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INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period of March 2008, which represents the eight monthly report (and first quarterly report), under LCIP II. This Monthly Report includes a narrative report on progress organized by grant, a summary of the financial status, and a presentation of employment generation during the month and quarter.

SUCCESS STORY: March 2008

In March of 2008, in preparation for a trip to Lofa County, the office of Liberian Vice President Joseph Boikai contacted the LCIP team to forward a request from the Vice President. Vice President Boikai wanted to visit some LCIP ESR project sites in Lofa. Vice President Boikai has consistently been a strong supporter of LCIP projects. In November of 2007, he helped to launch the Private-Sector Intern Program. In April of 2007, he traveled three hours to Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, specifically to open the LCIP Trade Fair, at which time he also made several purchases from participating businesses. Impressed with our work and aware that LCIP had several projects in Lofa, his office contacted us as he was curious to see what LCIP was doing in Lofa. We immediately assembled a team to meet him.

Vice President Boikai is originally from Lofa, so this was a special trip for the people of that county. As this is the first visit that he has made to his home since the inauguration, we did not expect that we would command much of his time. To our surprise, the Vice President made time in his schedule to visit seven different LCIP project sites in three areas, Zorzor, Voinjama, and Foya. The projects visited include a cash crop farming project and six different enterprise development sectors. He visited several projects new to ESR, including restaurant management, electronics, Liberian country cloth weaving, and rattan furniture production. He also met our Foya blacksmith, a disabled gentleman who has employed other disabled community members, as well as one of our cosmetology shops. We are sincerely appreciative of the Vice President's interest in our projects as his interest provides motivation and moral support for our project beneficiaries



UPCOMING EVENTS: Pedestrian Compactors and IRAP STTA

In December 2007, DAI/LCIP ordered appropriate compaction equipment for road rehabilitation and maintenance works. The equipment was comprised of 1 piece of 2.2 ton BOMAG type Tandem Vibratory Roller and 3 pieces of 1.0 ton Double Vibratory Pedestrian Roller and shall be used to support the community based labour-based road works on Todee Road and associated priority community access rehabilitation works. The equipment was received on 26 March 2008 and expected to be in use from April 2008 forwards when cross drainage works using community based contracts commence.

Mr. Rob Dingen arrived on 26 March 2008 to provide four weeks support towards the planning process for Community Access Infrastructure planning for the Todee Road corridor. The provision and implementation of an integrated planning tool that will set out procedures for the decision making process, eventually linking to intervention selection and standards setting will be an important aspect of

the Project. The STTA inputs will be focused on a replicable Integrated Rural Access Planning (IRAP) Tool, to be implemented by LCIP in Community Access Programs.

The Social NGO that will undertake social mobilization and community development shall be trained during this period to make good use of the planning system. Their activities will directly link to community participation in all aspects including supporting the CBOs in undertaking community contracts.

GRANTS SUMMARY

The following tables show the current list of grants and subcontracts that have been approved by USAID and are currently being implemented.

| Master Grant # | Grant Description | Grant Amount | Disbursed | Start Date | End Date |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Infrastructure | | | | | |
| MPA001 | Renovation & Rehabilitation of Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute | \$2,500,000.00 | \$1,719,293.68 | | |
| | Subcontract (MPA001/A/001 - Liberia Reconstruction Development company) | | \$508,319.62 | 7/10/2007 | 12/10/2007 |
| | Subcontract (MPA001/A/002 - Borbor Nyumah Construction Company & Associates) | | \$529,186.67 | 7/27/2007 | 12/27/2007 |
| | Subcontract (MPA001/A/003 - Borbor Nyumah Construction Company & Associates) | | \$301,231.51 | 7/17/2007 | 12/17/2007 |
| | Subcontract (MPA001/A/004 - Morweh Liberia Limited) | | \$278,555.88 | 7/24/2007 | 2/24/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA001/A/005 - ACE Planning & Consulting Group) | | \$102,000.00 | 7/10/2007 | 1/10/2007 |
| MPA002 | Renovation & Rehabilitation of Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute (Minis | \$2,500,000.00 | \$887,800.74 | | |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/001 - Jusmart Engineering) | | \$220,202.48 | 10/1/2007 | 2/28/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/002 - General Fabrication & Construction Business Corporation) | | \$372,599.26 | 10/9/2007 | 3/9/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/003 - General Fabrication & Construction Business Corporation) | | \$58,366.57 | 10/1/2007 | 1/31/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/004 - Cross Roads Construction Company) | | \$113,427.34 | 10/12/2007 | 1/31/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/005 - Seek Engineering and Construction Services Inc.) | | \$71,830.09 | 10/2/2007 | 1/31/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA002/A/006 - AEP Consultants) | | \$51,000.00 | 10/1/2007 | 5/31/2008 |
| | Metal Sign boards | | \$375.00 | | |
| MPA003 | Renovation & Rehabilitation of Ministry of Public Works Complex (Ministry of | \$2,000,000.00 | \$981,902.38 | | |
| | Subcontract (MPA003/A/001 - Ecocon, Inc.) | | \$925,902.38 | 7/17/2007 | 1/17/2008 |
| | Subcontract (MPA003/A/002 - Milton & Richards, Inc.) | | \$56,000.00 | 7/1/2007 | 2/1/2008 |
| MPA011 | Lofa County Administrative Building (Ministry of Internal Affairs) | \$392,500.00 | \$100,000.00 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA013 | Sinoe County Administrative Building (Ministry of Internal Affairs) | \$160,000.00 | \$0.00 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA016 | Todee Road Development Corridor (Ministry of Public Works) | \$1,500,000.00 | \$6,112.00 | 11/1/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA017 | Rehabilitation and Renovation of Greenville-Buchanan Highway (Ministry of | \$2,316,000.00 | \$278,032.37 | 12/3/2007 | 6/30/2008 |

| Master Grant # | Grant Description | Grant Amount | Disbursed | Start Date | End Date |
|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Economic & Social Reintegration | | | | | |
| MPA004 | Rehabilitation of Small Holder Rubber Farms | \$988,023.75 | \$637,122.84 | | |
| | Grant (MPA004/C/01 - Agriculture Relief Services) | | \$247,204.64 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA004/C/02 - CATALYST) | | \$389,918.20 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA005 | Rubber Nursery | \$179,408.25 | \$116,107.07 | | |
| | Grant (MPA005/C/01 - Agriculture Relief Services) | | \$46,620.56 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA005/C/02 - CATALYST) | | \$69,486.51 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA006 | Enterprise and Workforce Development | \$1,500,000.00 | \$785,718.13 | | |
| | Grant (MPA006/C/01 - Organization For The Development Of Agriculture and Farmers Related Assc | | \$310,574.28 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA006/C/02 - Liberia Agro Systems, Inc.) | | \$258,267.85 | 11/2/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA006/C/03 - MANO TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION) | | \$216,876.00 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA008 | Community Driven Peace Building Initiative | \$153,441.00 | \$146,073.90 | | |
| | Grant (MPA008/C/01 - Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Program) | | \$66,312.90 | 9/24/2007 | 12/24/2007 |
| | Grant (MPA008/C/02 - Agricultural Development Reconstruction and Humanitarian Organization) | | \$79,761.00 | 9/24/2007 | 12/24/2007 |
| MPA009 | Youth Employment, Community Reconciliation, and Small-scale Community | \$248,669.00 | \$97,220.81 | | |
| | Grant (MPA009/C/01 - Making Enterprises, Inc.) | | \$97,220.81 | 10/8/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| MPA010 | Agricultural Production and Marketing | \$600,000.00 | \$571,417.59 | | |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/01 - Organization for the Development of Agriculture & Farmer's Related Associat | | \$114,910.42 | 10/30/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/02 - Rural Agricultural Alternatives, Inc.) | | \$95,479.00 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/03 - Volunteers to Support International Efforts in Developing Africa) | | \$130,966.90 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/04 - Faimaba Fisheries Development Cooperative, INC) | | \$45,603.00 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/05 - United Methodist Church Agriculture And Rural Development Program) | | \$55,462.92 | 11/5/2007 | 6/30/2008 |
| | Grant (MPA010/C/06 - Project New Outlook) | | \$128,995.35 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 |

I. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING

RENOVATION OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grantee | Ministry of Public Works |
| Total Grant Amount: | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | \$1,823,835.57 |
| Start Date | July 2007 |
| Completion Date | June 2008 |
| Contractor | Ecocon Inc. |
| Supervision Consultant | Milton and Richards |
| LCIP Project Manager | Alfred Godu |
| Est. Percent Completed | 53% |

