



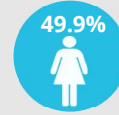
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WFP Liberia Country Brief May - June 2024

In Numbers



72,757 people assisted in May/June 2024

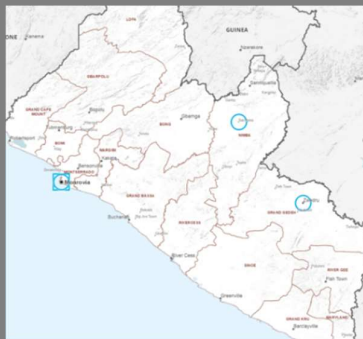
US\$ 649,204 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 13.3M six months (July – December 2024) net funding requirements

Operational Context

The Republic of Liberia faces a series of endogenous shocks, further exacerbated by the impact of price rises since the Ukraine crisis. This compounds an already challenging situation with the decline of external assistance, weak domestic revenue generation, and limited expenditure adjustments. Food insecurity is widespread; over 531,268 people were projected to face acute levels of food insecurity between June – August 2023 (Cadre Harmonise, November 2022). Overall, 63 percent of the population are multidimensional poor (with women more affected), 30 percent of children aged 6-59 months are stunted, and 3 percent are acutely malnourished.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia's National Development Plan, the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD:2018- 2023), aimed to make the Republic of Liberia a middle-income country by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The PAPD ended in December 2023 and will be replaced by a new development (ARREST - 2025-2030) which now under preparation to be finalised in October 2024. WFP's Country Strategic Plan 2019-2026 links food security, agriculture, nutrition, and education through an integrated approach aligned with broader national and international commitments. Key priorities include capacity-strengthening of national and local institutions to address food and nutrition insecurity. WFP has been present in the Republic of Liberia since 1968.



Population: 5.4 million

2023/2024 Human Development Report: **Ranked 177 out of 193**

Income Level: **Low income**

Chronic malnutrition: **30 percent of children between 6-59 months**

Operational Updates

- WFP maintained collaboration with 14 Farmers' Cooperatives (involving 15,000 smallholder farmers) and retailers, supplying 245 metric tons of locally sourced food to 288 schools. This achievement was facilitated through the innovative SCOPE platform, which managed beneficiary and transfer data, ensuring daily nutritious meals reached 70,264 schoolchildren across four counties in Liberia. Looking ahead, the country office plans to scale up and provide meals to 200,000 students in the upcoming school year starting in September 2024.
- WFP distributed 7,200 climate smart agricultural tools to 60 farmer groups, predominantly women, across Lofa, Bong, and Nimba counties. This initiative is a component of the UN Joint Human Security Programme, which aims to build the resilience of youth, women, and vulnerable groups through a social protection floor in Liberia, utilizing ICT. The project is executed by WFP, UNDP, FAO, and ILO, with financial support from the United Nations Human Security Trust Fund.
- WFP Health Supply Chain delivered 35 metric tons of health commodities, valued at US\$ 1.2 million, to 99 health facilities, ensuring last-mile delivery even to remote and hard-to-reach communities in Liberia. This initiative is a segment of WFP's ongoing support to the Government of Liberia in managing the National Central Medical Stores and distributing medical supplies to health facilities, supported financially by the Global Fund and USAID.
- Two Japan-funded projects for WFP, to be implemented in 2024, were launched with the Ambassadors of Japan to Liberia and Ghana in attendance. The projects include US\$ 506,679 for extending food and nutrition security support to vulnerable communities affected by the economic impact of the Ukraine crisis and floods in Liberia, as well as US\$ 523,802 for emergency assistance to communities in Western Liberia affected by the caterpillar infestation.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and WFP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to implement US\$ 1.5 million allocated to WFP's Home-Grown School Feeding Programme. This funding is provided by the Government of Liberia through the Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security project, which is funded by the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFFP).

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Photo Caption: Margbeh Farmer group planting rice in SKT Bong County
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Country Strategic Plan (2019-2026)

Total Requirements (US\$)	Total Received (US\$)
141 million	59.8 million
2024 requirements (US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (July 2024 – December 2024)
15.7 million	13.3 million

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure populations, including school aged children in targeted areas, have access to adequate and nutritious food, including food produced locally, by 2030.
Focus area: Resilience building

- Activity 1:**
- Provide an integrated, inclusive and gender-transformative school feeding package to food-insecure and nutritionally vulnerable schoolchildren, including take-home rations for adolescent girls, in a way that relies on and stimulates local production (home-grown school feeding).

Strategic Outcome 2: Crisis-affected populations in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of crises.
Focus area: Crisis response

- Activity 2:**
- Provide an integrated emergency food and nutrition assistance package to vulnerable households affected by disasters or other disruptions.

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 3: National and sub-national institutions have strengthened capacities to design and manage food security and nutrition, social protection, emergency preparedness and response and disaster risk management systems by 2030.
Focus area: Resilience building

- Activity 3:**
- Provide capacity strengthening support to the Government and its partners to strengthen national coordination mechanisms, information management and monitoring systems for food security and nutrition, and disaster risk management.

Strategic Result 8: Enhance global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 4: Humanitarian and development partners have access to common services throughout the year. Focus area: crisis response.
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- Activity 4:**
- Provide supply chain and ICT services to humanitarian and development partners.

- The Government of Liberia, led by the Ministry of Education and WFP, hosted a national celebration of Africa Day of School Meals. The event, attended by the Ministers of Education and Agriculture, was marked by the First Lady of the Republic of Liberia's pledge to champion home-grown school feeding during a meeting with the WFP representative and called for national support at the event.
- In May 2024, the Government of Liberia validated the country's first national post-harvest loss strategy, with crucial support from WFP. This milestone marks Liberia as the first country in West Africa to have a national strategy to address post-harvest losses.
- WFP submitted a US\$ 2 million proposal to support the home-grown school feeding program to the Government of China through the Chinese Embassy in Liberia, following a productive meeting between the Chinese Ambassador to Liberia and the WFP Liberia Country Director.
- The country office conducted a midterm review to evaluate progress and challenges. Following this assessment, a detailed workplan for the next six months was developed. This plan outlines objectives, strategies, activities, timelines, and resource allocations to guide effective implementation and achieve set goals.

Challenges

Devastating flash floods struck Liberia in June 2024, leaving 48,000 vulnerable people in dire need of emergency assistance. The UN received a request from the Government of Liberia through the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) for support. WFP led an emergency joint UN meeting to address this request, resulting in the development of a joint UN response plan document. Additionally, WFP assisted NDMA in producing a video documentary that highlighted the floods' impact. This documentary was presented during the UN Country Team (UNCT) and Ambassadors meeting with NDMA.

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WFP developed a floods response concept note with funding requirements of US\$ 3.7 million to provide 3 months emergency food assistance to 12,000 most affected and food insecure families.



Photo Caption: A vulnerable with her baby's house sounded by water. WFP/Mamadou Jallow

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