

**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N^o 8

**EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE NCDDRR
TO COMPLETE THE RR COMPONENT OF THE LIBERIAN DDRR
PROGRAM WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL OWNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) entered into on the 18th day of August A. D. 2003 by and between the Government of Liberia (GOL), the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), and the Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL) and political parties in Article III Section 1.c provided for the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) activities; and

WHEREAS, Article VI Section 8 established an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (NCDDRR) to coordinate DDRR activities; and

WHEREAS, the donors in their efforts to ensure the consolidation of peace through comprehensive disarmament, demobilization and sustainable reintegration of all RR beneficiaries into civil society; the objective of consolidating national security, a precondition to facilitating humanitarian assistance for internally displaced returnees, and refugees repatriation, have established a Trust Fund and committed resources toward the achievement of the program objectives; and

WHEREAS, a DDRR Trust Fund has been established and being managed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) through the DEX Service Center; and

WHEREAS, parallel sources of funding for the necessary programs are also provided by European Commission and USAID on bilateral and multi-lateral initiatives, and engaging specific Non-Governmental Organizations to deliver reintegration program within the overall framework complementary to the processes; and

WHEREAS, the DDRR Action Plan leading to the commencement of the program has not enacted the appropriate Statute to enable its operational guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia hereby recognized the urgent need to continue to implement the program objectives of the DDDR Program, and

WHEREAS, there exists a residual caseload of beneficiaries within the RR Program to be covered in accordance with the existing program framework, which if not addressed, could derail the peace process and undermine national security; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government of the Republic of Liberia by this EXECUTIVE ORDER hereby directs as follows:

1. That the NCDDRR program shall continue to exist as part of the over-all restoration process in order to successfully complete the program objectives;
2. That the program will remain a source of empowerment in the areas of small skills training of RR beneficiaries as a way of preparing them for the job markets;
3. That the program will be a source for the rapid integration process of the RR beneficiaries into civil society and will serve as a direct medium for national healing and reconciliation between RR beneficiaries and the civil society;
4. That the appointing power for the executives of the Commission shall remain vested in the President of the Republic of Liberia;
5. That in view of the humanitarian works associated with the program, the vice President of Liberia shall have full oversight of the working and operations of the Commission;
6. That the Commission shall be headed by an Executive Director and two Deputy Executive Directors for Administration and Operations respectively;
7. That the Commission shall be restructured to its right size to reflect the RR program;

8. That the Commission is hereby empowered to seek and receive funding for the implementation and completion;
9. That the full responsibilities and functions of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration (RR) program be transferred from the UNDP to the NCDDRR within the context of national ownership to complete the final cycle of the program;
10. That the residual caseloads of parallel partners be managed by the NCDDRR toward the logical conclusion of the process;
11. That the necessary financial and logistical support be provided by the Government of Liberia and its partners to strengthen the capacity of the NCDDRR to successfully complete the program;

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THIS 12th DAY OF APRIL
A.D. 2007**

**Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**