

Progress Report on Lift Liberia: 2 Years and Beyond

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Overview

- Liberia's 3 year MDG-based PRS ends in June 2011
- March 2010 ended year 2 of PRS implementation
- 3rd 90 day action planning cycle was completed on June 30
- Government's commitment to the full implementation remains demonstrably high
- Marked improvement over year one implementation rate of 20%
- County level M&E intensified
- Development partners remain supportive and engaged
- Visible signs of PRS impact around the country – more needs to be done



2ND 90 Day Performance Report

- Full 2nd 90 day Scorecard is available on our website
- Highlight of the performance of individual MACs

Ministry/Agency/Commission	Scorecard for 2 nd 90 day
Justice	90%
Defense	88%
Customs	100%
NSA	92%
Internal Affairs	97%
EPA	93%
Fire Service	100%
SSS	90%
NIC	81%



2ND 90 Day Performance Report

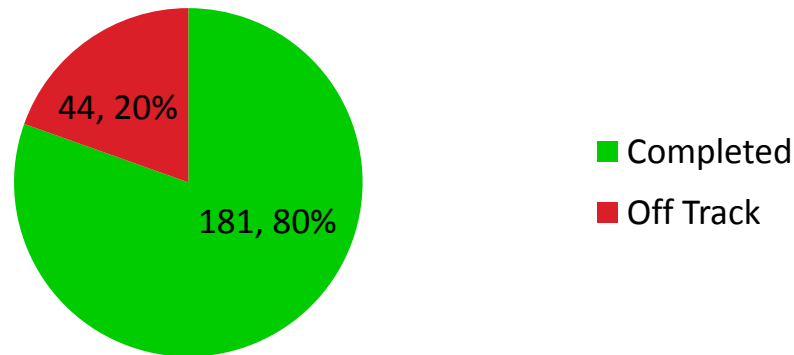
Ministry/Agency/Commission	Scorecard for 2 nd 90 day
LPRC	35%
MCC	0%
Youth & Sports	38%
LTA	57%
Education	59%
Police	52%
LDAA	35%
Information	30%