Updated Status

- LCIP is exerting every pressure on the contractor to have him fully concentrate on works such as the installation of burglar bars, doors and floor tiles.
- A modification to the contract was done for additional works which includes the storm water drainage, septic tanks, water supply system, rehabilitation of an existing septic tank and a roof slab and additional materials for the plastering of the fence.
- A contract modification of over \$76,000.00 was signed without a time extension for water supply, sewage, site drainage, and septic tanks – all of which were excluded from the original budget prioritization by MPW, as MPW was to assume the responsibility of water and sewer hook-up.
- The contractor submitted a response to some issues on the electrical works including the low voltage switch gear, distribution boxes/panel/board, unit rate increases (market prices of copper), and quantities of distribution cables. This response is being reviewed by DAI, with ongoing assistance from IRG, and a contract modification, and possible grant modification, may be required (\$200k)

| | Overall Progress |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Main Building | 53% |
| Building # 2 | 46% |
| Building # 3 | 62% |
| Building # 4 | 50% |
| Building # 5 | 57% |
| Building # 6 | 60% |
| Fence | 71% |

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- MPW through its Consultant wants a stop order to be issued on building # 5. This building would be turned over to the Ministry of commerce to be used as a laboratory.
- Conclusion on the outstanding electrical issue need to be reached so that works can commence ASAP.
- DAI LCIP will finalize the validity of those claims for delays submitted by the contractor. (\$35k)
- Cost savings may be possible by reducing the quantity of air conditioners; which may also ensure that the generators currently on site have sufficient capacity to match the electrical load requirements of the building.

KAKATA RURAL TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (KRTTI)

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Grantee | Ministry of Education |
| Grant Amount | \$2,500,000.00 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | \$2,073,210.00 |
| Start Date (Actual) | August 9, 2007 (updated) |
| Est. Completion Date | April 8, 2008 (revised) |
| Contractors | Borbor Nyumah; Liberia Reconstruction and Development Corp; Morweh Liberia Limited |
| Supervision Consultants | ACE Planning and Consulting Group |
| LCIP Project Manager | Victor Musarurwa |
| Est. Percent Completed | 90% |

Updated Status

- During the month extensive monitoring exercises and consultations were continuously taking place between the project Consultant, LCIP/DAI and all contractors regarding increasing activities and progress especially on three of the remaining project contracts.
- LRDC building activities are now almost 100% complete with additional works of installation of A/C cage boxes in progress.
- Slow progress from BNCC building and electrical works are still being monitored despite constant mentoring by the Consultant and LCIP engineers.
- MLL's activities on water supply and sewage disposal works are almost finished except for the complete testing of the water supply system and fittings due to delays by BNCC to connect the generator to the pump house and up to 12 soak-aways pits, pending a contract modification.
- BNCC has to a greater extent completed some activities on the building renovation works of the project and are concentrating on terrazzo floor tiles polishing, plastering, finishing and painting.
- Outstanding works still include the completion of grinding of part of the existing and newly installed terrazzo tiles, cleaning of floors, installation of some cupboard and wade robe doors, complete landscaping, removal of debris and site clearance.
- The electrical component of the project did finally commence with the installation of the direct burial of cables around the administrative wing of the campus and connections to individual buildings including installation of panel boxes in the generator houses. Solar panel street lights fittings and connections are still outstanding.
- MLL made considerable progress on the water supply lines installation and sewage disposal components of the project. Tests are still being carried out which have resulted in provision of a temporary water supply to the newly renovated steel water towers and subsequent distribution to the main lines and individual buildings.
- Extension of the individual projects has been renegotiated by the Consultant, Contractors and DAI/LCIP for acceptable completion timeframes.

| Contract | Percentage complete | Estimated completion date |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dormitories and Staff housing (BNCC) | 80% | Mid April |
| Academic and Administrative Buildings (LRDC) | 95% | End of January |

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|---|-----|---|
| Electrical distribution and supply (BNCC) | 55% | Mid April |
| Water Supply and Sewer disposal (MLL) | 90% | End January South Campus End of March North Campus |

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Completion of cable installation by BNCC.
- An agreement was reached with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) firstly by accepting an alternative soak away plan presented by the LCIP Engineering Team to augment the existing and new septic tanks. Costs were presented by the Contractor Morweh and negotiated.
- Dedication of reopening of the KRTTI campus – scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008.
- Contracting Officer approval of a cost modification to USAID for extra housing – LRDC and ACE Planning.

ZORZOR RURAL TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (ZRTTI)

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Grantee | Ministry of Education |
| Grant Amount | US\$ 2,500,000 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | US \$1,401,191 |
| Start Date (estimated) | October 1, 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | April 22, 2008 |
| Contractors | Cross Road Enterprise, Jusmart Engineers Construction Co., General Fabrication and Construction Co. and Seek Engineering and Construction Co. |
| Supervision Consultants | AEP Consultants, Inc. |
| LCIP Project Manager | Jacob Neufville |
| Est. Percent Completed | 79.8% |

Updated Status

- Four of the five subcontracts are on course, both in terms of work quality and performance.
- Cross Roads has substantially gathered various materials on site for the fabrication of concrete poles for street lighting. They are also in the process of procuring other imported electrical switch gears and accessories from outside the country.
- Contract modification for Guest House provided to GFABC for \$17K.

| Contract | Percentage completion | Estimated Completion date |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Building Package A (Jusmart) | 89% | Mid April |
| Building Package B (General Fabrications) | 87% | Mid April |
| Water supply and distribution Package C (General Fabrications) | 89% | Mid April |
| Electrical supply and distribution Package D (Cross Roads) | 30.6% | Mid May |
| Landscaping and site clearance Package E (Seek Engineering) | 96% | Mid February |

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- The Contractor of the electrical installation package has commenced mobilization of some materials and equipment. LCIP and the Consultant, AEP Consultants, have assisted in finding additional technical resources to augment staff for Crossroads, to ensure satisfactory completion of the electrical installation.
- Final model designs and cost estimates of the library building were presented by the Consultant/AEP for discussions with DAI/LCIP. Ministry of Education still has to approve of them.
- 3 existing contractors were provided with uncosted Bills of Quantities, designs, and Scopes of Works for the majority of remaining staff housing and a few additional academic buildings – bids will be submitted by the second week in April in order to make decision about the remaining budget.

TODEE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grantee | TBD, various, including MPW |
| Grant Amount | \$1,500,000 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | \$115,441 |
| Start Date | December 3, 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | August 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Robert Obetia |
| Est. Percent Completed | Less than 1% |

Updated Status

- Following the revision made by the mission consisting of the USAID Sr. Engineer, the CTO, on the 4th of February 2008 as it relate to, (1) the road length, (2) To maximize use of local available resources and community participation, (3) Detailed survey to be carried out expeditiously and to determine quantities of works were taken into consideration to be implemented during the rehabilitation period.
- Complete set of bid documents were submitted to three construction companies namely to SSF, Construction Engineering Company, and West Wood Corporation for a competitive bid of earth works for the road in subject.
- On the 4th of March 2008, a pre bid site meeting was attended on the Todee road with representative from the above companies, and LCIP Engineers.
- On the 11th of March, a competitive bid ceremony was performed in the conference room of the LCIP office located on redemption Street. Attendance of the ceremony was representatives from the Ministry of Public Works LCIP, and the Contractors.
- Bids evaluation and recommendation was made by the bid technical committee on the 13th of March 2008
- On the 17th of March 2008, SSF was invited to the LCIP offices, for words of congratulation for award, and negotiation performance period, bid price, and subcontract type.
- All document for LIDA, the social NGO were completed and signed by and between the managements of LCIP and LIDA on the 25th of March.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Office and guest house to be repaired.
- Survey of road to be completed.
- Conclusion of recommended crossings designs with Catalyst, and REDES; issuance of contract.

