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PROGRAM BRIEF

Support for Culture of Human Rights in Liberia

Dates of Operation: April 1, 2007 – December 31, 2011

Prime Implementing Partner: Freedom House

Other Implementing Partners: ABA

Chief of Party: Kevin George

Geographic Focus: Monrovia, Liberia (nationwide)

Program Cost: \$9,800,000

Target Beneficiaries: Adult males and females; NGO's/PVO's; Government; Law Enforcement Personnel; University students

Current Program

Purpose and Goals:

- Support to the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law including: Strengthening the design and delivery of instructional materials; initiating and managing faculty fellowships; provide books and tuition for student clerks; established a legal research center; established and supported judicial internships for law school students and graduates; and assisted in the development and validation of a three year strategic plan.
- Support continued operations of the James A.A. Pierre Judicial Institute including: Trained and graduated 61 assistant magistrates who are subsidized and deployed to the rural counties to promote access to justice; provide quarterly trainings to 20 sitting judges and magistrates; design and develop new training and continuing legal education programs for judicial sector professionals; and develop and implement sustainable trainer training programs.
- Support the Liberian National Bar Association (LNBA) in the strengthening of its administration and establishment of a continuing legal education program; provide IT training to LNBA staff; and support the LNBA in establishing law libraries in the rural counties.
- Publication of Liberian laws, law reports and other relevant legal documents on a free-access website, LiberLi.
- Support efforts to reduce instances of prolonged pre-trial detention

