

DATI Management Thanks Donors and Participants for Successful Festival



An artist's rendition of Rabbi Joe Gbaba's photo painted by Statesman Morris Bannie Blanyon, a DATI Peace Advocate from DATI Gbenelue Chapter Cohort

The Management of Dehkotee Artists Theatre, Inc. (DATI) expresses grateful thanks and appreciation to all its donors and participants who helped to make the recently held The Rabbi Joe Gbaba Peace and Cultural Festival a success in Harper, Maryland County in Southeastern Liberia. The peace and cultural festival was the first of its kind in Liberia for more than sixty years.



DATI Kukatonon Peace Project in Liberia is research-based and results-driven. It was launched in November 2019 in Montserrado County and Maryland County, respectively. Hence, presently, there are two DATI chapters in Liberia: (1) DATI Montserrado Dougbor Chapter which consists

of college students and college graduates from various universities in Monrovia and parts adjacent; and DATI Maryland Gbenelue Chapter that comprises students and graduates of Tubman University.



Female contingent during The Rabbi Joe Festival. Peace and Cultural Festival

DATI Kukatonon Peace Project is also youth focused. It is a youth empowerment peacebuilding program that is hinged on postmodern, multicultural and philosophical underpinning of Pan Africanists the likes of Carter G. Woodson, W. E. B. DuBois, Kwame Nkrumah, Sekou Toure, Julius Nyerere, as well as Dr. Joe Gbaba's doctoral dissertation and qualitative research study called "*The Chiandeh Afrocentric Curriculum and Textbook Experience: Exploring Children's Responses to an Afrocentric Curriculum*" (Gbaba, 2009).



DATI Peace Advocates performing and celebrating their culture with pride and dignity. In the photo, the youths are either a student or a graduate of Tubman University. Through its manpower development program and

opportunity, Liberian college youths are proudly immersing themselves in their culture and they are learning to make meaning of their cultural values and mores as a new breed of Liberian intellectuals. This photo was taken during the formal launching of The DATI Kukatonon Peace Project in November 2019 in Harper, Maryland Count.

Further, the DATI Kukatonon Peace Project is run on an established framework called "***The Kukatonon Theoretical Framework***". It is a combination of postmodern theories and the findings of Gbaba's qualitative research study that sheds light on providing culturally relevant education and instruction for African youths. It centers the learners in their own life's journey.

DATI Kukatonon Peace Project is Youth-Focused and Grassroot-supported



DATI's Gbenelue Chapter's dynamic leader Meshach Sieh Elliott, B.Sc.

DATI Kukatonon Peace Project in Liberia is grassroot-supported as well. Most of our donations were received from Liberians at home and abroad, along with donations from African Americans and Caucasian Americans and one Sierra Leonean. Both DATI chapters in Liberia are headed by dynamic Liberian youths who are dead serious about the promotion of peace and reconciliation and the reinstatement of genuine rule of law in post-conflict Liberia. Meshach Sieh Elliott is Director of DATI Gbenelue Chapter. He is a 2020 graduate of Tubman University College of Health Sciences. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and his counterpart for the Dougor Chapter is Acting Director Henry Fayiah Tamba, a Biomedical Science student at the University of Liberia. He recently succeeded Statesman Henry Garjay Brumskine who will now serve on DATI-Liberia's Board of Directors to represent the interests of DATI Peace Advocates.



Statesman Henry Fayiah Tamba, Acting Director, DATI Doughbor Chapter

Mrs. D. Sheba Brown heads DATI-Liberia Board of Directors and the other three board members include Dr. Peter S. Coleman, Jr., former Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Liberia and erstwhile Senator of Grand Kru County, Henry Garjay Brumskine, and Dr. Joe Gbaba. The limited number of people on DATI's Board of Directors is an indication that many Liberians shy away from serving on non-paying nonprofit boards because of the notion "What is there for me", instead of what they can do for Liberia. Sadly, only a handful of Liberians have a deep appreciation of their history and culture. This is the hurdle Rabbi Gbaba and his supporters have been struggling to surmount for nearly five decades in a society that has a very high illiteracy rate!



Stateswoman D. Sheba Brown, Chair, DATI-Liberia Board of Directors

DATI's Donors Demographics and the Trajectory Regarding Which Liberians Support the Liberian Peace Process

There are two things the DATI Kukatonon Peace Project in Liberia aims to accomplish: (1) actively engage the youths to serve as peace advocates, thereby securing a peaceful environment and future for themselves; and (2) reach out to the electorates to enlighten them on the importance of peace and genuine rule of law, and their rights as citizens, so that they may make informed decisions at the polls.



Members of DATI Maryland Gbenelue Cohort I graduates in 2019



Members of the Montserrado Dougbor Chapter Cohort I Graduates

As a research-based project DATI's Management started from the onset to establish a mechanism to determine whether Liberians are willing and prepared to promote peace and national reconciliation in the absence of an outside intervention. In this light, since the launching of the project in 2019, DATI Management has documented donations received from donors based on their demographics and/or the county of origin in Liberia and/ country of origin if the donor is not a Liberian citizen.

Below is the updated list of DATI donors and the regions of the world from where they originate. Though not conclusive, the projection of DATI's donors list shows Liberians from Southeastern Liberia are more inclined and willing to donate to and support the promotion of peace and reconciliation in Liberia than Liberians from regions that served as rebel strongholds during the Liberian civil crisis.

Demographic List of Donors of DATI Kukatonon Peace Project in Liberia

Effective April 22, 2022

Grand Gedeh County (18 donations)

Jonathan Kaba

Gandee Suah Wilson

Jocelia Rancy (donated twice)

Mr. & Mrs. Elijah Rue

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Grand Kru County (16 donations)

Salekri Sayeh

Virgilius Simmonds

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Dr. John Wulu (twice)

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Edith Walo-Smith

Alice Smith

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Julian Gbaba Dr.

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Ann Cooper-Wilson-Zaza

Sinoe County (11 donations)

Joshua Browne

Dr. Tewroh-Wehtoe Sungbeh

Marvin Cassell

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Joe Cassell (donated twice)

Stephen Doe (donated twice)

Jonathan Geegbae

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Alice Slah

Grand Bassa County (7 donations)

Anastasia Simmonds-Caphart

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Philip Sleyon (donated twice)

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Peter S. Coleman, Jr.

Maryland County (14 donations)

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Habib Yeba Dorley (donated 2 times)

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D. Sheba Brown

River Cess County (1 donation)

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Joe Cole

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River Gee (1 donation)

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Ariminta Gbaba

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Lofa County (5

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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Burlington NC Chapter

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