

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Tuesday, September 8, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf early this morning dedicated 52 modern and affordable housing units, constituting Phase One, at the new Ben Town Housing Estate in lower Margibi County.

Speaking at the dedicatory ceremony, she stressed that the initiative is a dream come true for the Government and people of Liberia and urged the management of National Housing Authority (NHA) to construct more of such housing units, especially for low income earners in other counties to alleviate the serious housing problem facing ordinary Liberians.

Presenting keys to five of the 22 owners who have already paid for units, the Liberian President assured them of government's commitment to provide safe drinking water and electricity to the housing estate and called on the Ministry of Health to begin a process of finding a place to construct a small clinic for the residents of Ben Town and its environs.

The "affordable housing units" which comprise three-bedrooms, two bathrooms, one living room, back and front porches is situated on a half lot of land. The construction of the 52 units is the first phase which started in September 2014. A unit costs US\$20,000 through a mortgage process subsidized by government at an interest rate of seven percent over a ten-year period.

The second phase is expected to begin shortly after the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission completes its process with the construction of additional 52 affordable housing units. The total cost of the project is put at US\$4.2 million.

Plans are also afoot to construct additional housing units around the country beginning with Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County to be completed before next year's Independence Anniversary celebrations scheduled to be co-hosted by Grand Gedeh, River Gee and Maryland Counties. Other units are to be constructed in Wehn Town, Paynesville City.