




## Ministry of Public Works: Liberian-Swedish Feeder Roads Project Phase 3

	<b>Implementing partner(s)</b>	Ministry of Public Works
	<b>Location</b>	Bong, Nimba, Lofa, Grand Gedeh, Grand Kru, River Gee and Maryland counties
	<b>Agreement period</b>	2017-2023 (February)
	<b>Budget total</b>	234 923 797 SEK

### Overview and objectives

The Liberian-Swedish Feeder Roads Project phase 3 (LSFRP3) supports economic development in Liberia through road rehabilitation and maintenance for increased physical access to markets and employment, healthcare, education, and public services. In 2009, the governments of Sweden and Liberia entered a successful partnership resulting in LSFRP phases one and two; and the rehabilitation of rural roads in Bong, Lofa and Nimba counties. Phase three focuses on the rehabilitation of 370 km of feeder roads in the southeastern counties of Grand Gedeh, Grand Kru, River Gee and Maryland, maintenance of 800 km of roads in all seven LSFRP counties, as well as upgrading foot paths to motorcycle accessible village access tracks to isolated rural communities.



Picture 1: Road in need of repair

A functional feeder road and village access track network will bring about benefits for the Liberian economy through all-year-round connectivity for rural communities, as well as reduced transport costs, farmers being able to transport their produce to markets, easier access to health facilities, schools, as well as increased access to the justice system and other public services. It will also improve emergency response throughout the country and will increase resilience against crises. The geographical focus of phase three is particularly important since the Southeastern parts of Liberia experience partial isolation due to dramatic seasonal changes with heavy rains and consequential flooding.

The Embassy has partnered with the Ministry of Public Works, which has oversight responsibility of all Government infrastructure in Liberia. The project aligns with the Ministry's national agenda which aims to offer improved infrastructure to its people, particularly in the roads sector. The Ministry of Public Works is committed to the development of a comprehensive road maintenance system and the creation of a roads fund.

### Activities

The project is building capacity in the Liberia road sector, including county administration, Liberian contractors and local communities through procurements, trainings and capacity building initiatives, as well as setting the standard for feeder road rehabilitation and maintenance in Liberia. The track concept is focusing on socio-economic development and providing basic accessibility with more immediate benefits to the rural poor. The construction of village access tracks has proven to be of effective impact in rural developing areas, guaranteeing a minimum level of access in isolated villages and developing more complex economic activities. The main beneficiaries are the most marginalized and most difficult to reach: semi-subsistence farmers, and rural women and children.