

GUINEA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE

PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



KEY PARTNERS

Government: (Guinea) Ministry of Security, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Territory Administration, Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Justice; (Regional) Mano River Union intergovernmental organization, (Local) Community Leaders, Border Security and Health personnel Civil Society: Community CSOs, Mano River Women’s Peace Network

Private Sector: Afriland First Bank, Ecobank

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| BUDGET (USD) | 2,786,280 | DURATION (MONTHS) | 30 |
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MOST RELEVANT SDG GOALS



STATUS

Joint Programme funded



SUMMARY

Parrot’s Beak is in the southwestern part of Guinea, where the respective territories of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia meet, in a curved point of land between the Meli and Mokona Rivers. The movement of people and goods has increased in this region considerably in the last two decades with recent signs of criminal networks taking advantage of the lack of coordination between states and the vulnerability of border communities, to organize human trafficking and smuggling.

To address these challenges, the joint programme will take an integrated border management approach, that allows for addressing security, development and humanitarian concerns. The joint programme will strengthen management capacity among Guinean authorities at the southern borders; reinforce trust and collaboration among state institutions and target border communities; and Improve social cohesion among cross-border communities.

An interesting component of this programme will be its integration of public health and epidemic control factors, a lesson well-learned from the Ebola crisis. For example, trainings in rapid detection and response to epidemic threats for point of entry officers will be conducted, and protective equipment and hygiene kits provided. This will be of particular relevance in the current COVID-19 response.

Partnerships are a cornerstone of this joint programme. In addition to strong government ownership, coordination with neighbouring countries, and close engagement of affected populations will be prioritized. Also, the project will forge partnerships with the Mano River Union, a sub-regional organization, to complement ongoing work in border security and community cohesion, and will work closely with private financial service providers such as Afriland First Bank and Ecobank, to establish cross-border community credit unions.