

## UNDP/OHCHR: Strengthening the Rule of Law in Liberia – Justice and Security for the Liberian People

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	UN Development Programme Liberia (UNDP), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
	<b>Location</b>	Nationwide
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### Overview and objectives

The aim of this programme is to strengthen Liberian justice and security institutions and build capacities at the grassroots level to ensure access to justice for local communities, with particular attention to the needs of women and children. The programme also aims to empower civil society actors to monitor the performance of justice and security institutions. The programme meets a need for a more “joined-up” approach to rule of law development in Liberia, and addresses a lack of access to, and public confidence in, security and justice institutions for Liberian people.



*Figure 1: Sweden and Ireland award motorbikes to civil society organisations as part of this programme. Photo credit: Embassy of Sweden*

The targeted outcomes of the programme are:

- Capacity of **justice and security institutions strengthened** and linkages forged;
- **Civil society contribution** to rule of law and community access to justice enhanced;
- **Gender responsiveness** of justice, security and legislative actors strengthened and women and girls’ access to justice and security improved; and
- Capacity of key actors and stakeholders to **monitor progress and results** in rule of law development increased.

### Activities

The programme encompasses a wide-range of activities, with some examples of activities conducted against each of the target outcomes included below.

- **Institutional capacity and linkages:** establishing formal links between justice and security institutions; implementing record keeping and case-management systems; training and capacity building in areas such as case-management, legislative drafting and community policing. These activities work to strengthen the capacity of key institutions such as the Liberia National Police, Ministry of Justice, and the Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- **Civil society contribution:** training, technical assistance and promotion of legal aid across civil service organisations (CSOs), communities and the legal profession; working with community leaders to strengthen rights protection in informal justice processes; provision of micro-grants to CSOs.
- **Gender responsiveness:** increasing numbers of women working in the sector through traineeships for female law school graduates; building the capacity of SGBV specialised police units.
- **Monitoring progress:** producing baseline data on key indicators and strengthening the capacity of national entities to monitor progress.