

Early Recovery Experience in Liberia

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LIBERIA: Background



- Violent War
- Refugees and IDPs
- 2003 CPA; SCR 1509
- Ex-Combatants
- Transitional Govt (NTGL)
- RFTF (PCNA) 2004-5
- Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
- 150-Day Plan (2006)

Lessons from RFTF (2004-5)

- Importance of National Ownership
- Creating Dialogue (among stakeholders)
- Be Strategic, Not Comprehensive
- Manage Expectations
- Peacebuilding Entry Point
- Capacity Building to Lead, Implement and Monitor
- Facilitate Joint Planning and Programming
- Link to Longer-Term Efforts

2006 IASC Cluster Rollout

- Liberian Context – Odd Choice for Rollout
- Difficulty with “Early Recovery” Concept
- Cluster Focus on Three Areas
- Built on Transitional Frameworks (150 Days, iPRS)
- Phase Clusters into Govt-Led Sectoral Coordination (LRDC)
- County Support Teams at County Level

Recovery at the County Level -- CSTs

- Decentralising Recovery and Development
- Joint Steering Committee
- Facilitators from UNMIL and UN agencies
- Consolidated UN Response to County Strategies
- Build Local Government Capacity (UNDP project)
- County Consultations and Development Agendas
- 2008-2011 PRS

Overall Lessons Learnt

- **Starting Early (i.e. Job Creation)**
- **Embedding ER in existing frameworks**
- **Prioritizing Focus Areas**
- **Delivering Peace Dividends**
- **Restoring Government Capacity and Ownership**
- **Maximizing and Integrating UN/Other Resources**
- **Flexibility**
- **Funding Unpredictable**