

## **WEST AFRICAN ONE HEALTH ACTIONS FOR UNDERSTANDING, PREVENTING AND MITIGATING OUTBREAKS LAUNCHED**

The National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) and Partners officially launched the West African One-Health-Actions for Understanding, Preventing, and Mitigating Outbreaks Projects. The projects were launched Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in Monrovia. The Director-General of NPHIL, Jane Macauley launched the Projects. During the launch, the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, Prof. Wilson Tarpeh, and Health Minister Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah were present at the program.

The objectives of the projects are to assess the relationship between changing demographics, engender equity and use change and emerging diseases in West Africa, using gender-sensitive socio-ecological systems research, to investigate the impacts of EVD, LF, and C-19 access-to-health for humans and animals, environmental health, livestock-food-security, and social-cultural practices, by exploring the effects on gender equality and determining innovative approaches to improve gender equality, develop and improve, using gender-mainstreaming, Community Action Groups for Community-participatory animal disease surveillance, Community-participatory human disease surveillance, and as well to explore zoo anthroponoses (reverse zoonoses) in a C-19 infected rural and urban West African community.