

*UNHCR has been operating in Liberia since the 1980s, continuing its work during the conflict in Liberia, and is currently assisting with the Ivorian refugee crisis in Liberia.*

*UNHCR's work in Liberia falls under Pillar I (Peace and Security) of the Government's Poverty Reduction Strategy and United Nations Development Assistance Framework.*

### CURRENT PROGRAMMES

#### **Pillar 1 (Peace and Security)**

**Protection and assistance to Ivorian refugees in Liberia: Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Montserrado and Nimba Counties**

**Duration: January 2011-December 2011**

**Budget: USD 32,314,247**

**Objectives:** Ensure international standards of protection for refugees in Liberia, while mainstreaming gender, SGBV, HIV/AIDS, and environment into all interventions. Promote refugees self reliance, while seeking durable solutions to issues affecting them.

**Results:** UNHCR is building the capacity of the government's Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), through training, and provision of logistical and administrative support. 160,000 Ivorian refugees spread across 250 villages and communities in Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Montserrado and Nimba Counties are benefiting from multi-sectoral humanitarian services including health, education, water and sanitation, as well as through business grants, agriculture training and materials for the construction of durable shelters.

#### **Liberian returnees assistance programme**

**Duration: January 2011-December 2011**

**Budget: USD 1,773,540**

**Objectives:** Support the sustainable reintegration of Liberian returnees, while continuing the implementation of exit and scale down strategies through effective partnerships with the Government of Liberia and other humanitarian and development agencies.

**Results:** The consolidation of peace by supporting various community based peacebuilding projects including peace and human rights education, capacity building of civil society organizations, and strengthening rule of law. Livelihoods opportunities and provision of assistance to vulnerable and "at-risk" persons. Approximately 350 vulnerable returnees are to receive agriculture assistance in the form of seeds, tools and training. This group is also expected to benefit from skills training and small business grants.

#### **Programme for local integration of Sierra Leonean former refugees**

**Duration: January 2011-December 2011**

**Budget: USD 850,000**

**Objectives:** Facilitate the legal, social and economic integration of Sierra Leonean former refugees who opted to remain in Liberia.

**Results:** The local integration of some 2500 Sierra Leonean former refugees through a two-tiered approach: legal and social support. The legal aspect includes the attainment of legal status and rights, including contribution towards the cost for acquisition of necessary documentation (residence permits, work permits, and naturalization documents). The social aspect includes provision of shelter, community development, enhancement of economic livelihoods through employment/self employment, agriculture, support to education/training, and rehabilitation of existing health clinics and provision of material support to upgrade health services. As of January 2011, 305 legal resident permits have been processed while 423 Sierra Leonean refugee families (1,338 individuals) have been locally integrated in Bensonville and Blamasee in Montserrado County, Tienii and Sinje in Grand Cape Mount County.

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| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>              | US\$ 38,228,324  |                       |   |
| <b>TOTAL STAFF</b>               | 166  | <b>FIELD PRESENCE</b> | Grand Gedeh, Maryland, Montserrado, and Nimba Counties. |
| <b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b>     | Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), CARITAS Cape Palmas, Special Emergency Activity to Restore Children's Hope (SEARCH), Logistics & Services Liberia Inc. (LSL), Tiyatien Health, Liberia Islamic Union for Reconstruction and Development (LIURD), Childfund, Environmental Foundation for Africa (EFA), Medical Emergency Relief Cooperative International (MERCi), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), German Agro Action (GAA), Catholic Relief Service (CRS), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Oxfam, Save the Children, International Emergency and Development Agency (IEDA) |                       |   |
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