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The work of the WB in Liberia falls under pillars II (Economic Revitalization), III (Rule of Law and Governance) and IV (Infrastructure and Basic Social Services) of the Government's Poverty Reduction Strategy and United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

TOTAL BUDGET

USD 205,000,000

TOTAL STAFF

24

FIELD PRESENCE

MONROVIA

PARTNERS

Ministries of Agriculture, Finance, Education, Gender and Development, Health and Social Welfare, Justice, Planning and Economic Affairs, Labour, Public Works, Lands, Mines and Energy; Monrovia City Corporation; the Civil Service Agency; the Environmental Protection Agency; General Auditing Commission the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission; the Liberia Institute for Public Administration; Liberia Water and Sewer Corporation; and the Liberia Reconstruction and Development Committee.

COLLABORATING UN ENTITIES

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MAJOR PROGRAMMES

Pillar II

Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Project

Duration: August 2007 – December 2011 Budget: USD 37 million (USD 11 million in 2009/2010)

Provides policy reform and institutional support for infrastructure management and the agricultural sector; agriculture and infrastructure Investments, including roads, bridges, water, and market facilities.

Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (EPAG) Trust Fund: Montserrado County

Duration: September 2008 – December 2012 Budget: USD 4.6 million (USD 1 million in 2009/2010)

Funds a Government of Liberia (GoL) project to test two innovative approaches to promoting productive employment for targeted beneficiaries. It will also strengthen the institutional capacity of government partners and implementing agencies.

Emergency Food Crisis Response: Agricultural Productivity Support : Bong, Nimba, and Lofa Counties

Duration: June 2008 – June 2012 Budget: USD 3 million (USD 695,000 in 2009/2010)

Support GoL's efforts in re-establishing basic infrastructure and reviving agricultural activities. Executed as co-financing to the Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Project.

Integrated Financial Management Information System

Duration : March 2009 – February 2012 Budget: USD 3.7 million (USD 3.3 million in 2009/2010)

Provision and installation of a computerized financial management information system in the Ministry of Finance, and strengthening manual accounting systems in line ministries and Counties.

Forestry Reform Project

Duration: 2006 – 2009 Budget: USD 2 million (USD 193,600 in 2009/2010)

Provides technical and logistical support to the Forestry Development Authority in law enforcement, institutional restructuring, community forestry, communications and decentralization.

Support for Ministry of Finance Resource Management Unit

Duration : 2007 – 2009 Budget: USD 2.5 million (USD 440,000 in 2009/2010)

Technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance in support of public financial management reform.

Pillar III

Economic Governance and Institutional Reform Project

Duration: March 2008 – August 2011 Budget: USD 11 million (USD 8.9 million in 2009/2010)

Technical assistance and resources to GoL in support of public financial management reform, including revenue administration, expenditure management, audit function, procurement and mineral sector governance, and civil service reform.

Senior Executive Service/ Civil Service Reform

Duration: October 2007 – October 2010

Budget: USD 2.3 million (USD 1 million in 2009/2010)

Finances the project, as well as provides technical and logistical support to the Senior Executive Service (SES) secretariat.

Support to PRS Preparation

Duration: March 2007 – September 2009

Budget: USD 700,000 (USD 250,000 in 2009/2010)

Technical and logistical support provided to the Government of Liberia for the preparation and monitoring of the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Capacity Building for Judicial Services

Duration: March 2008 – February 2010

Budget: USD 750,000 (USD 370,000 in 2009/2010)

Short-to-medium term and practical activities designed to assist the judicial system meet their most immediate needs to deliver basic services by: (i) strengthening court management; (ii) capacity building for human resources; and (iii) assessing the needs of the judicial sector, including case management and the potential use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms

Pillar IV

Community Empowerment Project II: Fifteen Counties

Duration: June 2007 – June 2010

Budget: USD 5 million (USD 1.5 million in 2009/2010)

Using a Community Driven Development approach, the GoL implemented project invests in community sub-projects focusing on basic infrastructure, and in capacity building at the community and local government level.

Emergency Food Crisis Response: Support for Vulnerable women and Children : Five counties

Duration: June 2008 – June 2012

Budget: USD 4 million (USD 2 million in 2009/2010)

Provides financing for the World Food Programme's focused school feeding project in five Counties in the south-east of Liberia which exhibit the most severe chronic malnutrition rates. Approximately 69,600 vulnerable women and children over two years will benefit from one school meal per day and take-home rations for female children. It will also provide food supplements for pregnant and lactating women. Builds on the success of the national school feeding programme implemented by WFP since 2005.

Emergency Food Crisis Response: CEP Public Works : Fifteen Counties

Duration : June 2008 – June 2012

Budget: USD 3 million (USD 800,000 in 2009/2010)

As part of the Government response to the social and economic emergency of Liberia, the Project will improve poor rural communities' access to basic infrastructure and provide economic opportunities for vulnerable households in urban and rural areas. Executed as co-financing to the Community Empowerment Project II (CEPII).

Emergency Infrastructure Project

Duration :August 2006 – August 2010

Budget: USD 46 million (USD 20.4 million in 2009/2010)

Funds the GoL's emergency rehabilitation and repair of critical infrastructure, including roads; and strengthening institutional capacity to carry out road management and maintenance functions and to improve the management of the Monrovia water supply. Rehabilitation efforts include a labor-intensive component, implemented by UNMIL and UNDP in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works.

Health Systems Reconstruction Project

Duration: June 2007 – October 2010

Budget: USD 8.5 million (USD 2.4 million in 2009/2010)

Supports 1) operational capacity within the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare; 2) human resources in the health sector; and 3) infrastructure and equipment, including essential facilities at JFK Hospital and Dogliotti College of Medicine.