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## PROJECT FACTS

### **Liberian Women's Craft Group - New Hope Foundation**

The Liberian Women's Craft Group is an initiative of a group of Liberian women living in the Brimbank area who approached the New Hope Foundation for support in establishing their own craft and culture group. They saw that the group would provide an opportunity to meet with one another on a regular basis, thereby addressing and helping to alleviate the social isolation that newly arrived refugee women often experience.

The group has many plans. The women will learn sewing and will use these skills to repair and make clothes for their families and as a potential occupational opportunity. The group also plans to practice traditional dyeing techniques, and to maintain traditional craft skills such as weaving and mask making. In this way, it is hoped the women will be able to maintain links to their culture. These activities will be undertaken with the participation and guidance of various volunteer sewing and textile teachers, making it a collaborative learning experience.

The women will publicly display their traditional crafts and textile works in community centres and exhibitions throughout the Brimbank region, bringing the craft and culture of West Africa to the wider community. Various organisations have pledged to support the group in different capacities.

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