



Rehabilitation of the Harper City Hall/County Administration Building

- Grant from USAID \$450,000 to Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Rehabilitation from June through November 2009
- Built in the 1950's has two stories, 32,000 sq. ft, and 4.6 acres of land
- Building first used as the seat of Harper City Government and a culture and entertainment center

The Harper City Hall/County Administration Building is the 10th and largest to be rehabilitated since 2005 by USAID's Liberia Community Infrastructure Program (LCIP) through a grant to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of \$450,000. USAID's total investment for the ten rehabilitated buildings is \$1.9 Million USD. Other counties that benefited include; Grand Bassa, Bomi, Bong, Cape Mount, Lofa, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Sinoe and Gbarpolu. UNMIL undertook rehabilitation of the remaining five county administration buildings.



Front View of Harper City Hall (Before)

The Harper City Hall/Administration Building was constructed in the 1950's during the administration of President William V.S. Tubman, a native of Maryland. Prior to the Liberian civil crisis the building was the seat of the City Government of Harper and served as the center of culture and entertainment for residents of Maryland County. During the war years, the main building was vandalized and the theater destroyed.

The main building is two stories and combines office space and City Hall meeting areas, for a total of 32,000 square feet, and sits on 4.6 acres of land. It is constructed of conventional reinforced concrete framing and masonry block work for exterior and interior partitioning. The theater is badly damaged and is not included in this rehabilitation.



Entrance Lobby (After)

The rehabilitation of the main building included:

- Roof and ceilings; supply and installation of doors, frames and windows, anti-burglar bars, electrical conduits and fixtures; as well as complete rehabilitation of sewer, electrical, plumbing systems; painting of the exterior and interior of the building.
- Construction of a deep water well and provision of a 60 KVA generator are also included in the rehabilitation package.

- Construction: Gilgal Construction and Engineering Company
- Architectural Design and Supervision – ACE Planning

The rehabilitation of this building supports the decentralization of government functions to counties outside of the capital, Monrovia, in Montserrado County. The building will be used by line ministries, Harper City, and Maryland County authorities of government, including the County Superintendent, City Mayor, circuit and magisterial courts, Gender, Land, Labor, and Finance ministries as well as the General Services Agency (GSA) among others.