



Capacity development in the transport sector in Liberia

Background

As a consequence of 14 years of civil war and a lack of maintenance and construction activities, Liberia's transport infrastructure has been severely damaged, and only less than 10 per cent of the country's roads are paved. The majority of the road network is therefore largely impassable, particularly during the rainy season. As a result, large portions of the country are inaccessible at times, which limits economic development. An improved transportation network could therefore also contribute to poverty reduction.

The Liberian Government has begun to award road construction contracts to the private sector. A Road Maintenance Fund was introduced, the establishment of a Road Agency is planned. The planning capacities within the public sector and the services provided by Liberian construction companies remain insufficient.

Impacts of the Project

- Increased job opportunities for the youth through training
- Improved connectivity through resilient roads
- Increased road safety and awareness
- Creation of Road Maintenance Fund based on fuel fees
- Creation of National Transport Masterplan; Law on axle load adopted

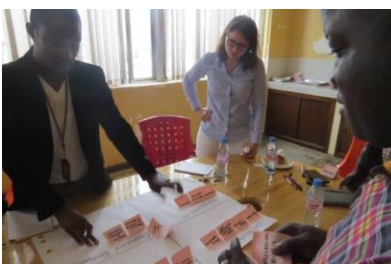
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Woman working in Road rehabilitation, Ulrich Thüer



Project Goals

- Training of the youth to create job opportunities
- Create a more resilient road network for economic growth
- Improvement of legal and institutional capacities



Planning workshop incl. road safety,
Yana Tumakova

Strategy

GIZ provides support to its partners by advising on the implementation of the transport master plan and a modern road transport policy. The project works closely with the Liberian Government and supports it in the creation of a Road Agency and the introduction of a Road Maintenance Fund

Furthermore, GIZ is advising on the establishment and development of a road management system, the further development of planning capacities within the ministries and on road safety. E.g. the introduction of an axle load control for trucks is a sound solution for the Liberian context and will increase the safety of all road users.

By promoting dialogue between public and private sector, the needs of all stakeholders are communicated and the quality of the work increases. Meanwhile the advisory of local construction companies leads to more competitiveness.

The development of a training course for road maintenance technicians and the training of specialists in the ministries and in the private sector have positive effects on job opportunities

More jobs for young people are created!

The project partners are the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Public Works and the Association of Liberian Construction Contractors. The consulting firm GOPA is supporting the transport project in Liberia with the EU-financed preparation and implementation of the Road Fund and the Road Agency. Furthermore, the Gopa-Roughton consortium is supporting the introduction of the road maintenance system and traffic policy consultancy. The organizational reform of the Ministry of Transport is accompanied by the consulting company.

Human resource development has taken place not just within the ministries, but also in small and medium-sized enterprises.



Road rehabilitation, Yana Tumakova

Among other things, this included training on business planning, cost estimates and construction management, and technical training for local specialists and managers. These measures should also ensure that Liberia's private sector is better qualified to participate in public tenders. In a parallel process, the project is supporting the Ministry of Public Works in introducing transparent tendering policies which favour national construction companies.

Processes from planning, tendering and contracting to maintenance works, monitoring and contract handling are to be established through pilot measures

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