BUCHANAN TO GREENVILLE ROAD

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grantee | Ministry of Public Works |
| Grant Amount | \$2,316,000 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | \$1,075,954 |
| Start Date | February 1, 2008 |
| Est. Completion Date | August 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Jim Clarke |
| Est. Percent Completed | 7% |

Updated Status

SEGMENTS A & B

- Revision of the road and cross drainage structures geometry after the review of Mission recommendations was concluded and issued to contractors. Revised drawings were also issued to the subcontractors.
- Resurveys to identify bottlenecks and revision of the scope of works on road spot improvements were completed and comprehensive site instructions issued to subcontractors.
- Due to the slow pace of works implementation and poor equipment in segment B, LCIP leased extra equipment in this section to speed up the road works on the spot improvements. This equipment unit is under the direct supervision and direction of the LCIP engineers. The contract has been repackaged and the Contractor (AAA Engineering) for Segment B will handle the cross drainage structures while the LCIP team of engineers uses the hired equipment to execute the spot improvements.
- Some unknown people living around chainage 43+000 of the Buchanan – Greenville road set fire to a log bridge and was destroyed. A second log bridge was also lit, but extinguished. The problem was reported to the Rivercess authorities including Senator Banney who visited the community to talk and warn them about the practice of burning the log bridges.
- Contractor for Segment A (Westwood Inc) filed a claim for compensation of losses resulting from idle equipment during the period 1st Feb – 21st Feb 2008 when the resurveys and redesigns to accommodate the review USAID Missions recommendations were being carried out . LCIP Engineers are in process of analyzing the claim.
- Contractor's are fully mobilized, although frequent breakdowns and reliability of old equipment continues to be a challenge.
- The scarcity of cement on the market has greatly hindered the progress of the drainage structures installation and affected the contractor's cash flow due to the increased price of cement. A unit price increase is being considered.
- A new work plan format was introduced to the contractors. The contractors were requested to provide updated work plans conforming to the requirements of the contract, specifically stating the construction activities, labor, equipment mobilization and production rates.
- Estimated Progress for segment A and B is tabulated below.

| Segment | Activity | Estimated Progress | Remarks |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| A | Drainage Structures | 60% | Work scope subject to change depending on the Log Bridge Surveys |
| | Spot Improvements | 40% | More Spots to be included depending on the |

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|---|---------------------|-----|---|
| | | | remaining time and funds. However initial spots improvements intended to ensure all weather access on the roads. |
| B | Drainage Structures | 30% | Work scope subject to change depending on the Log Bridge Surveys |
| | Spot Improvements | 50% | More Spots to be included depending on the remaining time and funds. However initial spots improvements intended to ensure all weather access on the roads. |

SEGMENTS C & D

- Segments C (Crossroads): - the subcontractor carried out some construction activities including backfilling of former uncompleted works (13 lines) and some road spots improvements at different locations on the segment. There are materials (crushed rocks, sand) deposited at culverts installation stations and at the contractor’s site camp (cement, reinforcement steel). At the end of March 2008 the mobilization levels was still inadequate to carry out the works. The total estimated work done is about 25% after three months of project time. The contractor is seriously behind time / schedule.
- Segments D1 (Gray): - the contractor is very slow and so far has carried out about 7% of the total works contracted out to him, after about 3 months of project plan works time. There is limited labor on site. There are some materials at the contractor’s site but inadequate to carry out the work. As of the end of March, 2008, the mobilization level is very inadequate. Steps should be taken to remedy this, including intervention through multiple smaller subcontractors or additional rental equipment.
- D2 (REDES): the contractor seems to be building up is pace but is still yet under-mobilized for the works. Materials have being deposited at culvert installations stations. However this contractor has completed about 15% of works after about 3 months of project plan time. Remedial actions will be identified to supplement slow progress.
- SMD, the heavy-duty equipment rental company was contracted to be directly supervise by the LCIP project engineer to carry out spots improvements within the Segments C & D. At the end of March 2008, about 22 Km of road has being rehabilitated. Consumables like fuel and lubricants are supplied by LCIP as part of their rental agreement.
- Total completion of works within the “C” & “D” Segments by the end of march 2008 is 15.6%.
- A joint inspection of the Sannquin River Bridge was conducted by LCIP Chief Engineering – Jim Clarke, MPW representative Charles Carpenter and USAID CTO Mac Homer. Outcome of inspection report is attached as an annex.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- USAID CO Approval for 2 heavy-duty equipment rental contracts – will demobilize by early April without further approvals.
- Obtain written consent from MPW endorsing the recommendations of the review of Mission much as MOU was signed between USAID and DAI embracing the recommendations. Once agreed on with MPW the recommendations are expected to result in adjustment of the geometric size of both structures and road spot improvement works, preserving properly functioning log bridges and improvements on existing structures rather than replacing.
- Subcontractors to submit their updated work plans for approval.
- Finalizing the Alternative improvements on the existing log bridges and incomplete box culvert works;

- Continue issuing contract instructions with pre-determined quantitative measures;

LOFA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grantee | Ministry of Internal Affairs |
| Grant Amount | \$392,500 |
| Funds Obligated to Date | \$100,000 |
| Start Date | March 18, 2008 |
| Est. Completion Date | June 18, 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Jacob Neufville |
| Est. Percent Completed | 0% |

Updated Status

- Milton & Richards completed the bid analysis of the 4 bids received and recommended award to SEEK Engineering.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony was completed as scheduled on March 18, 2008 which was attended by the President of Liberia, USAID, and Lofa County officials.
- SEEK Engineering have mobilized already and have already commenced with the demolition works especially of the roof, ceiling, window and door frames
- A contract, with a \$100,000 obligation, was signed on March 25, 2008 and awaits USAID Contract Officer approval for further obligation.
- DAI Project Engineer Jacob Neufville will directly supervise the construction, with engineering management from Victor Musarurwa.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Contracting Officer approval of Consent to Subcontract to SEEK Engineering.
- Quantification of well rehabilitation costs and quantities of fascia board

PROJECTS UNDER DESIGN/PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE

The following projects are under design or in pre-construction under LCIP (Task Order #3) or LCIP II (Task Order #10):

Sinoe County Administrative Building (Greenville)

- Consultant for pre-engineering: ACC.
- Bid analysis was submitted by ACC and recommendation for award to Faith Engineering was not accepted by LCIP, as Gibbel Construction was the lowest qualified bidder.
- Award is scheduled for the first week in April
- No groundbreaking is scheduled – a dedication ceremony upon completion is preferred.

Maryland County Administrative Building (Harper)

- Consultant for pre-engineering: ACE Planning.
- Consultant's estimate for rehabilitation: \$925,000 (higher than originally estimated at \$400,000). The civil works (without any electricity generation) is estimated at \$550k alone.
- The existing structure is fire damaged and in very poor condition. Much of the concrete frame needs to be demolished and reconstructed.
- A proposal to create offices in the auditorium and transferring other offices to space that has been vacated by other agencies who now have their own facilities would make it possible for the resizing

of the building while maintaining the original number of offices. Reducing the number and size of the terraces would also be advantageous in the resizing process

- Additional meetings were held with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Maryland caucus, and other senior officials to decide how to proceed within the confines of the budget, but no decision has been reached.
- A structural engineer is required to review the integrity of the building before construction can begin.
- Time extension and a revised scope of works must be provided to ACE planning for the extended preconstruction process.
- Final decisions have not yet been reached regarding the preconstruction design of the Harper Administrative building; further discussion with USAID is required.

National Election Commission (NEC)

- Consultant for pre-engineering: ACE Planning.
- Estimate for rehabilitation: \$950,000 for 19,000sqf.
- Spatial Planning was completed in March and fits within the existing square footage of the 2 existing buildings.
- A structural engineer is required to review the integrity of the building before construction can begin.
- Design due in the first week of April 2008

Tubman National Institute for Medical Arts (TNIMA) Building

- Preliminary estimate by LCIP Engineers: \$1,350,000, including classrooms identified as TNIMA in the main building – originally not part of the USAID scope.
- Received proposals for pre-construction services on 21st January, additional information was required from responders in March.
- The services of a qualified structural engineer to carry out a detailed assessment of the exposed RC members of the building for its structural soundness are still being awaited.
- Award of pre-construction services to be made by the first week in April 2008

University of Liberia Fendall Campus

- No new developments during the month.

II. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION

SMALL HOLDER RUBBER REHABILITATION: NIMBA

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Grantee | Agriculture Relief Services (ARS) |
| Grant Amount | \$489,342.00 |
| Start Date | 9/17/2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 80% |

Updated Status

- Construction of five (5) weighing houses were completed
- 13 weighing houses were completed at roof levels
- 16 graduated farmers were replaced with 16 additional new farmers, increasing the number of farmers and tappers who will have benefited from this project
- 11 training sessions conducted with 646 participants; (110 farmers; 530 tappers, 6 observers)

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Farmers' training continues through April 2008
- Tappers' training continues through April 2008
- Final under brushing of 100 farms in May will leave the farms in good shape.

