

Erasmus+ National Policy Reviews 2024 Liberia



Liberia

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This national policy review provides a detailed analysis of Liberia's educational policies and their alignment with the Erasmus+ programme. It offers official, first-hand information into the country's engagement with Erasmus+ from 2021 to 2024, highlighting opportunities for improvement and identifying strategies to enhance integration and outcomes. Prepared and submitted by the Erasmus+ National Focal Point, this review contributes to ongoing efforts to strengthen international cooperation and to maximise the benefits of the Erasmus+ programme in Liberia.

Reviews of policies, initiatives, projects, and/or stakeholders

National School Feeding Policy

The National School Feeding Policy in Liberia sets guidelines for how school meal programs should be planned, carried out, and managed nationwide. Its goal is to provide students with nutritious meals, supporting both their health and education. The policy is overseen by Liberia's Ministry of Education.

National School Health Policy

The National School Health Policy in Liberia outlines a basic health package for schools. This includes health education, regular health checks for students, referrals for medical care, follow-ups for minor health concerns, and ensuring access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. The policy is guided by the Ministry of Education.

Advocacy Support for Girls Education

The Advocacy Support for Girls Education initiative in Liberia aims to raise awareness about issues related to pregnant students, particularly teenage pregnancy. It promotes national discussions among various stakeholders to address these challenges and support girls' education. The initiative is led by the Ministry of Education.

Legislative reforms and/or policies that have been put in place in the past three years or that are still being discussed

Education Act of 2011

The Education Act of 2011 was established to ensure that all citizens and residents of Liberia have equal access to quality education. It emphasizes the importance of providing inclusive education for everyone, regardless of their background or abilities. The Act is supported by the National Legislative Branch of the Liberian Government.

Initiatives and/or programmes that have been launched in the past three years

ECE Learners Initiatives

The ECE (Early Childhood Education) Learners Initiatives, by the Ministry of Education in Liberia, have led to several key outcomes:

- Hiring ECE Master Teachers
- Development of age-appropriate gender-responsive lessons and workbooks based on the national ECE curriculum
- Additional 6th grade workbooks are being printed to align with the updated 2019 national curriculum and the Early Childhood Education (ECE) curriculum for core subjects.
- Handwashing stations and supplies have been purchased for girls.
- Age- and gender-specific home study tips, parental support advice, and guides for Early Childhood Education (ECE) learners and teachers, including parents of ECD (Early Childhood Development) students, have been created.
- A Teacher's Guide for Early Childhood Education (ECE) through grade 9 has been prepared.
- Child protection and gender-sensitive educational packages have been printed.

Liberia Education Advancement Programme (LEAP)

Public-Private Partnership programme that supports the education sector of Liberia.

<https://gi-esccr.org/en/resources/publications/the-liberian-education-advancement-program>

<https://bridgeliberia.org/the-liberia-education-advancement-program/>

Liberia Education Group (LEG)

The Liberia Education Group (LEG) supports the sector in Liberia and works closely with the Ministry of Education.

Projects which are examples of good practice that have been launched in the past three years

Improving Results in Secondary Education (IRISE)

The World Bank-funded IRISE Project is constructing secondary schools in various counties in Liberia. The project's goal is to enhance both access to and the quality of secondary education. Since July 2, 2019, adult education has also increased in many counties due to the new secondary schools being built.

<https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P164932>

Bridge-Liberia

Bridge-Liberia provides advanced learning materials for students.

<https://bridgeliberia.org/>

Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students (TESTS)

The Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students (TESTS) project is a 5-year initiative funded by USAID, running from September 2021 to September 2026. It provides two years of support to at least 3,500 teacher candidates across eight higher education teacher training institutes in USAID's priority counties: Bong, Lofa, Grand Bassa, Margibi, Montserrado, and Nimba.

https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00Z7NC.pdf

GIZ

GIZ is constructing the Gate Way Vocational Training Center in Montserrado County.

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/liberia-giz-to-establish-us10m-tvet-center/>

Key players and networks (stakeholders) at the national level (or at the regional level with a national component)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is a key player in developing Liberia's education sector. In September 2021, USAID launched the 5-year TESTS project, which aims to train around 3,500 teachers by September 2026. This initiative significantly boosts the education sector by addressing the need for more trained teachers, enhancing the quality of students preparing for higher education and technical-vocational education and training (TVET) institutions in Liberia.

https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00Z7NC.pdf

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Education to develop the National Education Sector Operational Plan for 2024.

Government of Liberia (GOL)

Pillar 3 of the Government of Liberia's ARREST Agenda focuses on human capacity development as a key priority. As part of this effort, the government has increased the national education budget to \$105,000,000.00.

European Union (UNIDO)

With EU funding, UNIDO is enhancing technical and vocational education and training (T-VET) in secondary schools across seven counties in Liberia: Lofa, Maryland, Montserrado, Margibi, Bong, Grand Gedeh, and Sinoe. The project includes equipping workshops and providing training tools.

<https://aspyee.org/news/liberia-eu-gol-handover-modern-tvet-training-cape-palmas-high-school-maryland-county>

World Food Programme (WFP)

The World Food Programme (WFP) is involved in national school feeding programmes across Liberia, aiming to boost school attendance. As a result of the WFP-Ministry of Education School Feeding Programme, school enrollment has risen. Secondary education students, including those in technical and vocational education and training (T-VET), also benefit from this program.

<https://www.wfp.org/news/wfp-government-liberia-and-canada-provide-support-school-children-and-their-families>

Ministry of Education (MORE)

The Ministry of Education plays a key role in Liberia's education sector. It is working with partners such as the EU and UNIDO to fund and support technical and vocational education and training (T-VET) programs in the country.

Ministry of Finance and Development Planning

The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning is the government ministry responsible for providing funding for education in Liberia.

Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

The Ministry of Justice is the Government of Liberia ministry responsible for providing justice in the country

Parent and Teachers (PTAs)

Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) support schools across the country by promoting collaboration between parents and educators, advocating for students' needs, and contributing to various school activities and improvements.

Ministry of Commerce (MOC)

The Ministry of Commerce is the Government of Liberia (GOL) ministry responsible for regulating and promoting commerce in the country.