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CURRENT PROGRAMMES

**Pillar IV (Infrastructure and Basic Social Services)**

**Literacy and Life skills Development: 8 Counties**

**Duration:** January 2009 - June 2012

**Budget:** USD 452,000

**Objectives:** Strengthen the capacity of rural community education centers to provide literacy and vocational skills for war-affected women and girls.

**Expected Results:** Increase in women's empowerment through enhanced earning potential, increased employment opportunities, organizational capacities and improved educational achievement.

**UN Joint Programme to Accelerate Efforts to Advance the Rights of Adolescent Girls in Liberia: 4 communities in 2 Counties**

**Duration:** October 2010 - March 2011

**Budget:** USD 91,350

**Objectives:** Empower most vulnerable and at-risk girls with literacy and life skills by 2012

**Expected Results:** 75 girls increase literacy and numeracy skills to facilitate mainstreaming into formal education

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>USD 543,350</b>		
<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	6	<b>FIELD PRESENCE</b>	Monrovia
<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>	Ministries of Education, Gender and Development.		
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