

THE LIBERIA EXPERIENCE

MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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POVERTY CONTEXT IN LIBERIA



CONTEXT

Liberia's population is approx 3.5 million (2008) census

Liberia has a per capita GDP of 430. (2008 national accounts)

63.8% of the population is living below the national poverty line, with 47.9% of the population living in extreme poverty.(CWIQ survey 2007)

2nd Generation Poverty Reduction Strategy 2013-2017 underway – Agenda for Transformation



THE PILLARS OF LIBERIA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

PRS 1	PRS 2
Security	Peace, Security & Rule of Law
Economic Revitalization	Economic Transformation
Governance & Rule of Law	Governance & Public Institution
Infrastructure & Basic Service	Human Development
	Cross Cutting



PRS 2- STRUCTURE/CONTENT

PRS 2 Structure:

Pillar I – PEACE SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

Security Sector

Peace and Reconciliation

Justice & Rule of Law

Judicial Reform & Rule of Law

Pillar II – ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Private Sector Development

Macroeconomic Issues

Infrastructure (Energy, Ports, Roads)

Agriculture & Food Security

Forestry

Mineral Development and Management

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PRS 2- STRUCTURE/CONTENT

Pillar III – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- Education
- Health & Social Welfare
- Social Protection
- Water & Sanitation

Pillar IV – GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- Political Governance (Constitution/Decentralization/History)
- Public Sector Modernization (Reform)
- Economic Governance (integrity, natural resource management)

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PRS 2- STRUCTURE/CONTENT

Pillar V – CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

- Capacity Development & Utilization
- Environment issues and policy
- Gender equality (issues)
- Youth empowerment
- Disabled & Disadvantaged
- Labor & Employment
- Human Rights

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Liberia's programs in the immediate after-math of conflict

Achievements in sustainable development. (Development and or Reform of legal frameworks & Establishment of Institutions)

Environmental Conservation

- Environmental Protection and Management Law
- EIA Regime
- Setting of Standards to balance economic growth and the environment

- New Forestry Reform Law
- Community Forestry
- Emphasis on Conservation
- Protected Areas Management

- Land Reform
 - Set up of the land reform commission
 - Development of Land Dispute Resolution Taskforce
 - Creation of a land title registry



Moving towards Integration

Achievements in sustainable development. (Development and or Reform of legal frameworks & Establishment of Institutions)

Economic Development

- **New Mineral Law**
- **Oil Reform Law**
- **Establishment of the Kimberly Process**

- **10 Year Agriculture Policy**
- **Transport Sector Master Plan**

- **Natural Resource Governance**
- **LEITI**
- **Publish What you pay**
- **First Country to Include Forestry in EITI regime**

- **Anti-corruption**
- **Establishment of ACC with modified Act to granting prosecutorial powers**
- **Establishment of a robust General Auditing Commission**



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Governance Reform

- Security Sector and Judicial reform
- Governance Commission set up and functional
- Institutional Reform and Strengthening
- Decentralization of political power and Economic growth
- National Visioning & Constitutional Reform

Services

- Health (new 10 year plan)
- Education – (new 10 year plan)
- Development of WASH Policy
- Increased Access to Safe drinking Water



INCLUSIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Liberia's past immediate history makes stakeholder engagement a must.

ALL NATIONAL POLICIES, REFORMS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO MULTI-STAKE HOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

ENGAGEMENT SUSTAINED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL THROUGH THE REGULAR CONVENING OF THE LIBERIA DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE.

CHAired BY THE PRESIDENT

BRINGS TOGETHER ALL ACTORS

GOVERNMENT

ODA ACTORS

PRIVATE SECTOR

CIVIL SOCIETY



LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ Inadequate Human Resource Capacity
- ❖ Un-sustained Civil Society Engagement and Pro-activeness
- ❖ Resource availability Budget Allocation processes
- ❖ Poor Aid Coordination & duplication
- ❖ Weak Monitoring & Evaluation
- ❖ Weak communication (reporting)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRESS

GOVERNANCE & RULE OF LAW

- Civil service reform
- Establishing an anti-corruption commission, independent General Auditing Commission, Law Reform Commission & Land Commission
- Freedom of Information Act
- 10 year education plan

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