

## Ministry of Public Works: Liberian Swedish Feeder Roads Project Phase 3

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	Ministry of Public Works
	<b>Location</b>	Grand Gedeh, Grand Kru, River Gee and Maryland counties
	<b>Agreement period</b>	2017-2022
	<b>Budget total</b>	195 724 000 SEK

### Overview and objectives

The Liberian Swedish Feeder Roads Project (LSFRP) is supporting economic development in Liberia through road rehabilitation – increased physical access – to markets and employment, healthcare, education and public services. In 2009, the governments of Sweden and Liberia entered a successful partnership resulting in LSFRP phase one and two; and the rehabilitation of over 636 km of rural roads in Bong, Lofa and Nimba counties. Phase three focuses on the rehabilitation of 270 km of feeder roads in the South eastern counties of Grand Gedeh, Grand Kru, River Gee and Maryland.

A functional feeder road network will bring about benefits for the Liberian economy through all-year-round connectivity for rural communities, as well as reduced transport cost, farmers being able to transport their produce to markets, easier access to health facilities, schools as well as increased access to the justice system and other public services. It will also improve emergency response throughout the country and will increase resilience against crises. The geographical focus of phase three is particularly important since the South Eastern parts of Liberia experience partial isolation due to dramatic seasonal changes with heavy rains and consequential flooding.

The Embassy is partnering with the Ministry of Public Works, who has oversight responsibility of all Government infrastructure in Liberia. The project aligns with the Ministry's national agenda which aims to offer improved infrastructure to its people, particularly in the roads sector. The Ministry of Public Works is committed to the development of a comprehensive road maintenance system and the creation of a roads fund.

### Activities

The project will also build capacity in the Liberia road sector, including county administrations, Liberian contractors and local communities through procurements, various trainings and capacity building initiatives, as well as setting the standard for feeder road rehabilitation and maintenance in Liberia. By the end of the project period, the Government and local contractors is expected to have the capacity to rehabilitate and maintain Liberia's feeder roads.

A further component of the project is the construction of wells and latrines in targeted communities. To date, 250 wells fitted with hand pumps and 25 latrines in schools and clinic have been constructed and rehabilitated and community users are supported for required capacity to address issues of water-point operations and maintenance.



Figure 1: Road in need of repair