

# THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2008 – 2012

## OVERVIEW

The Government of Liberia and UNICEF signed a five year Programme of Cooperation in 2008. This road map for UNICEF actions during the period 2008 - 2012 will provide a continuum of care to the children nationwide.

The overall goal of the Country Programme is to **contribute to the reduction of child mortality and vulnerability and the development of a safe, secure and peaceful environment for children in Liberia.**

By 2012, the programme will specifically contribute to: i) reducing under-five mortality by 30%; ii) increasing primary school net enrolment by at least 75% with gender parity through to grade six and 90% retention and completion rates; and iii) creating a protective environment for children with effective institutions against violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect.

Given the current situation of transition from emergency to development in Liberia, the Country Programme will adopt three strategies: continued support for service delivery given that the capacity of government is still inadequate to provide the needed basic services; capacity development of

Government partners at both the national and local levels to gradually take over service delivery and; support to national policy formulation. All will be underpinned by a human rights-based approach to strengthen national and county level ownership, the co-ordination of initiatives in the best interests of the child and appropriate participation of children.

The programmes and projects agreed jointly by the Government are based on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2008-2012 in response to Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) 2008 – 2011.

The country programme budget for the next five years is US\$ 56,350,000 (not including emergency funding). This translates to an annual budget of US\$ 11.27 million of which a third is from regular resources (UNICEF funds). In addition, the Country Office plans to raise another US\$ 15 million per year under emergency funding procedures in an effort to ensure that the high levels of external resources required by Liberia to save and protect children's lives during childhood are made available. The funding requirement shown in the table below is US\$ 73,675,400 and includes the addition emergency funding target for 2008.

## Funding Requirement for 2008-2012

Programme	2008 *	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL
Child Survival	15,117,700	4,669,000	4,669,000	4,669,000	4,669,000	33,793,700
Basic Education &						
Gender Equality	5,248,100	3,510,000	3,510,000	3,510,000	3,510,000	19,288,100
Child Protection	4,089,000	1,939,000	1,939,000	1,939,000	1,939,000	11,845,000
Cross-Sectoral	4,140,600	1,152,000	1,152,000	1,152,000	1,152,000	8,748,600
<b>TOTAL CPD</b>	<b>28,794,200</b>	<b>11,270,000</b>	<b>11,270,000</b>	<b>11,270,000</b>	<b>11,270,000</b>	<b>73,675,400</b>
<b>FUNDING GAP (CPD)</b>	<b>5,170,100</b>	<b>7,725,900</b>	<b>8,143,400</b>	<b>8,456,000</b>	<b>8,737,400</b>	<b>38,999,400</b>
<b>Additional funding target**</b>		<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>60,000,000</b>

\* 2008 budget already includes additional emergency funding that UNICEF Liberia aims to raise during 2008  
 \*\* Through emergency funding mechanism