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## Rehabilitation of the Tubman National Institute of Medical Arts Dormitory and Annex

### Statistics

- Grant value - \$775,000 USD
- Groundbreaking – Feb 2009
- 3 storey, 40,000 sq. foot building
- More than 75 rooms
- Accommodates up to 500 residential students
- 500 bunk beds and classroom furniture
- 107 skilled and unskilled Liberian laborers gained temporary employment during construction



**BEFORE** rehabilitation



**AFTER**

### Implementing Partners

- Managed by DAI – under contract to USAID
- Architectural design: AEP Consultants
- Construction Services: Seek Engineering

The rehabilitation of this three-story building (40,000 square feet) provides adequate, safe and clean residential living quarters for potentially 500 future Liberian nurses, certified mid-wives, physician's assistants and environmental health technicians. Through this grant several classrooms within the dormitory building were also rehabilitated, as well as the covered walkways connecting the dormitory building to the classrooms and medical facilities located in the adjacent JFK Medical Center.

According to the Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) "Poor health care and practices contribute significantly to poverty in Liberia, There are only 51 Liberian physicians and 297 nurse midwives (excluding trained traditional midwives) to cover public health needs for a population of over 3 million."

Now complete, the building will house residential nursing students. Providing residential facilities is critical to ensure that future nurses are recruited from all 15 counties and underserved rural areas – not just from the urban capital, Monrovia. Upon completion of their TNIMA education, it is expected that graduates will return to their home areas –supporting the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare's (MOHSW) health goals and national plan at rural clinics, hospitals, and communities.

The rehabilitation of this building by USAID's LCIP is just one of many commitments by the United States Government to assist in the rebuilding of Liberia's health care delivery personnel and system. Another USAID-funded program, "Rebuilding Basic Health Services" (RBHS), will expand and strengthen teaching capacity and curriculum and provide learning equipment and supplies for the nurses, environmental health technicians, midwives and physician's assistants studying at TNIMA.

AEP Consultants, a Liberian architecture firm supervised the construction work carried out by another Liberian company that won the international competitive bidding process –Seek Engineering and Construction Services.

Through this grant, 500 bunk beds were provided with high-quality mattresses, along with armchairs for annex classrooms and study tables in the lounge areas. All dormitory rooms are complete with ceiling fans for ventilation. In December 2009, 4 exterior security solar lights shall be installed.

USAID Mission Director Pamela White said the contribution from the American People through LCIP and RBHS signifies the start of "no ordinary rehabilitation, but the revival of TNIMA".