



**Republic of Liberia**



**UNDP Liberia**

## **Project Document**

**Support to the 2010-2012 Liberian Electoral Cycle**

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**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:  
PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA**

**SUPPORT TO THE 2010-2012 ELECTORAL CYCLE IN LIBERIA**

Programme Period:	2010-2012	Total NEC Budget:	US\$ 38,317,117
Programme Component:	Fostering Democratic Governance	Allocated resources:	_____
Service Area:	Electoral Systems and Processes	Government:	US\$ 12,198,791
Starting Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> of February 2010	IFES	US\$ 4,005,000
Management Arrangement:	Direct Implementation	Total Basket Fund Budget:	27,186,840
Geographical Location:	Monrovia, Liberia	• UNDP	
		○ European Commission	US\$ 9,000,000 (Euro 7,000,000)
		○ Spain	US\$ 750,000
		○ Germany	US\$ 252,000
		○ Sweden	US\$ 5,399,115
		○ Norway	
		○ Denmark	
		○ Japan	
		○ ...	_____

**Project Brief**

The Republic of Liberia held democratic Presidential and Legislative Elections in 2005 after 14 years of devastating civil war and decades of misrule. The 2005 elections featured extensive support from the international community and from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) in particular. Future electoral processes will not have such broad support, meaning that Liberia must strengthen its national institutions and processes to conduct future electoral events in a credible, competent and sustainable manner. There is an urgent need to work with the National Elections Commission (NEC) to conduct constituency delimitation, registration of voters, voter education; gender sensitization and conflict preventative work with political parties and security forces prior to the referendum and the national elections. Successful conduct of the 2011 elections is considered a significant step in the consolidation of democracy in Liberia. In the case of local elections, most of the current Chiefs were either appointed during the war or have served for more than 20 years. Citizens point to the need to have their own elected local representatives as a means to exercise their voice and hold the representatives accountable for political and development decisions affecting their communities. Furthermore, to ensure success in all future elections in Liberia, a series of administrative, capacity and legal challenges must be addressed. This project therefore aims at deepening the democratization process in Liberia, with specific emphasis on improving electoral institutions, processes and laws. More specifically, the project will contribute to strengthening capacity of the electoral management body; enhancing electoral processes; and improving conformity of the legal and administrative framework with international standards. The project will also promote effective donor coordination and seek to mainstream gender and conflict preventative approaches in its activities. Finally, the project will also aim to support the development of an inclusive parliament, build the capacities of the newly elected parliamentarians and the parliamentary administration in an effort to enable the parliament to effectively undertake its constitutional responsibilities. The project is designed within the framework of a "One UN", drawing on the expertise and mandates of various UN actors to deliver assistance throughout the electoral cycle with contributions from regional organizations and donors such as the African Union, ECOWAS, Japan and the European Union. This document also encapsulates all the activities carried out by other key partners such as the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), an important implementing agency of USAID funded projects. Close coordination will be established to harmonize the activities described in the project.

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UNDAF Outcome(s)/Indicator(s) 3: Democratic, accountable and transparent governance is advanced in a participatory and inclusive manner and in accordance with human rights standards

Expected Outcome(s): Strengthened capacity of the NEC; enhanced electoral processes; and improved conformity of the legal and administrative framework with international standards

Indicator (s): Presidential, legislative elections and referendum considered free, fair, professionally administered and credible; improved legal and administrative frameworks

Expected Output(s)/Annual Targets: Implementation of the NEC Strategic Plan and greater NEC professionalism; improved electoral processes within purview of the NEC or in which the NEC plays a key role (boundary delimitation, voter registration, civic and voter education, women's participation, capacity development for political party and political party coordination, conflict prevention, gender mainstreaming, strengthening of NEC/Political party and inter-party consultative process, security training, election-specific support); inclusive parliament and efficient parliamentary administration in relation to the NEC, improved and harmonized legal framework governing elections; donor coordination.

Execution Modality: UNDP Direct Implementation<sup>1</sup>

Implementing Agencies: The Government of Liberia, the National Elections Commission, UNDP, UNMIL, UNIFEM, UNPOL, IFES, Political Parties, CSOs including women's groups, Media, other key partners

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<sup>1</sup>UNDP DEX modality notwithstanding, Government's own contribution and that of other partners who may not wish to put their resources in the UNDP Basket will be expended directly, though such contribution will be reflected in the project budget.

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