

## STRATEGIC ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Even though the implementation of the PRS has received attention and support from the President, Cabinet ministers and heads and agencies, and development partners, there are certain strategic issues that need to be considered, if not addressed, in order to continue the momentum that has produced the results being reported here:

- Continued support and attention is needed from the President in order to keep Cabinet Ministers and heads of agencies active and engaged in PRS implementation;
- Cut in expenditure as a result of revenue shortfall needs to be strategic: paying attention to and sparing cuts for PRS priorities;
- Cabinet ministers need to pay close attention to the PRS deliverables and attending process of implementation;
- Strategic partnership with other branches of government, especially the national legislature, needs to be strengthened;
- Local community participation in the implementation process should take a higher place on the agenda especially as it relates to policy and legislation development;
- Impact of global financial crisis on poverty reduction needs to be acknowledged, communicated, and strategically factored into implementation framework;
- Development assistance or aid need to be more targeted and aligned; and
- Release of donor funds need to be expedited.

## Highlights of Completed 90-Day Deliverables

DELIVERABLES	LEAD
Fiamah Dump site closed and When Town Facility made operational	MCC
Three (3) Baily Bridges launched in Careysburg, Nyanforla & Sinji	MPW
Fifty Eight (58) Hand dug wells completed in Monsterrado,	MPW
Foundations for forty (40) low income houses completed on Marshall Road in Margibi County	NHA
Textbooks distributed in eleven counties	MoE
Community Youth Center completed in Ganta	MYS
10 piece huts constructed in Western Region	MIA
Maryland County City Hall rehabilitated	MIA

DELIVERABLES	LEAD
Thirteen (13) power tillers distributed to women groups in Bong and Nimba Counties	MoA
PFM Law passed and regulations are being developed	MoF
National Accounting Standards have been approved by senior management at Ministry of Finance	MoF
Automated Customs clearing system (ASYCUDA) is now in pilot phase	MoF
IFMIS bidding process completed	MoF
National Employment Policy complete	MoL
Social Welfare and Mental Health policies completed	MoH
Well equipped ambulances supplied to seven counties	MoH
Land Commission established	GC
Deployment plans and SOP's completed for all security institutions	SEC
National Asset Registry installed	GSA
Thirty seven (37) rice mills and twenty three (23) cassava processing units distributed to farming groups in Bomi and Cape Mount Counties	MoA
Supply of power (350kva) to the Catholic Hospital, in addition to 400kva supplied to JFK Hospital	LEC



### Lift Liberia Website Launched

The first poverty reduction website has been launched in Liberia. The “Lift Liberia” website will try to empower and inform the public, including Liberians and friends of Liberia on what is happening as far as development in the country is concerned.

With just one click, Liberians from all over the world can easily access all the information they need, related to what is happening to reduce poverty in the country. Liberians of the Diaspora will be able to follow activities in their country and contribute with their own ideas on the way forward to development initiatives.

For more information, log on to the site at: [www.liftliberia.gov.lr](http://www.liftliberia.gov.lr)  
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# 90-Day Progress Report

## on PRS Implementation



## SCORE CARD

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"The roadmap for our future reflects the inputs of citizens from all of Liberia's 15 counties, from market sellers in Ganta to government Ministers in Monrovia, from women and men, boys and girls, members of every political party, every age group, every tribe, and every sector."

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf



## INTRODUCTION:

### Progress Report on PRS Implementation

The Government of Liberia began the implementation of its Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) or Lift Liberia Development agenda in April 2008 after receiving tremendous support and commitment from its development partners. The hopes of Liberians were high and expectations were raised as the successful implementation of the PRS promised to improve their living standards after nearly 15 years of civil war and destruction.

But after the first year of implementation, the Government reported that progress on the implementation of the Lift Liberia agenda was “slow relative to potential”. This report received a lot of negative press in spite of the boldness of government to tell it like it was. It was the first time, in recorded Liberian history, that the government had mustered the coverage to tell the Liberian people that things were not going as planned but that commitment to reverse course and accelerate implementation of the agenda was still very high on the priority list of the government.

