



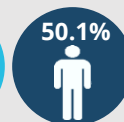
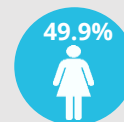
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## WFP Liberia Country Brief May 2025



## In Numbers



**77,687 people assisted** in May 2025

**US\$ 222,751** cash-based transfers made

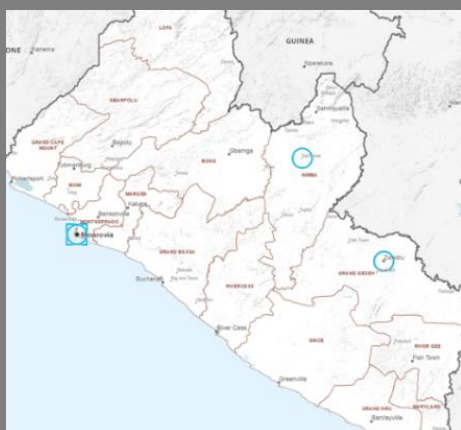
**US\$ 3.5 million** six months (June – November 2025) net funding requirements

## Operational Context

Liberia continues to face significant socio-economic challenges, with widespread poverty, food insecurity, and the impacts of multiple shocks undermining national development efforts. According to the 2022 National Food Security and Nutrition Survey, over 531,268 people were projected to face acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3+) from June to August 2023 (Cadre Harmonisé, April 2023). Additionally, 63 percent of the population are multidimensionally poor, 30 percent of children under five are stunted, and 3 percent are acutely malnourished.

The former Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD: 2018–2023) ended in December 2023 and has been succeeded by the ARREST Agenda (2025–2030)—Agriculture, Roads, Rule of Law, Education, Sanitation, and Tourism—which sets national development priorities in line with the SDGs.

WFP's Country Strategic Plan (2019–2026) promotes an integrated approach across food security, agriculture, nutrition, and education, with a focus on institutional capacity strengthening. The next CSP (2026–2030) is under development and will align with the ARREST Agenda and the forthcoming UN Cooperation Framework. WFP has operated in Liberia since 1968.



Population: **5.7 million**

2025 Human Development Index: **177 out of 193**

Income Level: **Low income**

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

## Operational Updates

- Following completion of the WFP Liberia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) Evaluation, the Country Office has initiated the development of its second-generation CSP for 2026–2030 for approval in the June 2026 Executive Board meeting. The CSP will be aligned with the new National Development Plan and the UN Co-operation Framework which is under preparation.
- WFP provided daily nutritious meals to 75,187 primary school children in 320 public schools in May through funding from the Rauch Family Foundation, GAFSP, and Finland. The 1,503,700 meals (equivalent of 249.907 MT of rice, beans, gari/powdered cassava, and red oil) were procured from 14 Farmers' Cooperatives (involving 15,000 smallholder farmers) and retailers. This achievement was facilitated through the innovative SCOPE platform which managed beneficiary and transfer data.
- Through contributions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, WFP is supporting 73 farmer groups (approximately 2,900 members) with agricultural tools, improved seeds, food assistance through food-for-work, and capacity-strengthening trainings. In May, under Phase II of the LDS-funded Integrated Food Security Programme, 132 hectares of lowland were cleared, and land preparation and planting of rice and vegetables began surpassing the initial target of 74 hectares.
- The Country Office received confirmation of a US\$ 4.5 million multi-year contribution (US\$ 1.5 million annually over three years) from the Rauch Family Foundation, a U.S.-based private organization, to support the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP). This new commitment builds on the Foundation's previous contribution of US\$ 1.5 million, which is currently under implementation and has already helped expand access to nutritious school meals for children in rural Liberia.
- WFP Health Supply Chain delivered 118,041 metric tons of health commodities, valued at US\$ 1,979,153 to 44 health facilities as part of the ongoing second circle health commodities delivery to 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 USAID and the Global Fund.
- The United States Government has approved a no-cost extension of the USAID grant until March 2026, ensuring continued support for the management of the Central Medical Store (CMS) and the nationwide distribution of essential health commodities.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2019-2026)

| Total Requirements (US\$) | Total Received (US\$)   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>141 million</b>        | <b>64.7 million</b>   |
| 2025 requirements (US\$)  | Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$)<br>(June 2025 – November 2025) |
| <b>15.6 million</b>       | <b>3.5 million</b>  |

## 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.

- In addition, the Government of Liberia provided US\$ 378,457 to sustain operations during the programme suspension of the USAID grant. With both contributions, programme operations are now financially covered through June 2026. The Ministry of Health has requested WFP to continue implementation for an additional 18 months to allow a smooth transition and eventual handover of responsibilities to the Government. Joint efforts with partners are ongoing to mobilize the necessary resources to support the programme throughout its extended duration.
- Liberia's Comprehensive Food Security and Nutrition Survey (CFSNS) has commenced data collection under WFP's technical leadership and in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA). This national survey is the first since 2018 which projected over 531,268 people faced acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3+) from June to August 2023 (Cadre Harmonisé, April 2023). Additionally, 63 percent of the population are multidimensionally poor, 30 percent of children under five are stunted, and 3 percent are acutely malnourished.
- WFP, as Chair of the Regional Cadre Harmonisé Technical Committee, together with Liberia's Ministry of Agriculture, facilitated the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) advocacy mission. The mission advocated for the establishment of Liberia's National Food and Nutrition Security Council, the development of a Food Security and Nutrition Information System, and the mobilization of regional partners (CILSS, ECOWAS), with participation from FAO and the World Bank.

## Challenges

Due to funding constraints, Mercy Corps could not continue providing school meals for 27,000 children included in its programme. WFP is now collaborating with the Ministry of Education to mobilize resources to sustain and expand the programme.

WFP continues to face challenges under the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme, including rising food prices set by cooperatives, concerns over food quality, and capacity gaps among local suppliers. In response, WFP held discussions with the World Bank and the Ministry of Agriculture to explore solutions for stabilizing price-setting mechanisms for locally produced commodities. The dialogue also focused on strengthening the capacity of cooperatives and aggregators to support more efficient, transparent, and quality-driven procurement processes.

**MPOX Outbreak:** Liberia is experiencing an increase in Mpox cases, particularly in Montserrado and Margibi counties. As of 27 May, 57 cases had been reported, though this is likely an underestimation due to low surveillance and limited testing capacity. Vaccine supplies remain scarce, requiring targeted vaccination, while cross-border transmission risks from Sierra Leone further complicate the situation.

## Impact Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r19WiK\\_QrvE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r19WiK_QrvE)

## Donors to WFP Liberia CSP 2019 – 2026

Rauch Family Foundation, The Church of Latter-day Saints, Government of Liberia, Japan, Canada, China, France, Global Fund, MasterCard Foundation, UN Funds (PBF, UNTFHS, UN SDG Fund), the United States of America and WFP USA, Finland, GAFSP, and AfDB.