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The Liberian Police (LNP) lacks many of the essential tools needed for their work, especially communication equipment. The United Nations has 500 policemen, including 10 from Sweden, to support the build-up of a national force. This made the Swedish police, on the behalf of the United Nations Mission to Liberia (UNMIL), to request support from Ericsson Response.

Ericsson Response sent initially 39 mobile phones, model R250, to the Liberian Police. The phones are very well suited to the extreme weather conditions in the country. Both heat and humidity are extreme; the bush areas are very dusty since almost all roads are of sand. But most important of all is the water resistance of the phone. During the rainy period precipitation is 6000 millimeters rain during four months, which will be a tough test for any phone. But this model is built for this kind of rough conditions.



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