SMALL HOLDER RUBBER REHABILITATION: BONG

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Grantee | Catalyst |
| Grant Amount | \$498,691.75 |
| Start Date | 9/17/2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 62% |

Updated Status

During the reporting period, the following grant activities were carried out:

- Fifteen sign boards were planted on rubber farms in Suacoco District, ten were planted on rubber farms in Salala District
- One weighing house completed with floor in Salala District
- Seven weighing houses have been roofed
- Two weighing houses are at foundation level
- Eleven weighing houses are now at roof level
- Four weighing houses sites were cleared in Salala District
- All construction materials for the Suacoco District weighing houses purchased, except cement
- Management training for Suacoco District completed in March 2008; attendance was 59 (57 males and 2 females)
- Management training for Salala District completed in March 2008; attendance was 36 males
- The tapper training in the Panta/Kpaii District completed in March; attendance was 196 (4 females and 192 males)

- Training is on going in the Jorquellie and Zota Districts
- The monitoring of project activities continues with the managers and supervisors concentrating on the construction of weighing houses, tappers training and nursing of seedlings in the Salala, Suscoco, Kpaa and Jorkquelleh/Zota Districts.
- Ten rubber farmers in the Jorquellie District, ten in the Zota District and five in the Kpaa District have been screened to benefit from the savings generated by the graduated farms.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- The tapper training sessions for 1,000 young rubber tappers and 200 farms owners and managers is on going and will be completed in March 2008.
- The farm –as-business training for 100 smallholders and their 100 farm managers in small business management techniques is on going and will be completed in April 2008.
- Materials and tools for the additional 25 smallholder farmers will be purchased in April.
- Training will be provided for 25 tappers, farm managers/farmers in April 2008.

RUBBER NURSERY DEVELOPMENT: NIMBA

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Grantee | Agriculture Relief Services (ARS) |
| Grant Amount | \$89,863.00 |
| Start Date (estimated) | 9/17/2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 95% |

Updated Status

- Training at three nursery sites conducted (Sehyikimpa, Graie and Mehnpa);
- 155,933 rubber seedlings transplanted at the three nursery sites;
- ARS work force reduced to 60 participants (42 males; 18 females)
- Three nursery training sessions held with 35 participants (23 males; 12 females) with the following topics discussed: bud eye removal, de-barking of seedlings for bud eye insertion, and bud eye insertion.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Irrigation has been a challenge for ARS, who underestimated the manpower needed to water the nursery sufficiently. ARS also failed to provide the nurseries with proper shade initially, and the combination of direct sun and inadequate irrigation subsequently affected the seedling survival rate. ARS is currently compensating for the previous learning experience and working to rejuvenate the nursery.

RUBBER NURSERY DEVELOPMENT: BONG

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| Grantee | Catalyst |
| Grant Amount | \$89,544.00 |
| Start Date | 9/17/2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 50% |

Updated Status

- The monitoring of activities of the project sites continues with both the managers and supervisors concentrating on the nursery activities
- Seven 100 ft. by 60 ft. beds are shaded at the Salala nursery while five of the beds have been shaded at the Palala nursery. There is no shade at the Pelelai nursery.
- One additional water pump purchased for the Salala Site to help irrigate the nursery.
- Bud grafting with the clones from LRDU Station and Farmer Joseph G. Toomey will begin in July 2008 instead of May due to the difficulty experienced with the high mortality rate at the Salala Nursery site.
- A total of 7,600 rubber seedlings were planted at the Frelelah site, 14,000 at the Pelelei site and 15,000 at the Palala site during the month of March 2008.
- The nursery staff was reduced to 45% in March 2008.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Bud grafting with the clones from LRDU Station and Mr. Joseph G. Toomey will begin in July 2008.
- The nursery staff will be reduced to 36% in April 2008.

RURAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: LOFA

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Grantee | Organization for the Development of Agriculture and Farmer Related Associations (ODAFARA) |
| Grant Amount | \$536,854 |
| Start Date | October 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Albert Bass |
| Est. Percent Completed | 75% |

Updated Status

- LCIP's ESR team and Odafara coordinated a visit to Lofa with Vice President Boikai; the Vice President visited 6 of the RAP sites, including a blacksmith owned by a disabled man, a restaurant, a typical Liberian weaving, a rattan furniture store, a cosmetology center, and an electronics shop; Vice President Boikai congratulated the LCIP team and Odafara on their work and evident success; he was extremely impressed with the immediately evident positive impact that the LCIP projects have had in Lofa; he was also impressed with the diversity of the trade sectors and level of professionalism of Liberian-owned enterprises
- The identification, selection and validation of apprentices, 343 (167 males and 176 females) was updated in March 2008
- The renovation of artisans' shops is about 98% completed
- The construction of pit latrines is about 70% completed
- Training activities (literacy, vocational technical training and SED) are ongoing
- Procurement and delivery of training materials is at 85% and will be ongoing through April
- Community sensitization/mobilization and county authorities meetings were ongoing through March and will continue through the project life
- Shelves were built in the storeroom of all artisans
- Sign boards were mounted in the front of all artisans shops

- Artisans' income increase during the month of March was reported to LCIP.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- 2% of the renovation/rehabilitation work is to be completed in April 2008
- Procurement and delivery of training materials/apprentices tools 15% to be completed May 2008
- Construction of pit latrine balance 30% to completed in April 2008
- Trade fair preparation will continue

RURAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: NIMBA

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| Grantee | MADET |
| Grant Amount | \$479,794 |
| Start Date | October 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | James Whawhen |
| Est. Percent Completed | 57% |

Updated Status

- Procurement and delivery of training materials was 65% completed in March 2008.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of artisans' shops was completed
- Apprenticeship training was ongoing through March
- Literacy/numeracy as well as small enterprise development training continued through March.
- Field monitoring visits conducted by LCIP were held.
- Community sensitization and mobilization meetings were held with community leaders and county authorities through March.
- Trade fair awareness and preparation commenced in March.
- The Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between artisans and MADET as well as those between the artisans and the apprentices were signed and completed in March.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Preparation and sensitization for the LCIP/ESR trade fair will continue through May 2008.
- Procurement and delivery of training materials and apprentices' tools will continue through April 2008.
- Community sensitization and county authorities meetings will continue through the project end.
- Training of apprentices will continue through project end.
- Field monitoring visits by LCIP will continue through the project end.
- 67% of land tenure payment will be completed by May.
- Artisan business registration payment will commence in April.
- Procurement and delivery of resettlement tool kits will commence the first week of May.

RURAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: BONG

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Grantee | LAS |
| Grant Amount | \$543,894 |
| Start Date | November 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | James Whawhen |
| Est. Percent Completed | 60% |

Updated Status

- Procurement and delivery of training materials was completed in March.
- Community sensitization and mobilization meetings were held with community leaders and county authorities through March
- The training of apprentices was ongoing through March.
- Literacy/numeracy as well as small enterprise development training continued through March.
- Field monitoring visits were conducted by LCIP in March.
- 75% of land lease payment for thirty artisan shops completed in March.
- Preparation and sensitization for RAP trade fair commenced in March.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Procurement and delivery of resettlement tool kits will commence May 2008.
- Community sensitization and county authorities meetings will continue throughout the project.
- Training of apprentices continues will continue throughout the project.
- Field monitoring visits by LCIP will continue throughout the project.
- 25 % of land tenure payment will be completed by April 2008
- Artisan business registration payment will commence in April.

