

Portrait of Lawrence MENSAH, Logistician in the capital, Monrovia, Liberia



During the training course on the techniques of management that took place at headquarters in Paris, Lawrence MENSAH kindly accepted to answer some of our questions.

Aged 41, Lawrence has been working for the Liberia mission for 14 years. In other words one can say that he has seen a certain number of expatriates, employees

from headquarters and even members of the Board of Directors pass by !

Lawrence, who is a trained electrical engineer, started working for ACF as a registrar in a food centre soon after the end of the war. After that he became one of the supervisors of a food centre and then general supervisor. After being assessed and then warmly recommended by the Head of mission, Lawrence became assistant logistician and is now logistician in the capital which is the post he presently occupies.

To be a logistician in the capital means to manage a logistic team of 12 persons, to act as a link between the different internal programmes and other NGOs and supervise the daily operations linked to logistics so that all the programmes can progress.

This dynamic post as manager, connecting numerous internal and external players, is much appreciated by Lawrence. He enjoys being a technical referee for the programmes and to know that everybody counts on him.

One of his most outstanding experiences remains the two periods when the whole team of expatriates was evacuated following the serious crises in Monrovia in 1996 and 2003. He had to continue implementing the programmes while being on remote control. Lawrence supervised the daily logistic work, received the families of the national employees having taken refuge in the ACF premises, and ensured their survival provisions.

Lawrence is a moderate, calm and friendly person. He is very much involved in his work, is reliable and seeks to understand what he can do to be as efficient as possible. In his spare time Lawrence does body building and plays basket ball which are his favourite hobbies.