



## TODEE DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR

### ***It's more than just a road***

Multiple grants - more than \$2M

- 31.25 km – Todee Road Rehab ('08)
- 40 km of improved roads from Bong Mines Gate to Todee Road ('09)
- 46 wells ('09)
- 6 micro-enterprises (pastry, electronics repair, 2 stroke engine repair) 60 apprentices ('09)
- 500 farmers ('09)
- 3 elementary schools, 1 clinic ('09)
- 8 Community Based Organizations



*A new bridge on Todee Road*



*Onions growing on Todee Road*

*“Development is all about accessibility”* Todee District Superintendent Morris Binda

It's one thing to build a road; it's quite another to build the right road. The right road in the development assistance context is one that increases economic development, contributes to social capital, improves access to basic services, and is maintained over time by the people it benefits. The road should also leverage, rather than, depend entirely on donor funding.

The Todee Road Development Corridor focuses on an integrated approach to development and poverty alleviation that incorporates road and bridge improvements, agriculture, micro-enterprise, improved education and health care, and access to safe water for the estimated 40,000 residents of Todee District in rural Montserrado County. The communities identified these investments through an Integrated Rural Access Planning exercise and the establishment of eight community-based organizations (CBOs).

The Todee Road was scarcely passable as a result of war and neglect. Restoration began with the Government of Liberia's intention to reopen the former military barracks located at the end of the road. USAID's Liberia Community Infrastructure Program (LCIP) expanded the possibilities for the road rehabilitation into a “development corridor” supporting Liberia's Poverty Reduction Strategy and the County Development Agenda's expressed priorities.

USAID's LCIP completed rehabilitation works on the 31.25 km feeder road in early 2009. Rehabilitation of the road meant driving time to the main highway dropped from 3+ hours to less than 45 minutes. Road maintenance is now undertaken by the communities under a training scheme funded by USAID.

In 2009-2010, USAID's LCIP continues development of the Todee Road Corridor with the ongoing rehabilitation of the Bong Mine Gate to Yakpai road and the Yakpai to Koon Town road (40km in total). Additionally, LCIP is rehabilitating 3 elementary schools and expanding the nurses' quarters at the health clinic in the District's capital town of Nyehn. Other infrastructure improvements include the ongoing installation of 28 hand pumps and rehabilitation of 18 wells along the Corridor.

As infrastructure improvements progress, LCIP's Rehabilitation of Artisans and Apprenticeship Program (RAAP) is working with 6 businesses, 60 apprentices, and 500 farmers on growing and marketing vegetables, roots and tubers in Todee District.

