

PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF FOREIGN TRAVEL 2007

Costs vs. Benefits Analysis**

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Location/Details	Country	Deliverables	Estimated Benefit	\$\$\$ Benefits	Cost to Govt
12-Jan	14-Jan	2nd German/Africa Forum	Accra	Ghana	Bilateral discussions with German officials	Debt cancellation	\$0	\$16,090
19-Jan	20-Jan	ECOWAS Summit	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso	Discussion of regional economic issues	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$11,496
24-Jan	27-Jan	World Economic Forum	Davos	Switzerland	Participated in World Economic Forum and made the case for debt relief for Liberia	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$56,460
9-Feb	18-Feb	Liberia's Partners Forum	DC	USA	Participated in the Liberia's Partners' Forum and held bilateral talks on support for the SSR.	Bilateral debt cancellation: US = \$391 million; Germany = \$232 million and UK = \$76 M	\$0	\$122,932
		The President has worked over time with members of Congress for this assistance.			US Congress supplemental budgetary support for GoL	Security Sector Reform gets an infusion of \$45 M.	\$45,000,000	\$0
20-Feb	26-Feb	Official Visit and delivered keynote at the Women's Parliamentary Conference	Kigali	Rwanda	Held bilateral talks on security, decentralization and gender issues.	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$52,740
5-Mar	6-Mar	Ghana 50th Independence Celebration	Accra	Ghana	African solidarity	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$14,412
7-Mar	9-Mar	"Women for a Better World" Conference	Madrid	Spain	Spanish gov't will provide ambulances and fire trucks and a sixty bed mobile hospital; bilateral cooperation on improving training facilities in Liberia and sending teachers to train Liberian nurses and training in fishing and hospitality sectors.	Two ambulances worth approx \$80,000; mobile hospital worth about \$1M and approx \$100,000 for the fire trucks	\$1,140,000	\$80,035
10-Mar	14-Mar	Official Visit to Japan	Tokyo	Japan	Multilateral aid to UNHCR and WFP as well as donation of medical equipment for JFK and reroofing of the maternity center.	200 million yen (\$1.6 M) of food aid to WFP; \$2.5 million to UNHCR and donation of medical equipment for JFK maternity center worth \$46,700 and reroofing at a cost of \$74,413.	\$4,221,113	\$171,128
14-Mar	16-Mar	Conference on :Improving Governance and Fighting Corruption	Brussels	Belgium	Liberian delegation shared experiences with others and brain stormed on ways to improve governance. They learned best practices on how to fight corruption.	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$23,272
26-Mar	29-Mar	Canada 2020	Ontario	Canada	Spread the Net mosquito-proof bed nets	On-going campaign to help prevent malaria, the leading cause of infant mortality in Liberia	\$330,000	\$38,814
3-Apr	4-Apr	President Wade's Inauguration	Dakar	Senegal	African solidarity	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$10,588
30-Apr	30-Apr	MRU Summit	Conakry	Guinea	Issues concerning the MRU were discussed, including resuscitating the MRU, security and economic cooperation	No direct financial benefit	\$0	\$22,002
5-Apr	6-Apr	Working Visit to Libya	Tripoli	Libya	MOU signed for rehabilitation of Ducor Palace Hotel; Libyan Gov't committed to establish a rubber processing plant in Liberia and to assist with SSR, establish a vocational school, and establish a new Joint Venture Company with Liberia, etc.	Estimated value of deliverables is US\$65 M	\$65,000,000	\$21,404

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Summary

Total benefits derived from foreign travels in 2007	\$115,691,113
Less total costs of foreign travels in 2007	\$641,373
Estimated total benefits to Government and people of Liberia - 2007	\$115,049,740

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6-Mar	7-Mar	Visit to Switzerland	Geneva	Switzerland	N	Bilateral aid to build all weather road between Kolahum and Vahun, rehab hospital in Voinjama and Tappita, employment program for production of school furniture & uniforms and other items. Multilateral aid worth SF 5M over 3 years.	SF 3M in bilateral aid.	\$2,476,269	\$189,025
6-Mar	8-Mar	Visit to France	Paris	France	N	Bilateral aid of 1 million Euro for budgetary support; donation of 6 ambulances, 1 fire truck, pledged to restart Alliance Francaise, assist w/ nurses training, provide equipment for mobile immigration brigade.	Bilateral aid of approximately \$1.2 M; nurses training will cost 250,000 Euro; fire truck = 20,000 euro; 6 ambulances = 120,000 euro; 100,000 euro for mobile equipment for immigration.	\$1,816,518	<i>included in amount above</i>
13-Mar	26-Mar	Official Visit to USA; Speech at Joint Meeting of Congress	Washington, DC	USA	Y	US\$50 million supplemental; led discussions along with other Government officials for a \$25 million World Bank grant to Public Works; \$1million from the Center for Global Development for a Scott Fellows Program	US\$76 million for public works projects, capacity building and security sector reform	\$76,000,000	\$273,577
7-May	11-May	The Oprah Show	Chicago	USA	N	30 nursing scholarships for Liberians in Chicago Colleges; 25,000 HIV/AIDS test kits; book drive to benefit schools and libraries.	US\$3 M for scholarships; \$5,000 book drive	\$3,053,000	\$31,661
13-May	14-May	Working Visit to Libya	Tripoli	Libya		Two 2-Mega watts generators			\$0
25-May	27-May	Women's Health and Awareness event	Atlanta, GA	USA	N	Health care supplies from Medshare and equipment for several hospitals in Liberia.	Medical supplies for Liberian hospitals worth more than \$1 M	\$1,036,270	\$0

