



PROGRAM BRIEF

Building Sustainable Elections Management in Liberia

Dates of Operation: 17 September, 2009 - 1st August, 2014

Prime Implementing Partner: IFES

Chief of Party: Shalva Skipshidze

Geographic Focus: National

Program Cost: \$18,500,000

Target Beneficiaries: Liberian voters, elected officials and candidates, NEC, civil society organizations

Overview

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) new Building Sustainable Elections Management in Liberia program seeks to build upon the democratic progress made thus far. This five-year program will support the various upcoming elections through 2014, including the constitutional referendum, 2011 general elections, local elections, and by-elections.

Current Program

Ultimately, IFES aims to increase the capacity of the NEC to efficiently, effectively, impartially, and sustainably manage elections in the coming years. The anticipated results of the program include:

- The increased capacity of the NEC to conduct boundary delimitation
- A credible, accurate, transparent voter registration system
- A successful, legitimate referendum to amend the constitution
- The increased capacity of the NEC to hold community-level information-sharing sessions
- Conduct civic and voter education
- The increased capacity of the NEC to manage its affairs with decreased foreign assistance through more capable staff and well-functioning Magistrate offices



NEC workers register a Liberian voter

In providing institutional support to the NEC, IFES will develop its infrastructure by establishing a data center and providing assistance to its Magistrate offices; enhancing the operations of its voter registration, information technology, civic and voter education, and training units IFES will assist in building the NEC's professional capacity through elections management and skills training, study tours, and incorporation of training and on-the-job guidance in all assistance areas.