PRIVATE SECTOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: MONTSERRADO COUNTY

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Grantee | Making Enterprises, Inc. (ME) |
| Grant Amount | \$248,699.00 |
| Start Date (estimated) | October 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Simpson Snoh |
| Est. Percent Completed | 60% |

Updated Status

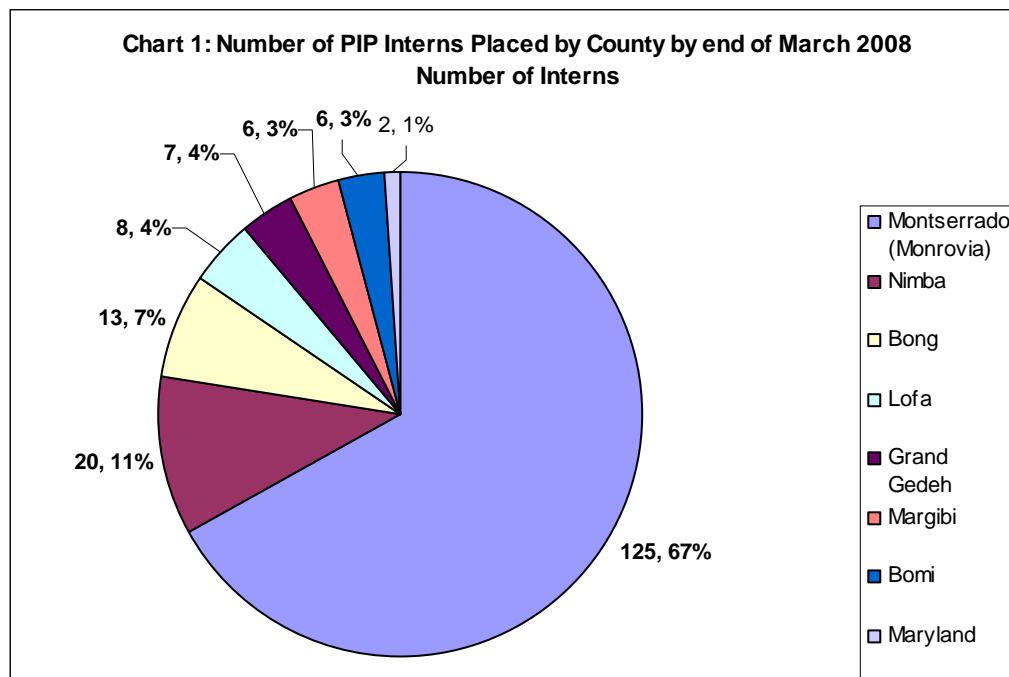
During the reporting period, the following grant activities were completed:

- ME conducted on-site TOT Sessions for the Workforce Trainers of seven private-sector businesses in Monrovia, namely: Africa Motors, Inc., Sigma Group, Inc., LCMC, Westwood, NPI, Royal Hotel and IAF during the month of March 2008. This brings the total to 10 PSBs including CAII, SRC and IRG up to March 2008
- One intern from Cellcom was hired as a result of exceptional work
- The 17 Police clearances for interns earmarked for USTC were received
- Two interns were transferred from City Builders to LBDI

- A total of 13 new interns were deployed – 6 at CAII, 1 at LBDI, and 6 at PA Ribhouse (formerly Panache)
- A total of 15 interns also dropped from the PIP – 3 from Cellcom; 4 from IAF; 3 from LBDI, 3 from Design Group and 2 from LCMC
- One intern, Emmanuel Lah, assigned with Westwood, passed away in March due to a long-term illness unrelated to work
- USTC again delayed the deployment of interns due to vacillating requests and expectations of different managers
- The table below shows the PSBs or entities where interns are assigned

| Table I: PIP Interns Placed by Business or Entity by end of March 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------|---------|---------|---------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-----|----------|-------|
| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | Total |
| Business | Africa Motors | CAII | Cellcom | CEMENCO | City Builders | Design Group | IAF | IRG | LBBC | LBDI | LCMC | NPI | PA Ribhouse (Panache) | REMCO | Royal Hotel | SIGMA | SRC | Westwood | |
| Feb | 12 | 5 | 46 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 38 | 190 |
| Mar | 12 | 11 | 43 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 37 | 187 |

- The pie chart below shows the 8 counties where the 187 interns are assigned beginning with Montserrado County where the highest number of interns, 125, about 67% of the total 187, are assigned; the chart ends with Maryland County where the lowest number of interns, 2, are assigned.



- Ninety percent 90% of material subsidy were issued to interns deployed.
- Tools, materials and equipment were delivered to 6 PSBs.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- The first three-day (3-day) off-the-job training workshop for interns assigned in Monrovia and Tubmanburg has been rescheduled for April
- Similarly, the on-site TOT Sessions for Workforce Trainers could not be completed in February and will continue in April
- Three interns with Cellcom dropped from the PIP for various reasons: one for mobile phone theft; one for poor job attitude; and another left on his own for reasons yet unknown.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING: BONG MINES

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Grantee | ODAFARA |
| Grant Amount | \$255,311.00 |
| Start Date | November 13, 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 6/30/2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Jetty Smith Carter |
| Est. Percent Completed | 56% |

Updated Status

- Activities at all of the project sites are ongoing;
- Cash-crop farming training for the 220 apprentices is ongoing;
- Field monitoring and evaluation visits done by LCIP.
- Activities carried out during the month of March for lowland rice production:
 - At site 1, 260 meters of bunds were constructed; at sites 2 & 3, 315 meters of bunds were constructed; at site 4, 27 bonds constructed at this site for the month of March is 27.99 meter long;
 - Total number of bunds constructed at the various sites for the month of March is 647.99 meter long.
- Activities carried out during the month of March for vegetables production:
 - Pepper: 541 trees were planted;
 - Macro-carbon: 361 trees planted;
 - Bitter balls (eggplant): 361 trees planted;
 - General maintenance was provided for 433 seedlings;
 - Cabbage: 120 seedling planted;
 - Green onions: 2,233 hills were planted; hills is correct technical term for onion seedlings;
 - Onions: 3,468 hills were planted, including three types of standard onions (Tezire, Tantropical, Topoviend)
- Activities carried out during the month of March for Fishponds
 - Three (3) new ponds were established during the period covered, making the total number of 13 ponds now being constructed.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Sensitization and preparation for the up-coming June 13th Trade Fair will continue throughout the month of April
- Regular field monitoring visits by LCIP will continue until the end of the project
- Training of apprentices will continue through the end of the project

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING: LOFA

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Grantee | VOSIED |
| Grant Amount | \$245,493.00 |
| Start Date | November 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | 06/30/08 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Simpson Snoh |
| Est. Percent Completed | 49% |

Updated Status

- The Vice President of Liberia, Ambassador Joseph Boikai, along with the Senior Senator of Lofa County and other officials of the Liberian Government toured one of the six sites of project specifically in Yeala town, Zorzor District, with the LCIP team. The Vice President was extremely impressed with the project; he expressed great appreciation to the LCIP team that LCIP's ESR projects are addressing the importance of cash-crop farming.
- Up to 53.5 hectares (about 133.75 acres) of land was cleared. The cleared land area is now under cultivation.
- Construction of beds, site layout, and field maintenance at the various sites (6 in total) continued.
- Psychosocial activities are on going, including mitigation efforts in three conflicts in Sucromu and Konia communities and six football (soccer) teams organized in the six project communities.
- Roots and tuber planting materials have been distributed, and their planting is in progress.
- Community participation in the project activities at the various sites amounted to a total 4,521 man days.
- The problem with land or project sites in the various communities has been resolved. There is now no problem with expansion to reach the targeted acres of land at each. For example, the land area for the Sucromu site was expanded while a new and much more suitable site was located for the Borkaiza community.
- A new and much more suitable site was identified.
- At two of the project sites – Sucromu and Yeala, project beneficiaries have started harvesting and selling agricultural produced including mainly curcuma and water green.

| Table of Hectares of land being rehabilitated/cultivated by Community | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Community | Sucromu | Borkaiza | Zelemai | Zuwulor | Yeala | Konia | Total |
| Hectars cleared | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 50.3 |
| Hectares already rehabilitated | 7.8 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 36.3 |

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Preparation for the June trade fair will continue.
- Field maintenance will continue through April.
- Rehabilitation of market halls will commence in April.
- Psychosocial training workshop will be conducted in April.

