





UNDP: Support to the 2015-2019 Election Cycle

	Implementing partner(s)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
	Location	Nationwide
	Agreement period	01 June 2015- 31 May 2020
	Budget total	25 000 000 SEK

Overview and objectives

In 2005 and 2011 and 2017 Liberia held democratic Presidential and Legislative elections, which marked an important consolidation of democracy in Liberia. The elections were conducted with significant technical and advisory support from international partners, but local election capacity and capability is now required to sustain this progress.

The National Elections Commission is an autonomous public commission whose mission is to “strengthen democracy and sustainable peace by managing free, fair and transparent elections for the Liberian people”. The aim of this project is to: “**strengthen the capacity of National Elections Commission** and core electoral stakeholders to conduct their core activities in an impartial, transparent and sustainable manner and successfully carry out scheduled electoral processes”.



Figure 1: Woman voting in the 2017 Liberian elections. Photo credit: UNDP

Activities

This project aims to deliver eight outputs to support elections management. These outputs, and examples of activities to achieve each, are set out below.

- **Strengthened capacity within NEC for efficient implementation of its mandate:** activities include the development of administrative systems, improving warehousing for storage and inventory, and conducting training and study tours for NEC members and staff.
- **Voter registration is updated, and voter registration process is improved:** infrastructure, equipment and technical support is provided to the voter registration process.
- **Women’s political participation and leadership is enhanced:** advocacy and training activities are conducted.
- **Political parties’ capacity is enhanced, political parties are co-ordinated and conflict prevention measures are in place:** workshops and inter-party dialogues are conducted on conflict prevention.
- **Elections security forces act is in line with international standards:** activities under this objective include technical and financial support to security force training.
- **Civic and voter education strengthened:** activities centre on the design and roll-out of a school based civic education curriculum.
- **Strengthen the electoral legal framework and the constitutional review process:** this output is supported by deploying a legal expert to the NEC.
- **Successful conduct of national elections through logistics and operational support provided to NEC and core electoral stakeholders:** the project provides logistics and administrative support and contributes to the payment of polling staff for elections/by-elections.