

## Liberia Peacebuilding Fund

### Strengthening the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Liberia

#### Project Summary

<b>Recipient UN Organization:</b>	UNDP	<b>PBF Priority Area:</b>	3.1,3.2		
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	The Supreme Court of Liberia, UNMIL Legal & Judicial Systems Support Division, The Carter Center				
<b>Project Number:</b>	<b>PBF/LBR/E-4</b> <b>PBF Ref. #: PP/R3/A3/03</b>				
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Strengthening Public Defense</b>				
<b>Total Approved Project Budget:</b>	<b>US\$750,066.00</b>				
<b>Location:</b>	Montserrado, Grand Gedeh, Grand Bassa, Sinoe, Lofa and Margibi				
<b>JSC Approval Date:</b>	<b>23 January 2009</b>				
<b>Project Duration:</b>	12 Months	<b>Starting Date:</b>	March 2009	<b>Completion Date:</b>	February 2010
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The Strengthening public Defence Project will bolster the capacity and, as a result, effectiveness of Liberia's public defenders through targeted inputs. These inputs will facilitate two activities: 1) Public defending Training and 2) Public Defending Logistical Support. This support is timely as the PBF JSC is considering two other proposals, both of which seek to strengthen the capacity of the prosecution: one establishes a SGBV Crime Unit within the Ministry of Justice to prosecute cases, while the other will create well equipped and trained prosecutors. Both projects present crucial peace building activities, but as the prosecution is bolstered, so too must the quality and capacity of the defenders be improved.</p>				
<b>Peacebuilding Impact:</b>	<p>By providing strategic inputs into specific institution, the Public Defenders' office, the project will achieve a broad peace building impact. Institutional change effected through the personal transformation of key individuals (Public Defenders) will precipitate attitudinal and behavioural change among ordinary Liberians as they gain access to qualified, prepared, equipped public defenders, thus reinforcing popular acceptance of the justice system. With proper respect for due process and the rights of the accused, Liberians will see tangible change, only amplified when one considers how this will complement other tandem PBF proposals' peace building impact, particularly the UNHCR/Carter Centre <i>Strengthening the Rule of Law Project</i>, and two projects to strengthen the Ministry of Justice: <i>Strengthening the Rule of Law Sector to Effectively Address SGBV</i> in Liberia project and supporting the Ministry of Justice in <i>Improving Prosecution Services project</i></p>				
<b>Outputs and Key Activities:</b>	<p><u>Key outcomes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public defenders are effectively trained in procedural and substantive areas criminal defence in order to enhance justice delivery to the community.</li> <li>2. Standard operating procedures are developed and put into place to monitor and evaluate performance of public defenders offices and their staff to ensure consistent application of institutional and professional rules and regulations</li> </ol>				
<b>Indicator and Benchmarks:</b>					
<b>Procurement:</b>					