- Small business development training will commence in April.
- Land cultivation, planting of roots and tubers as well as other crops will continue in April
- Watering and insect invasion of newly transplanted or germinating seedling are major challenges in the field.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING – BEES AND SNAILS: NIMBA COUNTY

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Grantee | UMCAP |
| Grant Amount | \$108,058.00 |
| Start Date | November 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | June 30, 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 85% |

Updated Status

- 310 beehives constructed and distributed
- 100 snail cages constructed and distributed to snail raisers. This now completes 200 snail cages.
- 12 field based school training conducted with 350 participants in eight (8) communities.
- 280 gallons of honey harvested from 90 beehives.
- 10 sign boards printed and pre-positioned at project communities.
- Renovation of sales center commenced.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- 149 beehives will be constructed in April.
- Farmers' field school training will continue through April.
- Renovation of sales center will be completed in April.
- The purchase of honey processing machine will occur in April.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING – ACQUACULTURE: GRAND GEDEH

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| Grantee | Faimba Fisheries Development Cooperative, Inc. (FFDC) |
| Grant Amount | \$173,851.00 USD |
| Start Date | November 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | June 30, 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | Macon Tubman |
| Est. Percent Completed | 50% |

Updated Status

Douyee Town hatchery achievements:

- 61% of work carried out; one additional pond was completed in March, bringing the total to seven (7) completed ponds.
- The construction of reservoir dam completed.
- Two (2) additional ponds were filled with water, preparing 3 total ponds ready for stocking with fingerlings.
- Workforce was at 35 (17 females and 18 males).
- The core group is now active and participates in the work at the site.
- The general working environment is productive.
- Swamp margin development continues at the site for the growth of local fish feed.

- 665 square meters brushed and planted with potato vine in addition to the 1.0 hectare

Gwein Town community fish pond achievements:

- 37% of work completed at the site.
- Two (2) ponds renovated and one (1) new pond constructed in addition, making a total three (3) ponds at the site. The target for this is 8 ponds.
- The two(2) original pond have been completed and filled with water.
- Two(2) are under construction and three(3) designed and being prepared for construction.
- The workforce was 50 (16 female and 34 males) during the month of March.
- The drainage canal was completed and sloped.

Putu Jarwodee community fish pond achievements:

- 29% of work completed with the completion of two (2) ponds construction commenced for ponds three (3) and four (4) out 8 ponds targeted.
- Peripheral canal was constructed for pond up to pond 3.
- Drainage pipe installed for the reservoir.
- The work force comprised of 50 persons (12 females and 38 males).
- A plan is being designed to increase the workforce to expedite progress.

Bong Mines community fish hatchery achievements:

- Task completed up to 70% with the construction of bunds around 10 ponds out of 13 as target for the project to be constructed.
- 16 participants have been added to the 84 participants---100 work force(20 females and males 80).
- The sloping for drainage canal was completed for all 13 ponds.
- Three (3) ponds were completed.
- Pond 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been established, bund construction was started, and excavation is ongoing.
- Pond drainage pipes were installed for 7 ponds.

NOTE: Bong Mines participants are provided by ODAFARA; ponds are being constructed by FFDC

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- FFDC is working with LCIP to design a plan to expedite the work in Putu.
- The cost of project materials has increased, thus posing a serious challenge for the budget and future purchase of materials for the project. Budget modifications, within the grant ceiling value, may be recommended to solve the problem of rising prices.
- Availability of fish feed is a serious challenge for fish ponds being constructed in the project areas. An acre of vegetable gardening is being established for each site so that feed ingredients using local vegetable materials and other inputs (rice bran, oil cake, manure, etc.) can be provided as fish feed.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING – COFFEE AND COCOA: LOFA COUNTY

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Grantee | RAA |
| Grant Amount | \$141,715.00 |
| Start Date | November 14, 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | June 30, 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | J.Philip Zoryu |
| Est. Percent Completed | 85% |

Updated Status

- Construction of 72 fermentation boxes commenced;
- 10 visible (sign boards) prepared and posted at 10 project sites;
- 8.37 hectares of rehabilitated or rejuvenated with 62 farmers participating in coffee rehabilitation process;
- 5 farmers who were dropped out in rehabilitation project replaced with five (5) additional new farmers;
- 11 farmer training in cocoa/coffee harvesting and processing of unfinished product as samples, drying in two project districts with 87 participants (28 females; 59 males);
- Purchase of cocoa/coffee roaster machine;
- 7 psychosocial activities conducted in five (5) project communities with 149 participants (115 males; 34 females);

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- 72 fermentation boxes to be completed in April 2008;
- 250 farmers to begin ring weeding on cocoa/coffee rehabilitated farms in April 2008;
- Farmer field training continue in April 2008;
- Purchase of cocoa/coffee grinder in April 2008;
- Maintenance of coffee rejuvenated sites and management in April 2008.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION & MARKETING: GRAND GEDEH

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| Grantee | Project New Outlook (PNO) |
| Grant Amount | \$241,010.00 USD |
| Start Date | November 2007 |
| Est. Completion Date | June 30, 2008 |
| LCIP Project Manager | David K. Yennego |
| Est. Percent Completed | 60% |

Updated Status

- Awareness meetings were held in four cluster communities for the introduction of new crops to be added;
- Mobilization of labor exchange was planned and implemented in four cluster communities. Laborers from cluster communities were taken in each other's community for the exchange of technical knowledge;
- Felling of trees was fully completed and burnt. Field clearing at 60% completed;
- 40% of field layout for the planting of various crops completed;
- Four (4) new nurseries, one in each of the communities constructed with vegetable seeds brought from the Ivory Coast placed on nursery beds;
- 21.11 acres various crops were cultivated in the four communities; (Gwein Town-5.9; Zai Town-6.4; Tuzon-3.9 and Solo Town-4.91);
- 12 acres of lowland in Gwein Town under brushed;
- 2 acres de-stumped;
- 1 acre cross-cut of trees;
- 184 meters of main drain constructed;
- Construction of two peripheral bunds begun: one measures 108 meters and the other 150 meters completed;
- 56 meter dyke constructed.

Issues/Outstanding Actions

- Transplanting of ready vegetable seedlings (pepper, tomato & bitter ball) from the nursery will continue in April;
- Planting of root & tuber crops, cassava, potato vines, plantain, etc. will continue in April 2008;
- Training of onion cultivation/production in the cluster communities will continue in April 2008;
- Completion of the upland planting of crops continues in April 2008.

III. LCIP PHOTOGRAPHS

Groundbreaking of Lofa County Administration Building



Handover of MPW Service Truck

The final delivery of the heavy-duty equipment package for the Ministry of Public Works was delivered in March 2008. A four-wheel drive Landcruiser Pickup, retrofitted to include spare tires, pressure washer, compressors, jacks, lubricants, cordless power tools, and various repair tools. Due to the bad road conditions in Liberia, many of these critical vehicles are located in remote rural areas, working on rural roads, and it is



costly, time consuming, and inefficient to

transport the large road maintenance equipment back to Monrovia for servicing. This unique mobile workshop is capable of carrying MPW technicians, mechanics, and their mobile workshop tools to the rural worksite.



IV. TO BE AWARDED AND APPROVED



The following grants are expected to be submitted for approval to USAID within the next month.

Issues/Outstanding Actions


- USAID approval

| Project Name | Proposed Grantee | Estimated Value | Start date |
|---|--|-----------------|------------|
| Small Business Incubator | Republic Consulting Group, Inc (RCG) | \$160,414 | April 2008 |
| Oil Palm Smallholder Outgrowth Program | Technocrats United for Reconstruction and Development, Inc (TECURD) | \$276,362 | April 2008 |
| Rehabilitation of St. Dominic High School Science Laboratory (SSCI project) | St. Dominic High School | \$40,108 | April 2008 |
| Agriculture Production and Marketing (Food Processing and Preservation) | Community Sustainable Development Organization (COSDO) | \$183,167 | April 2008 |
| Small-scale Community Infrastructure Projects in Bong & Nimba Counties | Agricultural Development Reconstruction and Humanitarian Organization (ADRAHO) | \$99,378 | April 2008 |

