

**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N^o 12

**EXTENSION OF THE NCDDRR MANDATE
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 with the objective of consolidating national security, have committed resources toward the achievement of the program objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Norway has committed financial assistance to fund the final phase of the DDRR Program that is being managed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) through the DEX Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the NCDDRR coordinates the program activities in partnership with line Ministries and non Governmental organizations to deliver reintegration programs within the overall framework complementary to Government programs; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the DDRR Action Plan will lead to the enactment of the appropriate legislation to enhance the operational guidance of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia hereby recognizes the urgent need to continue to implement the program objectives of the DDRR 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 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 vocational skills training, apprenticeship, and job placement of RR beneficiaries as a way of preparing them for the job market;
3. That the program will continue to provide psycho-social services to enhance the rapid integration process of the RR beneficiaries into civil society and will serve as a direct channel for national healing and reconciliation between RR beneficiaries and the civil society;
4. That the appointing power for the executives of the Commission remains 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 responsibility for 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 of its programs;
9. That the NCDDRR take full responsibility for the implementation of the functions of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration (RR) program within the context of national ownership to complete the final cycle of the program;
10. That the Government of Liberia and its partners will provide the necessary financial and logistical support to strengthen the capacity of the NCDDRR to successfully complete the program;

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA THIS 14 DAY OF APRIL
A.D. 2008**

**Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**