

Swedish Tax Authority: Support to Liberia Revenue Authority

| (ALL) | Implementing partner(s) | Swedish Tax Agency |
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| m2 | Location | Monrovia |
| | Agreement period | March 2021 – August 2025 |
| (6) | Budget total | 23 000 000 SEK |

Overview and objectives

The institutional cooperation between the Liberian Tax Authority (LRA) and the Swedish Tax Agency (STA) is expected to lead to increased efficiency in Liberia's tax system and an increased proportion of taxpayers who voluntarily pay taxes. The effort aims to build capacity at the LRA with the ambition to increase transparency towards the country's taxpayers and to improve trust between taxpayers and the LRA. In the longer term, the cooperation is expected to contribute to increased tax revenues, which in turn can provide greater budgetary space for sectors such as health and education.

The cooperation focuses on building LRA's capacity in three areas:

- Modern taxpayer service,
- Developing competent human resources, and
- Compliance risk management.

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Figure 1: Message to Taxpayers on LRA Website Photo Credit: www.lra.gov.lr

Activities

Within the "modern taxpayer service" component, the contribution will support increased taxpayer communication and improved treatment of internal and external customers. Within the "developing competent human resources" component, the contribution will support strengthening and developing the LRA leadership while supporting enhanced capacities to work with strategic competence development at the LRA. This component also strives towards effective staff administration procedures at LRA. Within the "compliance risk management" component, the contribution is expected to support the implementation of a compliance risk management system within the LRA. Ultimately the cooperation between LRA and STA is expected to lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness of the tax system and a higher level of voluntary compliance.