

# PEACEBUILDING FUND EMERGENCY WINDOW

## PROJECT SUMMARY

<b>Recipient UN Org:</b>	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) - Joint Program Unit for UN/Interpeace Initiatives				
<b>National Authority:</b>	Government of Liberia, Ministry of Internal Affairs				
<b>Project Number:</b>	PBF/EMER/4				
<b>Title:</b>	Supporting reconciliation in Nimba County				
<b>Location:</b>	Nimba County, Liberia				
<b>Project Cost:</b>	USD 788'644.00				
<b>Duration:</b>	Six Months				
<b>SC Approval Date:</b>	24-Dec-2007	<b>Start:</b>	February 2008	<b>Completion:</b>	July 2008
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>Instability in Nimba County between three of the most involved ethnic groups in Liberia's Civil War continues to undermine the consolidation of peace. It has resulted in the delayed repatriation and reintegration of over Liberian 40,000 refugees stranded in Guinea- and has become an obstacle to governmental efforts for economic reactivation of this key County. The project builds on gains made by the Government of Liberia with support from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) to resolve the conflict which has manifested itself in the contestation for land and properties. The project aims to foster reconciliation, create conditions for the return and reintegration of refugees, develop a strategy for continued reconciliation for the County and identify mechanisms that prevents the emergence of violent conflict and promotes the resolution of property disputes.</p>				
<b>Development Goal:</b>	To contribute to the consolidation of peace in Liberia				
<b>Immediate Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-existence and reconciliation between ethnic groups in Nimba County is fostered.</li> <li>• Local capacity for sustained conflict management and transformation strengthened.</li> <li>• Policy frameworks and laws that support continued property dispute resolution developed.</li> <li>• Compensatory arrangements for property disputes resolution eased through the expansion of Ganta City.</li> <li>• Employment opportunities for disaffected youth increased.</li> </ul>				
<b>Outputs/Key Activities:</b>	<p>Participatory research processes carried out in the six administrative districts of Nimba will lead to the identification and analysis of root causes and fault lines for violent conflicts. A series of visioning workshops at the district level with the different ethnic groups and other social actors will contribute to the development of shared visions for future development and coexistence in the county. A series of Reconciliation Conferences led by the Government will lead to the development and legitimation of a Reconciliation Strategy for Nimba that will result of an agreement between the different ethnic and social groups and the Government on a series of practical measures to foster continued reconciliation in the county. Research into customary law practices will contribute to the identification of local resources for conflict resolution that can then be integrated into a legal framework for the resolution of present and future property disputes. Construction of drainage to the roads being expanded in the city of Ganta will provide employment opportunities to disaffected youth and demobilized ex-combatants. Ultimately the project will contribute to mending the deeply fractured social fabrics in the County, strengthen its capacities for continued conflict resolution and reconciliation, and establish conditions conducive to return of refugees and economic recovery.</p>				