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(Washington DC) H.E. Dr. George Manneh Weah, on Tuesday, March 1, officially opened doors to the first national dialysis treatment center.

The center is named The Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Dialysis Center.

It can be recalled that the effort to construct a facility to fully cater to thousands of Liberians and foreigners suffering from kidney problems started under former President Sirleaf.



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President Weah makes remarks at the opening of the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Dialysis Treatment Center

The center will be housed on the compounds of the J.F.K. Medical Center in Sinkor.

In remarks, President Weah lauded the partnership among the Tokushukai Medical Corporation, a company based in Japan, the Ministry of Health and the management of the J.F.K. Medical Center.

The Liberian leader especially thanked the chairman of the Tokushukai Medical Corporation, Dr. Afuso Hisaaki, the World Bank, ECOWAS, and the World Health Organization for their support to the project.

Dr. Weah stressed the need for constant budgetary support to upkeep and maintain the facility and noted that for too long Liberians have had to travel out of the Country to seek dialysis treatment. He said, with the opening of the first dialysis center in the country, anyone can now get affordable dialysis treatment right in country.

For his part, the Chief Medical Officer of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Dr. Jerry Fahnloe Brown thanked President Weah and all those who contributed towards such a milestone in the history of Liberia.

Dr. Brown stressed the need for manpower development, stable electricity to operate the facility effectively and constant supply of medication to treat patients.

The dedication program brought together an array of top government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, and Civic society groups, among others.

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