

## General date of the country

### a. Data

Indicator	Liberia
Population	4 503 438
Population in HCR mandate	50 034
HDI	0,43 (177/188)
Gender-related development Index	0,76 (177/188)
Maternal mortality for 100,000 births	640
GINI Index	36,4
Social Support	0,64
INFORM RISK	4,1
Fragile State Index	93,8 (27/178)
Number of mine casualties reported last year	0
Amount of aid received for mine action	0
Amount of development assistance (in millions \$)	1 094

### Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD)	Ratified: 26/07/2012
Convention on cluster munitions (Oslo)	Signed: 03/12/2008
Mine ban treaty (Ottawa)	Ratified: 23/12/1999

### b. Geopolitical analysis

Liberia is a Western African country bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Divided in **15 counties**, the country area is 111 370 sq km. Monrovia is the capital of Liberia.

Liberia has been ravaged by a **civil war** that took place in two phases (from 1989 to 1996 and from 1999 to 2003), and resulted in some 150 000 casualties and some 850 000 refugees in the neighbouring countries<sup>1</sup>.

The **political system** adopted by Liberia's government is a Democratic Republic. At the head of the Liberian State since January 2006, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has contributed to the marked improvement in the political situation since the end of the civil war (2003) and the transition period that followed (2003-2006). The withdrawal of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) troops after 13 years of presence in a country suffering from major socioeconomic

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Mission in Liberia, <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/unmil/background.shtml>  
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frustrations (unemployment, poverty) is a threat to political stability in the run up to the presidential and parliamentary elections in October 2017.

Declared on March 2014, the **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)** severely affected the country, causing the death of 4,810 people<sup>2</sup>. The WHO declared on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 the end of the outbreak of EVD in Liberia. The country “was unprepared for the Ebola outbreak especially at the outset of the epidemic. Over 300 health care workers were counted among the number of Ebola deaths.”<sup>3</sup> In addition to the loss of human resources, infrastructure has suffered greatly. Schools were closed for one year as a safety measure.

As in many resource-constrained countries, data (quantitative and qualitative) on disability are poorly available, incomplete and often unreliable. In the absence of viable data, most stakeholders are using the WHO estimation of disability prevalence at 15%. Liberia signed and **ratified the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2012** (excluding the Optional Protocol). Other international conventions have been signed<sup>4</sup> and national laws and policies have been developed, but there is still a long way to go in their effective implementation and persons with disabilities continue to face severe stigmatization and discrimination.

## Presence of HI in the country

HI launched its operations in Liberia in 2000 when it set up a rehabilitation centre in Monrovia to meet the physiotherapy and orthopaedic care needs of people with disabilities and the victims of the civil war in Liberia. Since 2000, HI has worked continuously in the country, running rehabilitation, inclusion, health, emergency and disability rights projects.

## Projects 2017 - 2018

Project	Sectors of activity	Main donor(s) with % of funding	End date
Acting for the Full Participation of Children with Disabilities in Education (APPEHL - Phase 2)	Inclusive Education	AFD (65%) EAC (13%)	31/12/17
Towards an universal access of vulnerable girls and boys to a quality primary education	Inclusive Education	EAC (100%)	31/08/19

## Donors



<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.lr.undp.org/content/liberia/en/home/countryinfo.html>



<sup>4</sup> UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

## HI team in Liberia

In June 2017, the HI team in Liberia is composed of **6 national staff and 1 expatriate**. The proportion of **women** and **persons with disabilities** within the team is, respectively, **57%** and **14%**.

Liberia



Sector	Objectives	Details of Intervention	Target groups / Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Donors (amounts, dates)
<p><b>Inclusive Education</b></p> 	<p>Acting for the Full Participation of Children with Disabilities in Education</p>	<p>The project aims at developing a strategy to support and co-develop an educational policy with institutional stakeholders, including the drafting of a national action plan (budget, human resources...) and the modelling of economic and operational Inclusive Education strategies.</p> <p>The project works primarily on scaling up inclusive education opportunities through the development of expertise in pedagogy, quality community-based interventions (early personalized social support), the promotion of academic continuum for all (from preschool to high school), and finally innovative solutions for children with sensory and intellectual disabilities, while continuing to build on the gains of the support for children with motor and/or sensory disabilities and the linkage between mainstream schools and special schools.</p>	<p>Children with disability</p>	<p>NUOD (federation of person with disability's organisations) Ministry of Education</p>	<p>Bomi, Margibi, Montserrado</p>	<p>01/01/15 - 31/12/17</p> <p>259k€</p> <p>AFD (65%) EAC (13%)</p>
<p><b>Inclusive Education</b></p> 	<p>Towards an universal access of vulnerable girls and boys to a quality primary education</p>	<p>To implement, document and assess multi-stakeholder mechanisms in order to contribute to the access and the retention of vulnerable girls and boys, of which are girls and boys with disabilities to education.</p>	<p>Out of School Children including girls and boys with disabilities</p>	<p>Ministry of Education</p>	<p>Bomi, Margibi, Montserrado</p>	<p>01/11/16 - 31/08/19</p> <p>31k\$</p> <p>EAC (100%)</p>