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Rural Women Leadership and Economic Empowerment Program

Dates of Operation: May 25, 2010 – May 25, 2013

Prime Implementing Partner: Women Campaign International (WCI)

Chief of Party: Nancy Wallace

Geographic Focus: National

Program Cost: \$1,400,000

Target Beneficiaries: Rural women, especially members and leaders of the National Rural Women Program (NRWP)

Overview

The Women's Leadership and Economic Empowerment Program is aiming to empower rural women through the provision of agricultural tools and training, strengthen the organizational capacity of the NRWP, and encourage women's social and political leadership through targeted workshops for women leaders; the program also capitalizes on Liberia's commitment to gender equity and the inclusion of disadvantaged women in its reconstruction and development processes. At the end of the program, Liberian women living in rural areas will have improved livelihoods and be able to assume more leadership roles within their communities.

Current Program

In particular, WCI will focus on the following:

- Improving the organizational development of the NRWP
- Increasing the leadership capacity, advocacy skills and civic participation of NRWP officials and members
- Increasing the leadership resources and networking opportunities for NRWP members and election officials
- Increasing the number of women, particularly rural women, running for and elected in the 2011 elections
- Increasing financial knowledge and business skills of NRWP members
- Increasing the food security and nutrition of NRWP members and their families through food preservation and value-added production techniques



This program will support the ability of rural women to help implement and design development projects that would be of benefit to them and their communities at a decentralized, local level.



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