



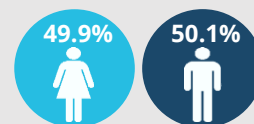
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## WFP Liberia Country Brief June 2025



## In Numbers



77,687 people assisted

US\$ 57,841 cash-based transfers made

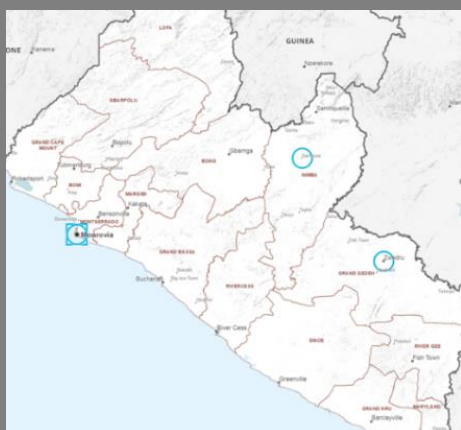
US\$ 5.4 M six months (Jul – December 2025) net funding requirements

## 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

- **WFP provides 1.3 million nutritious school meals to 75,124 children in 18 days:** WFP provided 1,352,232 nutritious meals to 75,124 primary schoolchildren (49 percent girls and 51 percent boys) across 320 public schools over 18 feeding days. The meals were prepared using 227.2 metric tons of locally procured rice, beans, gari (powdered cassava), and red oil, sourced from 14 farmers' cooperatives and retailers, supporting over 15,000 smallholder farmers. The operation was facilitated through WFP's SCOPE platform, ensuring accurate management of beneficiary and transfer data.
- **Provision of power tillers to boost smallholder farming:** WFP provided 18 power tillers to 18 farmer groups under Phase II of the Integrated Food Security Programme, funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). WFP, through its cooperating partner BRAC Liberia, also provided training for the 18 farmer groups on power tiller operation, management, and maintenance including safety measure.
- **Transition of oversight of USAID-funded Central Medical Store Grant:** A new technical focal point from the U.S. Embassy in Liberia was introduced to WFP following the transition of oversight for the USAID-funded Central Medical Store (CMS) grant to the U.S. Department of State. The CMS, managed by WFP in support of the Ministry of Health, plays a critical role in storing and distributing essential health commodities nationwide. While oversight of the USAID-funded component has shifted, the CMS remains jointly funded by USAID and the Global Fund.
- **Japan private sector contribution to school feeding:** WFP received a contribution of US\$ 150,181 from the Japan Association for WFP through its corporate giving platform. The funds will support the Liberia's Home-Grown School Feeding Programme.
- **IMF engagement on school feeding and health supply chain:** WFP engaged with the IMF Article IV mission to share updates on the implementation and impact of its school feeding and health supply chain programmes. The IMF recognized the importance of both initiatives and expressed interest in supporting government-led efforts aligned with national priorities. Follow-up discussions are underway with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

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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\$) (Jul 2025 – December 2025)
<b>15.6 million</b>	<b>5.4 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.

- **Comprehensive Food Security and Nutrition Survey Progresses to Analysis:** Data collection for Liberia's Comprehensive Food Security and Nutrition Survey (CFSNS) has been completed. The exercise is led by the Government through the Ministry of Agriculture, with technical support from UN agencies, including WFP and UNICEF. Data cleaning and analysis are now underway. This is the first national food security and nutrition survey since 2018 and will provide updated evidence to guide national decision-making.
- **WFP Liberia initiates development of second-generation Country Strategic Plan:** Following the 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. A mission led by the West and Central Africa Regional Office (WACARO) was completed to inform the design process. The new CSP will be aligned with Liberia's newly launched National Development Plan and the UN Cooperation Framework, which is currently under preparation, and is scheduled for approval at the June 2026 Executive Board meeting.
- **WFP strengthens leadership capacity of farmer groups:** A group leadership training was conducted for 50 leaders from 25 farmer groups under the Integrated Food Security Programme funded by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). The training focused on leadership, team building, conflict resolution, and financial management to strengthen group governance and support the sustainability of project outcomes.
- **Strategic engagement with development partners on local food systems and national priorities:** WFP Country Director held high-level discussions with representatives from the Swedish Embassy, European Union, World Bank, and IMF to explore areas of collaboration in support of Liberia's national priorities. Discussions focused on strengthening rural livelihoods, women's economic empowerment, local food systems, and the national health supply chain, as well as the urgent need to maintain and scale up the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme.

## Challenges

WFP continues to face operational constraints due to rising food prices and low delivery performance by farmer cooperatives. WFP has engaged the Minister of Agriculture to request urgent government action to stabilize local markets and support timely school meal deliveries.

Following the suspension of USAID funding, around 27,000 schoolchildren previously supported by Mercy Corps are no longer receiving school meals. WFP is working with the Ministry of Education to mobilize resources to sustain and expand the programme to reach the affected children.

## Impact Story

<https://x.com/WFPLiberiaCD/status/1822936516542218461/video/1>

## Donors to WFP Liberia CSP 2019 – 2026

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