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LIBERIAN HISTORY, EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT, Inc.

Motto: We Dare Preserve History

News Release

Greensboro (February 22, 2006): **The** Liberian History, Education & Development (LIHEDE) is troubled by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other international health services organizations estimate that about 300 to 500 million Africans contract malaria each year, out of which about 1.5 to 2.7 million die per year, while pregnant women and babies under age five form 90 percent of malaria deaths, infestations, and tens of thousands are left with irreversible brain damage. Malaria also contributes to miscarriage, “spontaneous abortion”, a “sour pills” an estimated 30 million plus childbearing African women who become pregnant in malaria-endemic environment annually have to **swallow**, thereby dying from a malaria-induced miscarriage/stillbirth.

The impact of malaria is felt on Liberia national economy at a number of levels including, but not limited to, households and communities, the private sector, government and the macro economy. Malaria is our 911, tsunami, and nuclear weapons. This is why all peoples regardless of our geographical locations are being called upon to “cry out” and be architects and engineers to donate to the implementation of LIHEDE intensive and integrated malaria control program.

In furtherance of our commitment to combat the malaria epidemic in Liberia, the LIHEDE is spear-heading efforts to hold a National Health Conference in Liberia in collaboration with the Ministry of Health through its Malaria Control Program. The Conference is slated to be held on December 14- 19, 2006.

The decision to host a National Health Conference was contained in a Resolution adopted last July by a group of Liberian health professional, community leaders and friends of Liberia at the end of a Malaria Symposium on Liberia organized by the LIHEDE and held at the campus of the North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, NC.

As global community, we have a moral obligation to chart a new direction and change our malaria statistics for the better, by burying this calamity once and for all. This is why we have come to you via this medium. Be the rays of hope and donate to LIHEDE today to help eradicate malaria in Liberia and save our future generation.

If you wish to join this mission and be a part of malaria eradication, please send donation or contact:

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