



United Nations Children's Fund

UNICEF's work in Liberia is articulated in a five year Programme of Cooperation (2008-2012) signed between the Government of Liberia and UNICEF in 2008. This serves as the new road map that places children at the forefront of development. It contributes to reducing child mortality and vulnerability, and developing a safe, secure and peaceful environment for children in Liberia. It adopts three strategies: 1. continued support for service delivery; 2. capacity development and; 3. support to national policy formulation. These strategies are underpinned by a human-rights based approach to strengthen national and local ownership.

UNICEF programmes support Pillars I (Peace and Security), III (Governance and Rule of Law) and, especially Pillar IV (Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Basic Social Services) of Liberia's Poverty Reduction Strategy and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework

CURRENT PROGRAMMES

PILLAR III (UNDAF OUTCOMES 3 AND 5)

CHILD PROTECTION: ALL 15 COUNTIES

DURATION: JANUARY 2011 – DECEMBER 2011

BUDGET: USD 6,939,000

Objectives: Create a safe environment for children from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect through two distinct components: child justice; and social protection of vulnerable children, including children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Results: Develop and expand child justice systems across the country and assist the development of a police child protection service, social welfare, probation services and the judiciary; support policy development and implementation of programmes for children affected by HIV/AIDS; revitalize the birth registration system; strengthen national and community capacity to prevent and respond to child trafficking and exploitation; support skills, vocational training and psycho-social support for vulnerable children, and children affected by violence, abuse and exploitation; support formulation and implementation of legislation and policies that protect, promote and report on the rights of children in Liberia. Provide child protection services, including protection from violence, abuse and exploitation to especially vulnerable children during emergencies .

PILLAR IV (UNDAF OUTCOMES 4 AND 5)

CHILD SURVIVAL: ALL 15 COUNTIES

DURATION: JANUARY 2011 – DECEMBER 2011

BUDGET: USD 16,564,000

Objectives: By 2012, contribute to reduction by 30% of under-5 morbidity and mortality by providing quality maternal and child health services; reducing high levels of child malnutrition; and increasing access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

Results: Provide polio immunization and vitamin A supplements to 760,000 children under five years of age; build the capacity of more than 1000 health service providers on maternal and child care, childhood illnesses including malaria and acute respiratory infection (ARI), and nutrition; provide long lasting insecticide nets to 150,000 mothers and under five children; provide prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) services to at least 50,000 pregnant women and breastfeeding substitutes to fifty infants of HIV positive mothers; conduct a national micro-nutrient survey and a qualitative study on infant and young child feeding practices in Liberia to improve dietary counseling; provide access to improved water sources and sanitation facilities and promote healthy and hygienic behavior among more than 2000 families, 70 schools, and 24 health centers; support development and adaptation of policies and guidelines on child survival, health financing, and infant and young child feeding . Provide health, nutrition and water and sanitation services to children affected by emergencies.

BASIC EDUCATION AND GENDER EQUALITY: ALL 15 COUNTIES

DURATION: JANUARY 2011 – DECEMBER 2011

BUDGET: USD 17,550,000

Objectives: BY 2012, support the government in increasing primary school net enrolment ratio to at least 75 percent with gender parity through to grade 6, as well as achieve school completion rates of 90 percent through two components: 1. Increase access to Education; 2. Improve the Quality of Primary Education

Results: Support quality improvement of education through the child-friendly schools approach, which includes quality of the learner, the environment, the teaching / learning process, the content of the curriculum, and of learning outcomes. Support school enrollment through construction and renovation of 90 primary/junior high schools; improve knowledge on HIV and SEA prevention of 5% of all school children and adolescents in ALP ; Enhance capacity of teachers; provide basic school management and supervisory training to principals, County and District Education Officers; training in governance and school community liaison for School Management Committees and Parent/ Teachers' Associations; Supply essential kits of core teaching and learning materials. Provide education services to children affected by emergencies.

TOTAL BUDGET	USD 56,350,000 (2008-2012) <i>not including emergency funding, which is expected to be US\$ 60,000,000</i>		
TOTAL STAFF	127 (105 Regular; 22 Emergency deployment)	FIELD PRESENCE	MONROVIA (Emergency-Grand Gedeh, Maryland and Nimba)
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Ministries of Education, Gender and Development, Health and Social Welfare, Justice, Planning and Economic Affairs, Labour, Youth and Sports, Public Works, Lands, Mine and Energy, and the LDRC		
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