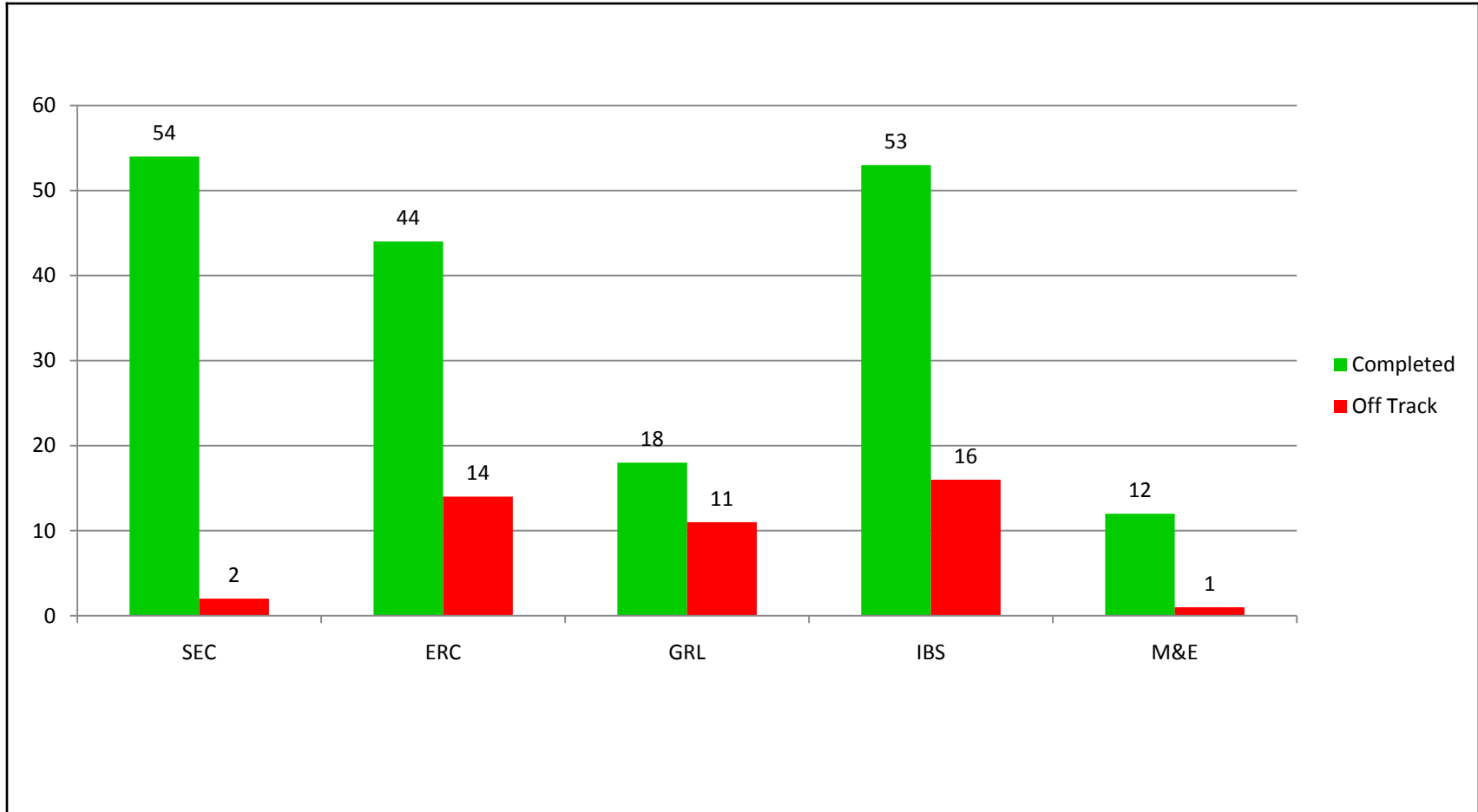
Summary Annual Progress Report

- Outcome based report
- Actual County Visitation – inspection, town hall meetings, etc
- All indicators: governance, social, and developmental are showing year-over-year improvement
- Improvements are not accidents – sustained efforts at major reforms

of Priorities



Summary Annual Progress Report



Summary Annual Progress Report

Pillar 1: Peace & Security

- Deployment plans for all Security Institutions are ready for implementation
- More than 2000 officers (about 4% women) of the AFL are performing their citizen-soldier duties
- The Liberian National Coast Guard has been officially launched (40 officers)
- Police strength continues to grow: nearly 4,000 officers in the force
- Major crimes such as armed robbery, arson, and SGBV are on the noticeable decline
 - SGBV is down 4% between 2008 and 2009
- Crime statistics gathering is improving – more people are reporting
- 500 community police forums in all 15 counties is improving police relations
- Police emergency response strength is increasing (336 ERU & 200 PSU)



Summary Annual Progress Report

Pillar 1: Peace & Security

- 100 immigration officers have completed various training programs in Liberia and Ghana
- 75 officers completed training in Firefighting – 1st & largest since 1978
- Women participation in security operations is on the increase

Key Observations on Security Pillar

- Pillar chairmanship remains strong and assertive
- Pillar meetings are held regularly with representation at the highest levels: partners and government actors
- Partners not present at technical level
- Lack of interest and capacity at technical level continue to hinder progress



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Pillar 2: Economic Revitalization

- Completion of floating triggers under HIPC leading to US\$4.6 billion debt relief
- Fiscal austerity measures kept cash-base balanced budget on course
- Economy grew at 4.6% in spite of global economic crisis
- Public Financial Management Law and attending regulations published and implementation is in full swing
- Inflation kept in single digit at 7.5% (down from 12% in 2008)
- 51% of population considered food secure
- Agriculture sector grew by 4%
- 39% increase in the production of rice (from 144,000 mt in 2007 to 200,000 mt in 2009)



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Pillar 2: Economic Revitalization

- Revised Investment Incentive Code passed
- Business registration process streamlined: new business registration up
- Automated System for Custom Data (ASYCUDA) launched
- SME Unit has been set up at the Ministry of Commerce
- Revenue collection improved leading to 300% increase between 2006 & 2009
- Mining Cadastre Information System installed

Key Observations on ERC Pillar

- Lack of interest from Ministers and technicians
- Pillar meetings are seldom held
- Technical meetings are not taking place
- Ministries and agencies are not providing updates



Summary Annual Progress Report

Pillar 3: Governance & Rule of Law

- All governance indicators are showing improvement: voice & accountability, political stability, rule of law, control of corruption, government effectiveness, and regulatory quality
- Government Asset Management system has been installed
- Established a Land Commission
- Completed a Civil Service Reform Strategy that is being implemented
- Process of reducing pre-trial detention is in place
- Public Defenders are assigned in all 15 counties
- National Decentralization Policy approved by Cabinet awaiting Legislative actions
- Judicial training institute established



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Pillar 3: Governance & Rule of Law

Key Observations on GRL Pillar

- Pillar leadership is strong
- Pillar meetings are taking place regularly
- Pillar needs lots of strong Executive support to push legislations
- Governance sub-pillar is slacking in meeting and reporting
- Rule of Law – Judiciary sub-pillar remains a BIG challenge
- Rule of Law – Justice sub-pillar is exemplary