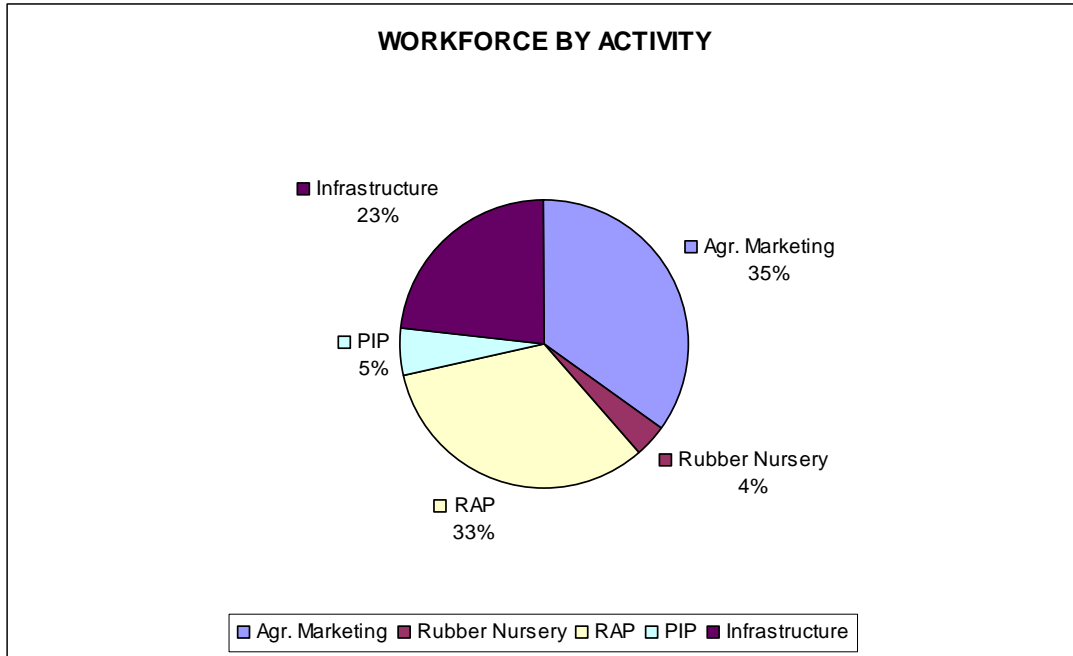
V. EMPLOYMENT IMPACT AND RESULTS – MARCH 2008

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|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|---|---|--|
| LIBERIA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar-08 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County/Activity | Contractor/ IP | Time Sheet | Total # of work force | Sex | | Person Days of employt | Duration | | Location | | |
| | | | | Male | Female | | Start Date | End date | | | |
| Bong/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Aquaculture | FFDC | √ | 100 | 80 | 20 | 2,200 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Fuamah District | | |
| Bong/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | √ | 67 | 24 | 43 | 1,082 | 11/5/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Fuamah District | | |
| Bong/Bong Rubber Nursery | CATALYST | √ | 80 | 58 | 22 | 1,473 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Six Districts (Salala, Jorquelleh, Suakkoko, Zota, Fuamah & Panta Kpai) | | |
| Bong/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Apprentices) | LAS | √ | 291 | 163 | 128 | 6,079 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Six Districts (Salala, Jorquelleh, Suakkoko, Zota, Fuamah & Panta Kpai) | | |
| Bong/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Artisans) | LAS | √ | 30 | 26 | 4 | 660 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Six Districts (Salala, Jorquelleh, Suakkoko, Zota, Fuamah & Panta Kpai) | | |
| Bong/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | LAS | √ | 30 | 22 | 8 | 784 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Six Districts (Salala, Jorquelleh, Suakkoko, Zota, Fuamah & Panta Kpai) | | |
| Bong/Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | ODAFARA | √ | 120 | 76 | 44 | 2,640 | 10/30/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Bong County-Fuamah District | | |
| Grand Bassa/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | Westwood Corp. | * | 53 | 4 | 57 | 1,482 | 12/22/2007 | 5/22/2008 | Grand Bassa | | |
| Grand Gedeh/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Rice Seed and Tuber Crops Multiplication | PNO | √ | 220 | 135 | 85 | 5,330 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Grand Gedeh County-Two Districts (Gbarzon & Tchien) | | |
| Grand Gedeh/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Aquaculture | FFDC | √ | 135 | 90 | 45 | 2,268 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Grand Gedeh County-Two Districts (Gbarzon & Konoba) | | |
| Grand Gedeh/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | √ | 133 | 65 | 68 | 2,415 | 11/5/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Grand Gedeh County-Two Districts (Tchien & Konoba) | | |
| Lofa/Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | SEACON | √ | 62 | 50 | 12 | 398 | 10/1/2007 | 1/31/2008 | Fissibu, Lofa County | | |
| Lofa/Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | JUSMART | √ | 39 | 39 | 0 | 919 | 10/1/2007 | 2/28/2008 | Fissibu, Lofa County | | |
| Lofa/Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | GEN. FAD. | √ | 73 | 71 | 2 | 1,706 | 10/9/2007 | 3/9/2008 | Fissibu, Lofa County | | |
| Lofa/Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | GEN. FAB. | √ | 7 | 7 | 0 | 177 | 10/1/2007 | 1/31/2008 | Fissibu, Lofa County | | |
| Lofa/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Apprentices) | ODAFARA | √ | 331 | 157 | 174 | 7,282 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Lofa County-Five Districts (Salayea, Zorzor, Voinjama, Kolahum, & Foya) | | |
| Lofa/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Artisans) | ODAFARA | √ | 34 | 25 | 9 | 189 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Lofa County-Five Districts (Salayea, Zorzor, Voinjama, Kolahum, & Foya) | | |
| Lofa/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | ODAFARA | √ | 62 | 46 | 16 | 1,364 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Lofa County-Five Districts (Salayea, Zorzor, Voinjama, Kolahum, & Foya) | | |
| Lofa/Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | VOSIED | √ | 240 | 105 | 135 | 4,422 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Lofa County-Two Districts (Salayea & Zorzor) | | |
| Lofa/Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | RAA | √ | 250 | 199 | 51 | 5,239 | 11/12/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Lofa County-Two Districts (Voinjama & Kolahum) | | |
| Margibi/Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | BBNC | * | 68 | 60 | 8 | 1,496 | 7/20/07 | 12/31/07 | Kakata City, Margibi County | | |
| Margibi/Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | Morweh Liberia Limited | * | 50 | 2 | 48 | 1,100 | 07/20/07 | 2/28/08 | Kakata City, Margibi County | | |
| Margibi/Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | LRDC | * | 23 | 21 | 2 | 184 | 7/20/07 | 12/31/07 | Kakata City, Margibi County | | |
| Montserrado/Ministry of Public Works Complex Renovation | ECOCON | √ | 122 | 121 | 1 | 2,087 | 7/17/07 | 1/1/08 | Monrovia, Montserrado County | | |
| Montserrado/PrivateSector Internship Program | Making Enterprise | √ | 190 | 165 | 25 | 3,377 | 10/8/07 | 6/30/08 | Monrovia, Montserrado County | | |
| Nimba/Rubbery Nursey | ARS | √ | 60 | 42 | 18 | 1,140 | 9/19/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Nimba County -3 Districts (Sanniquellie-Mah, Saclepea-Mah & Tappita) | | |
| Nimba/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development(Apprentices) | MADET | √ | 373 | 153 | 220 | 6,235 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Nimba County-3 Districts (Sanniquellie-Mah, Saclepea-Mah & Tappita) | | |
| Nimba/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development(Artisans) | MADET | √ | 32 | 18 | 14 | 704 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Nimba County-3 Districts (Sanniquellie-Mah, Saclepea-Mah & Tappita) | | |
| Nimba/Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | MADET | √ | 48 | 28 | 20 | 1,056 | 9/24/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Nimba County-3 Districts (Sanniquellie-Mah, Saclepea-Mah & Tappita) | | |
| Nimba/Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | √ | 150 | 64 | 86 | 2,791 | 11/5/2007 | 6/30/2008 | Nimba County-Two Districts (Sanniquellie-Mah & Saclepea-Mah) | | |
| Rivercess/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville & Buchanan Rivercess Road | Crossroad Enterprises Inc. | * | 98 | 92 | 6 | 2,548 | 12/22/2007 | 5/22/2008 | Sino & Rivercess | | |
| Rivercess/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | AAA Engineering & Real Estate Corp. | * | 63 | 58 | 5 | 1,638 | 12/22/2007 | 5/22/2008 | Rivercess | | |
| Rivercess/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | Contractor/SSF | * | 17 | 17 | 0 | 442 | 12/22/2007 | 5/22/2008 | Rivercess | | |
| Rivercess/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | Contractor/SMD | * | 16 | 16 | 0 | 416 | 12/22/2007 | 5/22/2008 | Rivercess | | |
| Sinoe/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | Gray Construction Company | * | 70 | 65 | 5 | 1,560 | 2/4/2008 | 7/4/2008 | Sinoe | | |
| Sinoe/Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | REDES | * | 70 | 70 | 0 | 1,820 | 2/4/2008 | 7/4/2008 | Sinoe | | |
| Total | | | 3607 | 2,434 | 1,381 | 76,803 | | | | | |

