



Case Study

Liberia Schools Programme – Programme Management



A programme to build almost 70 schools formed part of the Liberia's Poverty Reduction Strategy, aligned with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. A generation of young people had had little or no access to education, and many were child soldiers during over 20 years of civil war.

The administration, led by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, was working to improve children's access to education. The schools were built in 40 locations, with construction split into two phases to accommodate the six-month rainy season that makes much of the country impassable for construction vehicles and supplies.

For consistency and to allow local repair and maintenance, traditional construction methodology was used. The external walls are loadbearing locally produced block work, and external walls are finished with plaster for waterproofing. Roofs are constructed of timber trusses covered by aluminium profile sheeting.

A collaborative approach was utilised, with over 50 local staff employed and trained on the project and Ministry of Education staff being upskilled in both procurement and design. The project legacy is skilled teams who can deliver schools for the future.

D2i staff tendered, won and managed this programme of works, being based in Liberia for a large proportion of the design and construction period, working with local contractors and architects from the World Bank.