

## **Peaceful Elections Project in Nimba County Fact Sheet**

### **Context**

The 2017 presidential elections in Liberia will be the first presidential elections since the Liberian civil strife (1989-2003) to represent a peaceful transfer from one elected president to another.

### **Indicators of Potentially Violent Conflict**

With the UN-MIL drawing down and handing over control of the nation's security to the Liberian government on July 1, 2016, there is concern that the 2017 presidential and legislative elections could provoke violence. Such a concern coincides with perceptions among many Nimba citizens that there is a potential for violence during the 2017 elections because Liberia has not yet achieved sufficient post-war reconciliation.

### **Locally Defined Strategies and Activities**

In the Fall of 2016, the Pen-Pen Peace Network (a local peace committee self-organized through the support of the Purdue Peace Project), along with the Purdue Peace Project, convened pen-pen riders (motorcycle taxi drivers), police, and other local citizens in Nimba County. The goal of the meeting was to discuss the need for political violence prevention campaign in this county in the context of the 2017 elections. A group of local citizens from these actor groups formed and called themselves the Pen-Pen Peace Network-Nimba (PPPN-Nimba). Since then, the PPPN-Nimba has been actively working on identifying and planning strategies and activities aimed to ensure peaceful elections. Activities began in the Spring of 2017 and will continue in 2017.

### **Impact**

To be determined.

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