

CBT and Cash Transfer to Reduce Crime and Violence in Young Men in Liberia

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Country and Sector Context



**>60% of Liberians
are under the age
of 25**



How we met Chris

- Through a speaking engagement in the USA

The Origins of STYL

- STYL is a result of 10 years of experience conducting, testing, and revisiting interventions:
 - Address psychosocial wellbeing,
 - Life skills for social reintegration,
 - Civic and peace education
 - Transformation of street youth in post conflict communities

Our Approach

1

We recruit hardcore young men into the program

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Provide an 8-week program with group CBT/
conduct 1:1 counseling

3

Socially reintegrate young men into communities

4

Provide youth with a \$200 surprise cash transfer
upon completion

Our Approach

The STYL model

We recruit hardcore young men into program

Youth attend the STYL program

Provide CBT/Counseling

Youth stop anti-social behavior

Socially reintegrate young men into communities

practice reintegrating into community

Provide youth with a \$200 surprise cash transfer upon completion

Youth open bank accounts and start businesses

**Safe
Communities
for Everyone**

How It Works

1. Role Models
2. Practical Steps
3. Assignments



NEPI's Accomplished?

- Developed STYL program
- Pilot tested the program with 1000 of the highest-risk youth in Liberia
- Built the capacity of a pull of trainers to deliver STYL
- Collaborated and partnered with researchers to evaluate the STYL program
- STYL reduced crime and violence, by 20 to 50%.
- We have a model that can be replicated and scale

NEPI's Deliver Ability

- Extensive knowledge of the target neighborhood
- Connection to local leaders
- Strong reputation among community leaders and high-risk youth – critical component to engaging youth, building trust and delivering the STYL program
- Strong local knowledge and ties in program communities, and facilitators with life experience to serve as role models
- STYL effectiveness with the most anti-social youth
- Scale successfully in other contexts, backed by evidence from STYL and other RCTs
- I have been a key member of the team that developed and adapted STYL over the past 10 years

NEPI's Dream

10,000 hardcore young men
in 5 years in Liberia.

100,000 hardcore young men
across Sub-Saharan Africa.