



## Rehabilitation of the Lofa County Administration Building

### Building History

- Built in 1974
- Used principally for county administrative operations
- Commencement of USAID/LCIP rehabilitation March 20, 2008



Superintendent's Office Before Rehab



Superintendent's Office After Rehab

- Architectural design: Milton & Richards
- Construction firm: SEEK Engineering and Construction
- Supervision: DAI/LCIP
- Total grant to Internal Affairs: US \$ 320,000
- Rehabilitation: March to October 2008

The Lofa Administration Building is located in Voinjama close to the border with Guinea. This two-storey V-shaped structure (41 rooms & 7 bath rooms) serves as the center of local government administration in Lofa County.

When Lofa was created a county from the "Western Province" in 1964, it was without an administration building. In 1974, the citizens under the leadership of Superintendent E. Sumo Jones decided to construct one. Every gainfully employed citizen of Lofa at the time was required to contribute one month salary to the initiative. With additional assistance from central government, the project was completed in ten months.

It was dedicated in 1975 during the True Whig Party (TWP) National Convention held in Voinjama, Lofa County.

The building was looted, neglected and misused during and after the war years. Since 2004 it has been inhabited by UNMIL, while county authorities were located in distant and make-shift structures temporarily.

The major rehabilitation works of this 18,253 ft<sup>2</sup> building included:

- Complete reconstruction of roof and ceiling
- Supply and installation of doors, frames and windows
- Electrical conduits and fixtures
- Repair of minor cracks and plastering of damaged walls
- Complete rehabilitation of drainage, sewer, electrical and plumbing systems, including a 75kva generator
- Painting of exterior and interior
- A furniture package estimated at \$10,000

The Lofa Administration Building is used by most of the local government line ministries and administrative authorities including for example, the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Superintendent's Office), Representatives of the Ministries of Commerce, Justice, Planning, Labor, Education, Posts, Youth and Sport, Lands, Mines and Energy, Gender and Development as well as the General Services Agency (GSA), Forestry Development Authority (FDA), and the Registrar of Deeds and Marriages.

This project was completed on time and within budget and employed 55 local laborers.

