

Liberian-Swedish Access Driven Rural Development Programme (LISA)

	Implementing partner(s)	Government of Liberia (Ministry of Finance and Development Planning)
	Location	Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties
	Agreement period	June 2024 – March 2027
	Budget total (Sweden)	55 000 000 MSEK

Overview and objectives

This is a two-year project, building on knowledge from the Liberian-Swedish Feeder Roads Project, Phase 3 (LSFRP3) extension for Village Access Roads (VARs). The key aim of the VAR intervention is to improve access for as many rural people living in poverty as possible within the given budget. There is also emphasis on agriculture in coordination with the Sida funded GROW-2 project and will be guided by a specific study looking at collaboration between the two projects.



Figure 1: Building Village Access Roads in Lofa. Photo credit: Liberian-Swedish Feeder Roads Project (LSFRP)

The program outcomes targeted include:

- Improved access to markets and sales, particularly for smallscale women and men farmers living in poverty;
- Increased utilisation of clinics and school attendance in target areas;
- Reduction in transport charges as due to increased traffic along feeder and village access roads;
- Increase in small-scale business opportunities;
- Generation of employment opportunities linked to transportation and road maintenance services, including those linked to motorcycle taxis businesses.
- increased socioeconomic

Activities

Examples of activities include:

- improving a target of up to 195 km of village footpaths to motorcycle standard access roads in Bong, Lofa and Nimba Counties to improving living standards and reduce poverty,
- increase access for isolated communities to a target of up to 60,000 people in Bong, Lofa and Nimba,
- provide skills training and temporary work and income to 3,120 villagers during construction of VARs and maintenance of feeder roads,
- strengthening the capacity building of County administrations to conduct road maintenance
- conducting routine maintenance using community-based organisations (CBOs),
- improving some critical bad sections of unpaved road leading up to the village access roads.