Summary Annual Progress Report

Pillar 4: Infrastructure & Basic Services

- Increase in accessibility to healthcare: more than 50 health clinics and health centers constructed
Tapitta Referral Hospital (300 bedroom), CH Dunbar Hospital (55 bedroom)
- Increase in the number of trained health workers from 3,966 (2005) to 5,813 (2009) – TNIMA is tuition free & A.M. Dologthi students receive monthly stipends
- Increase in primary school enrollment: 488,436 (2005) to 605,236 (2009)
- More than 175 school buildings constructed or renovated
Community colleges in Nimba & Sinjee to open this year
- New UL campus in Fendell to open in September
- Improvement in the transportation of goods, services and people
More than 50 miles of road paved (target is 100 miles)
991 miles of primary laterite roads rehabilitated (target is 1,187 miles)
219 miles of second laterite rehabilitated (target is 300 miles)



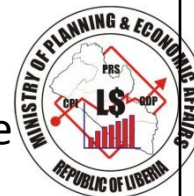
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Pillar 4: Infrastructure & Basic Services

- 50% of population has access to safe drinking water (increased from 25% in 2008)
- 32% of population has access to telephone & 19% to internet
- Electricity generation has increased from 2.65 MW (EPP1) to 10 MW (EPP2)
- Rural Renewable energy is picking up steam: kerosene lanterns are being replaced with solar rechargeable lanterns in the Southeastern towns and villages
- Human waste collection has increased from 17 to 25%

Key Observations on IBS Pillar

- Pillar Chairmanship remains strong and visionary
- Technical meetings are taking place regularly
- Some technicians complain of lack of support within their ministries
- Donors' processes, and conditions continue to affect delivery
- Timing of activities to avoid adverse whether conditions remain a challenge



County Progress Report

County	Activities performed
Margibi	Inspected the 14 th Road Elementary school, KRTTI, C.H. Rhene Hospital, Snafu Dock bridge (Marshall), new Cotton Tree Health center, new school in Kpanyain town, renovated Kakata Sports pitch, Held town hall meeting with resident of Kakata
Bong	Inspected 55-bedroom CH Dunbar hospital, Kokoya Millennium Village project, rehabilitated Kokoya road, Rock Crusher public school Held a County Development Steering Committee meeting and town hall meeting at Gboveh High school
Nimba	Inspected Ganta Youth center, 300-bed room Tappita Referral hospital, Gbedin Rice Mill, Sanniquellie prison facility under construction, community college under construction, newly constructed post office in Sanniquellie
Grand Gedeh	Inspected bridge construction at Toe town, multi-purpose security complex at Toe town's boarder post, Martha Tubman Memorial Hospital, center for war affected children
River Gee	Inspected bailey bridge on the Gee River, construction of the new demonstration school, vocation training institute
Maryland	Inspected the renovated Tubman University, rehabilitated Harper-Cavalla highway



County Progress Report

County	Activities performed
Sinoe	Inspected the Agri training center for ex-fighters, sanquin bridge under construction, murrayvill school under construction, renovated administrative building
River Cess	Inspected mid-wifery center at the Charlie town clinic, rehabilitated Cestor High school, renovated Police headquarter, women empowerment center, new police barrack under construction, newly constructed courthouse
Grand Bassa	Inspected Grand Bassa community college, construction of the Cotton Tree – Bokay Town highway, Bokay Town bridge under construction



Implementation Challenges

- Lack of Capacity
- Weak Sector Coordination
- Weak Sectoral leadership
- Lack of motivation & oversight from Cabinet ministers
- Lack of strong private sector participation
- Lack of cooperation from NGOs in the counties
- Low level of community participation
- Aid Coordination & Management



Looking Beyond Year 2

Interventions	Pillar	Agency
Complete the Execution of Deployment Plans	SEC	All SIs
Complete streamlining of security agencies	SEC	MoJ
Complete training of ERU (500 officers target)	SEC	LNP
Complete National Military Strategy & UNMIL drawdown	SEC	MoD
Establish National Military Response Center	SEC	MoD
Complete Civilian Oversight Board	SEC	MoJ
National Policy on Crime Prevention	GRL	MoJ
Complete mandate & functions review of 18 M&As	GRL	GC/CSA
Staffing needs analysis of the Judiciary	GRL	ToJ
National and County-level Case Management System	GRL	ToJ

Looking Beyond Year 2

Interventions	Pillar	Agency
National Decentralization Policy and Plan	GRL	GC/MIA
National Biometric Identification	GRL	MIA
Freedom of Information Act	GRL	MICAT
Code of Conduct	GRL	CSA
Children's Act	GRL	MoDG
Framework to incorporate customary justice system in formal justice system,	GRL	MoJ



Looking Beyond Year 2

Final PRS Review Retreat

- Cabinet & Partners
- August 13 – 14, 2010