

## **CHAPTER V**

### **CONCLUSION**

In this chapter, conclusions will be drawn from the analysis written from the previous chapters to deliver an overview of the overall results of the study.

The formation of the State of Liberia by the black community of the United States was viewed critically since the beginning of the process. This due to the intense tension that occurs between settlers and local indigenous people who have lived in the area that is intended to make into the country of Liberia. The main factor originating from the tensions that occurred was that more than ten thousand settlers occupied the area that was home to the indigenous people who had lived there first. Black communities coming from the United States, estimated at more than ten thousand settlers and slaves freed by the American Colonies, called Americo-Liberians, dominated the political landscape even though it consisted of only five percent of the total population in Liberia. The Americo-Liberia community remained responsible to the United States, and the region became an independent state of Liberia in 1847

The settlers took the land from the indigenous people that made this group lose its power. Various problems with the Americo-Liberians have made matters worse because they dominate political power and marginalize the indigenous people. The first Liberian conflict erupted in 1989 and ended in 2003 by warring parties signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

With the conflict resulting in hundreds of thousands of people edited and millions of Liberians displaced. Besides this, the emergence of this conflict made hundreds or even thousands of victims, the majority of whom fell again. However, behind the unfavorable situation for women as explained above, women were also able to become the pioneers of the occurrence of women as an agent of change and initiate conflict resolution in Liberia.

Conflicts often occur in every country, either in the form of internal conflicts or joint conflicts involving other parties outside the country. Conflict is a clash or dispute involving two parties or more usually occurs because of differences of opinion and wants to maintain the desires of each with a specific purpose. In line with

conflict, a particular resolution is needed to solve a problem between several parties. In chapter three, the writer explained that women often get "roles" as victims of conflict and become parties who have more significant losses than men. However, it turns out that in its journey women are also able to become actors in the creation of conflict resolution in a region. Women can become agents of change and peace for a conflict like the one in Liberia.

In this case, women can make many movements which have a role to make women aware of participating in peace processes. Besides, women movements carry out various empowerment activities for women in refugee camps and education for children and of course women. The activities carried out by these women movements are a reflection of the Security Council Resolution 1325 issued by the United Nations in 2000.

The resolution was made so that women's movement in participating in taking part in peace and change is more flexible than before. It is inseparable from the role of the political background and education that the woman has. Seeing the success of the women movements towards Liberian women has made the writer have high hopes for the level of participation and role of women in the Liberian conflict.

Looking at the case that happened in Liberia, the writer tried to learn how the role of women in it. It turned out that the writer got the fact that in this case, women had a role as victims and agents of change. As victims, women get various violence and unpleasant actions from opposing parties who occupy their territory. As a result, many women who experience sexual violence as a form of weapons of war that aims to traumatize their victims and make a lousy stigma in society. These women must bear a weighty burden such as having to conceive a child he does not want, die in childbirth, suffer an infection and contract the HIV / AIDS virus.

However, it turns out that women are also able to become agents of change for a conflict. It evidenced by the involvement of one activist, Leymah Gbowee and several Myanmar women's organizations named LWI, AFELL, WIPNET, and MARWOPNET. They prove that women are also able to become agents of change in a conflict. These parties carry out their actions in creating peace in

various ways themselves, starting from doing marches and meet directly the parties involved in the conflict in Liberia.

The efforts of these parties as an effort to realize the ideals of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 which concerning the involvement of women in the peace process in a region. This resolution there are four main points, namely, Increased representation of women in all levels of decision-making and women's participation in development and peace and the prevention of conflict, Integration of gender perspectives in post-conflict processes and training aimed at improving gender perspectives on peacebuilding and preventing conflict, carry out special protection for women against acts of physical and sexual violence and the integration of gender perspectives in various programs, reporting and reports on UN peace operations.

To realize the peace, the author sees that there will not be a case or resolution of a case if there is no political opportunity. Through this political opportunity, women can participate in becoming agents of change, whether they carry the names of individuals or in a non-governmental organization. This writer can associate with what has been done by LEymah Gbowee, LWI, AFELL, MARWOPNET, and WIPNET. Glancing at the role of the peace activist as an agent of change in the case of Liberia is because they avoid using violence. Jalan Women Activist in carrying out efforts to create peace in cases that occurred in Liberia assisted by the presence of regional-based women's movements in it.

The solidarity of all women in Liberia who are tired of endless war makes them very consistent with continuing to do mass action in Monrovia until the warring parties want to do peace talks. The female Peace activist always mobilizes various strategies no matter how the peace agreement reached. The amazing thing from Liberian women in their role as victims became peace agents because their movement strongly rejected violence activities even though they faced warring parties who always held weapons.

The success of women in Liberia in creating peace in Liberia is a turning point that women have never been a party to war and even become victims but, dare to take the initiative to stop the conflict. Johan Galtung's theory of Conflict Resolution through three stages, namely Peace Keeping, Peace Making, and Peace Building

proves that women can be involved in each of these stages. Women become role models for the community because they have a significant influence on the peace process and lasting peace in Liberia.