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28-May	31-May	Official Visit to UK and follow up visit to Liberia by Hon. Hilary Benn, Secretary, DFID	London	England	Y	DFID will provide 50% cost share for PRSP (approx US\$2 M); assistance with anti-corruption program, civil service reform	Approximately \$18 M for the anti-corruption and civil service reform programs	\$18,000,000	\$91,531
7-Jun	8-Jun	International Labour Conference	Geneva	Switzerland	Y	Ratification of Maritime Labour Convention	\$3 M donation by Dutch Gov't for Emergency Employment Program	\$3,000,000	\$18,944
1-Jul	2-Jul	AU Summit	Banjul	Gambia		Discussions on issues of African concern.	No direct financial benefit.	\$0	\$31,661
8-Sep	26-Sep	UN General Assembly; Clinton Global Initiative; Harvard Speech; Georgia Tech; address EU Parliament in France		USA and France		The establishment of the RLJ Enterprise Development Fund, a joint effort of Robert Johnson Companies, OPIC, the U.S. African Development Foundation and CHF International. Microsoft committed to building 10 Community Tech Centers in Liberia; Harvard University committed to sending students from the Kennedy School of Govt. to intern in key GoL ministries and agencies at no cost to the GoL.	\$30 M loan portfolio for private enterprise in Liberia + \$1,000,000 for Microsoft Community Tech Centers and \$100,000 to UNDP for Capacity Building	\$31,100,000	\$173,317
5-Oct	6-Oct	ECOWAS Summit	Abuja	Nigeria		Economic cooperation in the subregion	No direct financial benefit.	\$0	\$13,507
10-Oct	22-Oct	Georgetown University; Liberian Education Trust (LET) fundraiser, meeting with Sirleaf Market Women Fund (SMWF)	Washington, DC; New York; Charlotte, NC	USA		The President established and launched LET to assist with the restoration of basic education in Liberia. SMWF will rehabilitate and/or build 500 markets over a five year period. Georgetown University is sending interns to Liberia this summer to work free of charge in Government.	LET has raised approximately \$2 million and has already provided scholarships to Liberian girls, built and renovated schools in Liberia. The SMWF has raised \$1.1 million so far and has begun market renovation and construction in the country.	\$3,100,000	\$86,730

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27-Oct	7-Nov	Official visit to China	Beijing	China		State visit to China, participated in the China-Africa Forum; tour Chinese firms to encourage them to invest in Liberia. Huawei Corp donated \$1 M worth of E-Government equipment; President Hu Jintao donated \$1.5 M for budgetary support and US\$60,000 for school uniforms.	\$1.5 million for budgetary support and \$1M for E-government equipment and \$60,000 for school uniforms.	\$2,560,000	\$30,290
14-Nov	17-Nov	EU Development Days	Brussels	Belgium		Secured funding (45 M Euros), along with other Gov't officials, for EDF 9 (European Development Fund) which would have been lost otherwise and negotiated an increase in the EDF 10 aid package from 70 M Euro to 119 M Euros.	Increase in European multilateral aid	\$0	\$15,533
1-Dec	2-Dec	Night of Diplomacy	Dakar	Senegal		Solidarity in the West African region	No direct financial benefit.	\$0	\$11,464
14-Dec	15-Dec	MRU talks	Conakry	Guinea		Security in the West African region	No direct financial benefit.	\$0	\$12,714
19-Dec	19-Dec	ECOWAS Summit	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso		West African economic cooperation issues	No direct financial benefit.	\$0	\$11,300

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Total benefits derived from foreign travels in 2006	\$142,142,057
Less total costs of foreign travels in 2006	\$991,254
Estimated total benefits to Government and people of Liberia - 2006	\$141,150,803

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