

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN (UNIFEM)

UNIFEM partnership with the Government of Liberia is based on the Standard Basic Assistance Agreement between the Government of Liberia and the United Nations Development Programme, signed in 1977.

UNIFEM's work in Liberia falls under pillar II (Economic Revitalization) and Pillar III (Governance and Rule of Law) of Liberia's Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. (UNDAF) Outcomes 1, 2, 3 & 5 with gender being a cross-cutting issue in both policy documents.

TOTAL BUDGET

USD 2,901,569

TOTAL STAFF: 7

FIELD PRESENCE

MONROVIA

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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Ministries of Gender and Development, Justice, Agriculture, Internal Affairs, Planning & Economic Affairs, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Women Legislative Caucus

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Foundation for International Dignity (FIND), Women NGO Secretariat of Liberia (WONGOSOL), Liberia Women Media Action Committee (LIWOMAC), African Network for Protection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Bassa Women Development Association (BAWODA), South Eastern Women Development Association (SEWODA), Development Education Network Liberia (DEN-L), Action Aid International Liberia (AAIL), Women in Peace-building Network (WIPNET), Agriculture Relief Services (ARS), Christian Empowerment Sustainable Programme (CESP), Liberia Women Empowerment Network (LIWEN), Search for Common Ground (SFCG).

COLLABORATING UN ENTITIES

FAO, ILO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNMIL/OGA, WFP, WORLD BANK.



CURRENT PROGRAMMES

Pillar III

Gender Justice and Democratic Governance: national level and in Counties

Duration: 2007— 2011

Budget: USD 1,760,925

UNDAF Outcomes 1 & 3: Objectives:

1: To provide capacity building support to enable national and local authorities provide security, manage conflict and prevent violence, and respecting human rights throughout

3: To advance democratic, accountable and transparent governance through promoting participation and inclusion in of all in accordance with human rights standards

Results:

Transitional Justice

Work with the TRC: Gender sensitive TRC, women's issues and requests incorporated into TRC report, gender mainstreamed in the final report, with a chapter on women

Work on Security Sector Reform (SSR): Two Field study tours for Justice Ministry; sector-wide policy on SSR; handbook on provision of women friendly services for internal security sector; police and other security personnel trained; female prison cells separated from males' at Monrovia Central Prison

Media: One radio station established (Liberia Women Democracy Radio) for broadcast of women specific issues and gender concerns, improved gender sensitive reporting by the media.

Prevention and Management of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

Training: 350 community legal officers trained; 29 security personnel and community members trained in psychosocial counseling; 8 peace huts established and functional

Coordination: GBV initial baseline for SGBV within specific counties; information to coordinating body for SGBV as part of JP provided

Women Participation in Governance

Women's Legislative Caucus: functional secretariat, support for Fairness Bill including lobby with men, sensitization and nationwide mobilization toward enactment of Fairness Bill; support to women's leadership

Violence against Women and HIV/AIDS: national level and in 7 counties

Duration: 2007— 2011

Budget: USD 638,426

UNDAF Outcome 5: Objective: To promote an enabling environment and capacity development of organizations to improve access to HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support as well as address stigma and discrimination.

Expected results:

Support for law review

Advocacy for more gender sensitive law reform of rape, inheritance, domestic relations laws and interior regulations

Support for Women Living with HIV and AIDS

Functional network of Women Living with HIV and AIDS

Training: 26 network women trained in financial management and leadership, advocacy & public speaking, 2 women exposed to international meetings/ International AIDS conference, one stakeholder national conference held in Liberia

Support to the National AIDS Commission—functional NAC secretariat

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Pillar II

Economic Security and Rights : Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties

Duration: 2007— 2010

Budget for 2009: USD 502,218

UNDAF Outcome 2: Objective: To promote implementation of national economic policies and programmes that support equitable, inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development

Results:

Access to land: Total of 50 acres land leased for production of cassava, land acquired by Ganta Concern Women's Group (GCWG) for processing facility

Increased production: Improved yield from 6,000 to 12,000 tons, better cassava cuttings and improved quality of farm produce

Support to processing: processing plant constructed and functioning with equipment for processing of farina, starch, flour, cassava

Increased income through sales: Market outlets sourced, packaging sacks provided and marketing strategy supported for 526 members of the GCWG.

Women's empowerment issues: 250 women of GCWG trained in adult literacy, institutional strengthening, financial and business management and leadership; women have increased knowledge of English; strengthened institution with structure; functional bank accounts and strategies to resolve conflict; 50 women receive micro loans in Bong County; 160 women trained in sewing, baking, pastry making, and basket weaving

Food Security and Nutrition Joint Programme

Women empowerment center/ home grown institutional strengthening

