



# International Organization for Migration

*IOM has been operating in Liberia since 2003, reporting to a Regional Representative based in Dakar, Senegal.*

*IOM programmes in Liberia fall under Pillars I (Peace and Security) and II (Economic Revitalization) of Liberia's **Poverty Reduction Strategy and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.***

## CURRENT PROGRAMMES

### PILLAR I

#### Family reunification and assisted voluntary return programme

**Duration: Ongoing programme since 2004**

**Objective:** Assist family reunification and the dignified voluntary return of migrants (immigrants, stranded asylum seekers and refugees).

**Results:** Since 2004, the Family Reunification Programme has reunited a total of 339 residual caseload of relatives in Liberia of Liberian immigrants in the US, Canada and some countries in Europe. Another continuing activity of IOM which started in 2004 is the Assisted Voluntary Returns (AVR) of Liberians from UK, Holland, Libya, Morocco, and Senegal. The programme facilitates safe and orderly return, transport and logistics to return to their areas of origin or choice of final destinations. In close coordination with other IOM missions in the region, travel arrangements of potential returnees are arranged, including booking flights, medical checks prior to travel, obtaining transit permissions, provision of escorts to transit points, reception assistance and onward transport. Over 142 migrants have returned under the AVR programme between 2006 to end 2010.

### PILLAR II

#### Expansion of the reintegration of conflict affected individuals through a local environment initiative project: Margibi and Montserrado

**Duration: February 2010 – February 2011**

**Budget: USD 648,228**

**Objective:** Contribute to the Government's efforts to build the conditions for sustainable rebuilding in the post-conflict context, with particular focus on socio-economic development.

**Results:** Support municipal authorities to manage a comprehensive waste management system and carry out community clean-up and health awareness campaigns. It builds on the success of the first waste management project implemented in 2008/2009. It covers additional sites and supports more beneficiaries by providing supplementary assistance to the 200 beneficiaries of the initial quick impact local environment initiative, as well as supporting an additional 200 vulnerable individuals with opportunities for sustained livelihoods and economic self-sufficiency. This project contributes to the reduction of pollution and improving the health and living conditions of the most vulnerable communities in Margibi and Montserrado Counties.

### Emergency Assistance

#### Transportation Assistance to Third Country Nationals and Returning Liberian Migrants

**Duration: Commenced January 2011 (ongoing)**

**Budget: USD 578,000**

**Objective:** Provide timely and dignified assistance for transportation to migrants displaced as a result of the conflict in Cote d'Ivoire

**Results:** With the establishment of two mobile teams to cover the border areas, IOM is providing support to the registration of migrants stranded in Liberian border communities as a result of the conflict in CDI. Upon completion of registration, IOM is supporting the verification of the identity of the individuals and households with the respective Liberian and international authorities, in order to support the issuance of emergency travel documents. Upon receipt of verification documents or the issuance of emergency travel documents, IOM prepares for the onward transportation either in coordination with IOM country offices in the region or with Liberian authorities. As at August 2011 1,174 third country nationals and 4,955 returning Liberian migrants have been registered. To date, IOM supported 514 third country nationals and 2,908 returning Liberian migrants with homeward transportation.

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	USD1,226, 228		
<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	16	<b>FIELD PRESENCE</b>	Nimba, Grand Gedeh (office in Zwedru), River Gee and Maryland (office in Harper)
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>	BIN, LRRRC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Gender and Development		
<b>COLLABORATING UN AGENCIES</b>	UNHCR, UNMIL, UNICEF		
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