

Annex
to the IASC Background Paper
On
In Depth Country Review: Liberia
“Abstract of the Inter-Agency Contingency Plan”

After almost a decade of civil war, Liberia experienced relative peace from 1997 until early 1999. At that time armed activity began to take place in the northwest of the country and has subsequently spread southward towards the center of the country and the coast. It is in this context that the humanitarian community embarked on a planning process for the contingency of **armed activity leading to increased displacement and vulnerability amongst the Liberian population.**

Currently, it is estimated that there are 60-70,000 IDPs being assisted in Liberia. This is in addition to unknown numbers that have sought assistance from relatives or friends. There are also 84,000 refugees in Guinea, 19,000 in Sierra Leone and 123,000 in Ivory Coast. In addition, there are an estimated 65,000 Sierra Leonean refugees in Liberia, 40,038 of whom are being assisted in camps around Monrovia and Sinje in Grand Cape Mount County.

The armed activity has targeted areas in which IDPs have settled and the condition of the displaced has deteriorated in recent months as many have now been displaced on up to five different occasions. Worse still, there are unknown numbers of Liberians still in Lofa, Gharpolu and surrounding counties that anecdotal evidence suggests have been forced to live in the forest, foraging for food and basic requirements. These populations are receiving absolutely no services of any kind and are completely inaccessible to humanitarian organizations.

There are **two scenarios** for which planning has been carried out:

Scenario One: The **current upsurge of two-way armed activity continues.**

Scenario Two: **A breakdown in law and order occurs in Monrovia.**

Planning Assumptions

Internal displacement of:

External population flows to: Sierra Leone

Guinea

Cote d'Ivoire

Additional affected populations:

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Total
+250,000	up to 400,000	650,000
up to 50,000	up to 75,000	up to 125,000
up to 100,000	up to 10,000	up to 110,000
up to 50,000	up to 25,000	up to 75,000
up to 500,000	up to 500,000	up to 1,000,000

The Consolidated Appeal for Liberia for 2002 requested \$17.3 million. To date no pledges have been received. The following working estimates have been made for these scenarios for a period of nine months:

	Scenario One	Scenario Two	Total
Food	23,561,538	28,911,831	52,473,375
Non-Food / Shelter	1,900,000	4,000,000	5,900,000
Water and Sanitation	2,992,000	13,300,000	16,292,000
Health	2,397,000	3,690,000	6,087,000
TOTAL	\$30,859,538	\$50,171,831	\$80,752,375