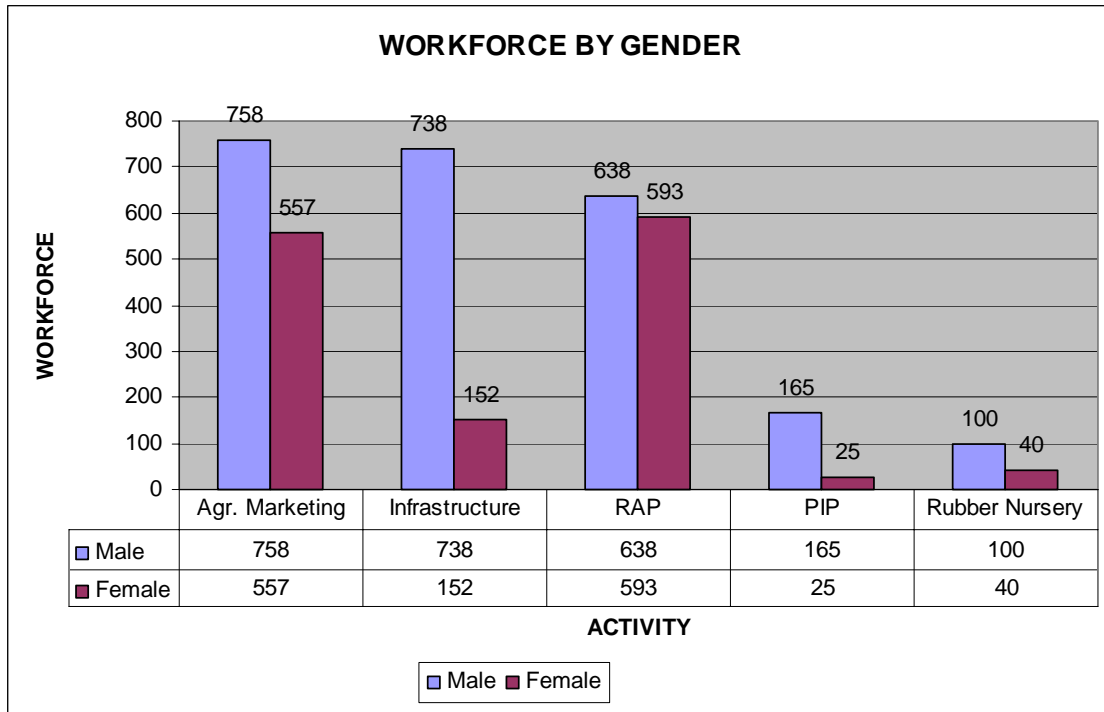
EMPLOYMENT IMPACT AND RESULTS – 2ND QUARTER 2008

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|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| LIBERIA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT | | |
| 2nd QUARTER (January - March 2008) | | |
| Person Days of Employment Generated | | |
| County/Activity | Contractor/ IP | Person Days of |
| Bong /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Aquaculture | FFDC | 6490 |
| Bong /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | 2284 |
| Bong /Bong Rubber Nursery | CATALYST | 5,613 |
| Bong /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Apprentices) | LAS | 18,491 |
| Bong /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Artisans) | LAS | 1,980 |
| Bong /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | LAS | 2,440 |
| Bong /Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | ODAFARA | 7,920 |
| Grand Bassa /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | Westwood Corp. | 1,482 |
| Grand Gedeh /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Rice Seed and Tuber Crops Multiplication | PNO | 14,087 |
| Grand Gedeh /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Aquaculture | FFDC | 5,663 |
| Grand Gedeh /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | 5,986 |
| Lofa /Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | SEACON | 2,695 |
| Lofa /Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | JUSMART | 3,709 |
| Lofa /Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | GEN. FAB. | 5,949 |
| Lofa /Zorzor Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | GEN. FAB. | 1,829 |
| Lofa /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Apprentices) | ODAFARA | 21,978 |
| Lofa /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Artisans) | ODAFARA | 1,060 |
| Lofa /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | ODAFARA | 3,630 |
| Lofa /Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | VOSIED | 13,677 |
| Lofa /Agriculture Production & Marketing-General | RAA | 10,395 |
| Margibi /Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | BBNC | 5,020 |
| Margibi /Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | Morweh Liberia Limited | 3,578 |
| Margibi /Kakata Rural Teacher Training Institute Complex Renovation | LRDC | 3,372 |
| Montserrado /Ministry of Public Works Complex Renovation | ECOCON | 6,017 |
| Montserrado /PrivateSector Internship Program | Making Enterprise | 3,377 |
| Nimba /Rubbery Nursey | ARS | 3,377 |
| Nimba /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development(Apprentices) | MADET | 3,377 |
| Nimba /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development(Artisans) | MADET | 3,377 |
| Nimba /Rural Apprenticeship Program/Micro-Enterprise & Workforce Development (Trainers) | MADET | 3,377 |
| Nimba /Agriculture Production & Marketing-Bee Keeping and Snail Raising | UMCAP | 3,377 |
| Rivercess /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville & Buchanan Rivercess Road | Crossroad Enterprises Inc. | 2,548 |
| Rivercess /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | AAA Engineering & Real Estate Corp. | 1,638 |
| Rivercess /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | Contractor/SSF | 442 |
| Rivercess /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Rivercess Road | Contractor/SMD | 416 |
| Sinoe /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | Gray Construction Company | 1,560 |
| Sinoe /Rehabilitation of Buchanan/Greenville Road | REDES | 1,820 |
| | Total | 184,031 |

This chart illustrates the total number of workers by major grant area.



This chart disaggregate workforce data by gender, with the data itself stated below each column.



VII. MONITORING & EVALUATION

The M&E Unit conducted field monitoring for the month of March 2008 in Nimba and Grand Gedeh counties. The purpose of the monitoring was to visit all LCIP grants currently implemented in the two counties and to verify the data contained in field reports submitted to LCIP/DAI by the implementing agencies. The grants include:

| Grant # | Implementing Agency | Activity |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| MPA010/C/06 | PNO | Swamp and vegetable production |
| MPA010/C/04 | FFDC | Fish Pond Rehabilitation |
| MPA010/C/05 | UMCAP | Beekeeping & Snail Raising |
| MPA009/C/01 | Making Enterprises (ME) | Private Sector Internship Program |
| MPA008/C/04 | ECREP | Small-scale Community Infrastructure Project |

MPA010/C/06

- The swamp rehabilitation site currently has a workforce of 95 persons
- Feeding is provided for the workforce
- 9.9 acres of swamp land have been brushed
- The work at the site is behind schedule
- Ongoing activities include de-stumping and bund construction

MPA010/C/04

- The fish pond construction at the Putu Jarwodee site is far behind schedule. The site has a target to construct eight fish ponds but only one with the size of 450 square meters has been completed.
- The site has a workforce of 50 persons
- Feeding is provided for the workforce on site
- The fish pond rehabilitation site in Gwein Town also has a workforce of 50 persons
- Feeding is also provided for the workforce at this site

MPA010/C/05

- A farmer field school comprising participants from four towns neighboring Putu Jarwodee has been established. The school has a field demonstration site that teaches project participants different ways of vegetable production prior to harvesting the snails and honey.
- 67 snail cages and six beehives have been constructed at the Putu Jarwodee site; 10 of the 67 snail cages have stocked with layers.
- The Putu Jarwodee site has 67 farmers undergoing training in snail raising and beekeeping
- The site in Gwein also has a farmer field school comprising four towns neighboring Gwein town
- 14 snail cages have been constructed and stocked with layers in Gwein town.

MPA009/C/01

- The interns assigned at the Cellcom sites are all males and were all present during the team visit.
- There are no attendance record system at the sites

MPA008/C/04

- The site visit confirmed the construction of five hand pumps in Putu Jarwodee, Tweh Town, Keh Town, and Sieh Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That a meeting be held by both ESR and M&E with PNO and FFDC to plan on ways to move their work activities that are behind schedule faster so as to be able to complete the work as scheduled in the grant agreement;
- That a follow-up visit be conducted by both ESR and M&E at the end of April 2008 to assess the progress of the work of both PNO and FFDC;
- That pump cages/jackets be considered in future community hand pump construction projects to avoid theft;
- Making Enterprises should ensure that daily timesheet provided by LCIP is distributed to all the sites and data from the field are verified prior to submitting to LCIP.

VIII. ANNEX – SUPPORTING REPORTS

Report on existing Sannquin River Bridge Road

SEE ATTACHED FILE