To demonstrate this commitment, the President, **H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, requested that the Cabinet meet in a technical retreat session to review the entire PRS and identify ways to mitigate challenges and devise strategies to accelerate implementation by utilizing available opportunities and resources. It was clear from the President that there was no room for compromise on the implementation of the Lift Liberia agenda.

Based on the request from the President, the Liberia Reconstruction & Development Committee (LRDC), the government-partner forum charged with the responsibility of coordinating the implementation of the PRS, organized a series of review activities that ended in a Cabinet retreat on August 14 & 15, 2009 at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Paynesville. The retreat was held under the theme: “**prioritizing the priorities**” and chaired by the President. In attendance were the Vice President, the Chief Justice, and a representative of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The entire process of review led to the development of 90-day action plans to which each cabinet minister and heads of agencies committed to implementing as a demonstration of their commitment to accelerate PRS implementation.

As a result of the vigorous PUSH from the 90-day planning, we are pleased to report that current implementation stands at nearly 90% with unscheduled deliverables being completed as a result of the urgency and attention given the PRS from the highest political authority in Liberia as well as support from our development partners.



## 90-Day Action Plan Scorecard

The 90-Day Action Plans have helped to accelerate implementation of the PRS but all ministries and agencies have not been performing at the same level. Below is the scorecard for each ministry and agency on the execution of their 90-day action plans.

Liberia Telecommunication Authority	80%
Ministry of Post and Telecommunication	85%
Liberia Telecommunication Corporation	75%
National Housing Authority	63%
Ministry of Transport	85%
National Port Authority	94%
Ministry of Education	51%
Commission on Higher Education	72%
General Service Agency	70%
Liberia Petroleum Refining Corporation	53%
National Oil Company of Liberia	100%
Central Bank of Liberia	85%
Ministry of Internal Affairs	98%
Liberia Institute of Public Administration	95%
Civil Service Agency	72%
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	25%
Min. of Information, Cultural & Tourism	93%
Ministry of State	34%
Ministry of Finance	99%
Liberia Electricity Corporation	82%
Ministry of Labor	86%
Liberia Water & Sewer Corporation	23%
Ministry of Lands, Mines & Energy	79%
Forestry Development Authority	61%
Ministry of Agriculture	55%
Ministry of Gender & Development	84%
Ministry of Youth & Sports	76%
Ministry of Planning & Economic Affairs	75%
Monrovia City Corporation	57%
National Investment Commission	52%
Ministry of Public Works	81%
Special Security Services	95%
Liberia National Police	100%
Ministry of Justice	72%
Bureau of Correction	93%
Bureau of Immigration & Naturalization	93%
Liberia National Fire Service	100%
Bureau of Customs	100%
National Security Agency	80%
Environmental Protection Agency	80%
Disabilities Commission	93%
Ministry of Health & Social Welfare	75%
Governance Commission	93%

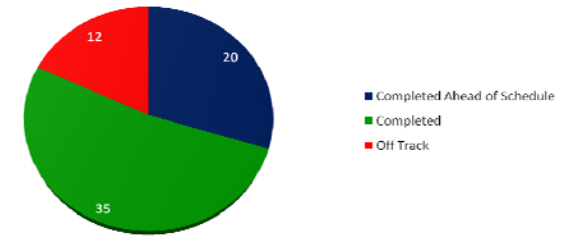
### 90-Day Implementation Results

At the end of the Cabinet Review Retreat, the Government was able to identify and isolate 47 PRS Deliverables to be completed

between August and November 2009.

The rigorous implementation mechanism and follow-up processes led to the completion of 35 of the 47 deliverables. In addition, the government was also able to complete 20 other deliverables scheduled for December 2009, a period well outside the implementation timeframe.

### 90-Day Deliverables



Overall, the big PUSH given the Lift Liberia implementation has started paying fruits not only to 90-day action plans but also to the entire PRS implementation. We are just 4 months away from the end of the second year and it is important to take an overview to see where we are in terms of overall implementation.

The chart below shows the overall completion rate since the beginning of PRS implementation (April 2008) to present (November 2009).

### Year-to-date Deliverables

