. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Christian church. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Main street in Voinjama. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



The Peacebuilding Resource Center in Voinjama. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Central intersection in Voinjama. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Beauty shop. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska



Burned Catholic school. Photo Credit: Agnieszka Paczynska

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The CAR field is uniquely positioned to deliver educational experiences that help students make the crucial link between abstract theories and practical application through learning activities such as: conflict mapping, intervention design, role plays, and simulations. The ELAs developed as part of the UELP advance specific learning outcomes, including critical thinking, problem solving, and perspective taking.

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