Liberia Peace building Fund QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT AS OF 31 March 2010

Recipient UN Organization:	UNDP		PBF P Area:	riority	3.3; 3.3.1		
Implementing Partner(s):	Ministry of Justice, Republic of Liberia						
Project Number:	PBF/R2//A3/09 (PB	PF/LBR/	E-3)				
Project Title:	"Strengthening the Ministry of Justice in Improving Prosecution services"						
Total Approved Project Budget	1, 082,000 USD						
Funds Committed:	USD 1,082,000 Percentage of Approved:			100%			
Funds Disbursed:	USD 117,675.		Percentage of Approved:		28%		
SC Approval Date:	January 22, 2009						
Expected Project Duration:	18 Months	Foreca Final		October 2011	Delay (Months):	4 months	

Outputs:	Progress:	Percentage of planned:
1.Consultant for initial strategic planning recruited	1. Completed	1. 100%
Initial training session for MoJ prosecutors' strategic plan held.	2. Completed	2. 100%
3. Strategic plan drafted and Validated	3. Strategic plan completed and validated.	3. 100%

4. Office space for OTD identified by MoJ and refurbished/or equipped	4. completed	4. 100%
5. The head of OTD and 2 Assistants recruited by MoJ	5. The Director of Training and Development has moved to a new position, Assistant Minister of Justice for Corrections and Rehabilitation. This position has therefore been re-advertised in the local dailies. Applications for 2 assistants have been received.	5. 50%
6.The Office of the Deputy Minister of Justice for Administration and Public Safety (DMA)'s capacity for operational management enhanced, and the development of standards and policies for prosecutors, including a code of conduct/ethics, supported	6. Procurement of logistics to enhance the DMA's office is in progress. Recruitment of a new OTD is in progress	6. 75%
7. Prosecutorial training needs and gaps identified by the OTD in a one-day workshop	7. completed	100%

Qualitative achievements against expected results: January – March 2010

During the reporting period, the first quarterly project board meeting in 2010 was convened comprising the Ministry of Justice, represented by the Minister, Hon. Christiana Tah, UNDP and other stakeholders was organized to ensure successful implementation of the project in 2010. The Ministry of Justice, the principal partner of the project heads the Board and chaired the meeting, with co-assistance and technical support from UNDP in ensuring implementation of the project activities.

Two major trainings marking the conclusion of first and second phases of trainings for City Solicitors, County Attorneys and Police Investigators were conducted in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh and Kakata, Margibi counties. The trainings brought together more than 150 persons in the categories of prosecutors, Police investigators and district attorneys.

Technical and operational support was provided to the Office of Training and Development by UNDP in the implementation of project activities.

Logistical support by the provision of a computer and printer was made to the Monrovia Central prison. The first meeting of the Legal Training Coordination Task Force (LTCTF) was held at the Ministry of Justice.

One brand new land cruiser Jeep valued at 35 thousand United States dollars (\$35,000.00 USD) and 15 sets of the Liberian Law Reports (LLRs), volumes 28 to 41, were donated to the Ministry of Justice to complete provision of LLRs, Vol. 1 to 41 as part of operational and technical capacity support to the office of the Deputy Minister for Administration and Public safety and Prosecutors at the Ministry of Justice.



Prosecution training held in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County



Training session in kakata, Margibi county



<u>United Nations Development Program</u> Rule of Law Programme

PRESS RELEASE UNDP Donates Land Cruiser Jeep and Legal Books to the Ministry of Justice

Monrovia, Liberia- April 15, 2010: The United Nations Development Programme has presented a Land Cruiser Toyota Jeep and fifteen sets of the Liberia Law Reports(LLRs) ranging from volumes twenty-eight to forty-one(vol.28-41) valued over USD\$ 71, 186.40 to the Ministry of Justice . . The donation is part of on-going Project support to improve public Prosecution Services at the Ministry of Justice.

Presenting the items to Justice Minister, Cllr. Christiana P. Tah, UNDP's Rule of Law Programme Manager, Cllr. James Verdier, Jr., said the UNDP was pleased to make the donation in continuous effort to



strengthen the capacity of the Ministry to provide unhindered prosecution services which will improve access to justice for all. He expressed the need for more partnership between the Ministry and UNDP.

Receiving the items, Justice Minister Cllr. Christiana P. Tah praised the United Nations Development Programme, and the entire United Nations family for the continuous support in the reconstruction of Liberia. Minister Tah said the road to access for Justice will be impossible without the partnership of UNDP. She assured the UNDP that the vehicle and the Legal texts will be used to promote and improve prosecution services to



ensure justice for all.

The items were procured as part of implementation activities under the Project "Strengthening Public Prosecution Services" at the Ministry of Justice. The project is funded by the United Nations Peace Building Fund (PBF) and it's implemented by the Ministry of Justice with technical and management support from UNDP. It can be recalled that under this project, UNDP also delivered volumes 1 to 27 of the Liberia Law Reports (LLRS), and volumes I to IV of the Liberia Codes Revised (LCRs), in September, 2009 valued over USD\$ 72,926.00.

Cllr. Verdier presenting the Jeep keys to Minister Tah