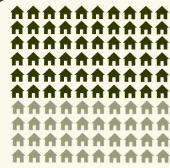


# Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Greater Monrovia, Liberia

1 Informal employment is vital to the Liberian economy and for the households that rely on those earnings.



60%

of people employed in Liberia in 2010 (outside of agriculture) were informally employed (ILO, 2013)

Informal workers contribute to Greater Monrovia: In addition to providing affordable and convenient shopping choices and collecting garbage from city streets, informal workers contribute directly to government revenues.



80,000 vendors  
≥ 285 markets

pay annual tax to the Liberia Revenue Authority



100%

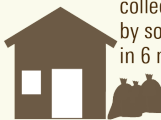
of waste collectors reported paying tax in the past 12 months.

3 Despite these contributions, Greater Monrovia and its citizens have not supported to the needs and entitlements of informal workers.



Budget analysis at the national and local level revealed **almost no allocations supporting informal workers** or the informal economy in Greater Monrovia.

92%



of waste collectors said they had **not been paid** collection fees by some clients in 6 months.

In fact, public money is spent on things that make informal incomes even harder to earn.

82%

of street vendors reported that they had been harassed by the police in the past six months.

Street vendors also reported problems related to waste disposal facilities, seizure of goods by officials, limited storage facilities, and theft.



5 The budget analysis points to some changes that the federal and municipal governments could make to support the informal economy in Monrovia:

## INCLUDE

the needs of informal workers in relevant policy development and budget planning

## BALANCE

the contributions required of informal workers with the public benefits they receive

## STOP

using scarce funds for the harassment of informal workers by metro and national police

See full Brief — Informal Economy Budget Analysis in Greater Monrovia for more information, including recommendations for Central Agencies, Informal Worker Organizations and Development Agencies  
<http://www.wiego.org/publications/informal-economy-budget-analysis-greater-monrovia>

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