


UNDP: Supporting National Elections 2021 - 2024

	Implementing partner(s)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
	Location	Nationwide
	Agreement period	August 2021 – December 2024
	Budget total	40 000 000 SEK

Overview and objectives

In 2005 and 2011 and 2017 Liberia held democratic Presidential and Legislative elections, which marked an important consolidation of democracy in Liberia. The elections were conducted with significant technical and advisory support from international partners, but local election capacity and capability is now required to sustain this progress.

The National Elections Commission is an autonomous public commission whose mission is to “strengthen democracy and sustainable peace by managing free, fair and transparent elections for the Liberian people”. The aim of this project is to: “strengthen the capacity of National Elections Commission and core electoral stakeholders to conduct their core activities in an impartial, transparent and sustainable manner and successfully carry out scheduled electoral processes”. The overall objective is to continue strengthening the electoral institutions and processes. As an overarching goal, this cycle should be marked by further enhanced national ownership as well as continued progress towards peaceful, credible, inclusive, and transparent electoral processes in Liberia.



Figure 1: Woman voting in the 2017 Liberian elections. Photo credit: UNDP

Activities

This project aims to deliver three outputs to support elections management. These outputs, and examples of activities to achieve each, are set out below.

- Strengthened inclusivity and transparency of the electoral process:** Capacity-building, advisory and funding support to the NEC leadership and Communication Section, and the provision of Infrastructure and tools to improve election-related communication and combat misinformation at national level.
- Strengthened institutional capacity and accountability of the NEC and electoral stakeholders:** Conduct capacity assessment of NEC and electoral stakeholders at all levels, support effective Electoral Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring, and Evaluation towards greater sustainability and accountability, support credible and efficient electoral dispute resolution, and support to credible and Sustainable Voter Registration Process.
- Strengthened mechanisms for conflict prevention and mitigation to support peaceful conduct of elections:** Ensure that the Election Security Forces Act is in Line with International Standards, strengthening existing national mechanisms for early identification and response to electoral violence such as the early warning mechanism, and raise awareness on violence against women.