

Existing rates of: **Wasting: 5.6%** **Stunting: 32.1%** **Proportion of population underweight: 15.3%**

Source: Government of Liberia (DHS, 2013)











### Strong Performance

- Spending on agriculture (10.5% of public spending in 2014) meets government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).
- Liberia has devised a National Nutrition Policy/Strategy.
- The Government of Liberia promotes complementary feeding practices.
- In Liberia 95.9% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2013.
- In Liberia, constitutional protection of the right to social security is strong.




### Areas for improvement




- Liberia's spending in its health sector (2.7% of public spending in 2015) does not fully meet (15%) commitments set out in the Abuja Declaration.
- The Government of Liberia has not ensured tenure security for rural populations. Land titling is weak and land markets do not function well.
- In Liberia, the law gives women and men equal economic rights and equal legal access to agricultural land. However, these laws are not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.
- Liberia does not have a separate budget line for nutrition; this prevents transparency and accountability for spending.
- Even though Liberia has developed a National Nutrition Policy/Strategy and clear time-bound nutrition targets, a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism is still lacking.
- Policymakers in Liberia do not benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2013.
- The Government of Liberia has not enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.
- The Government of Liberia has achieved two high doses of vitamin A supplementation for only 61% of children in 2015.
- Weak access to improved sanitation facilities (16.9% in 2015) obstructs better hunger and nutrition outcomes.
- In Liberia, constitutional protection of the right to food is weak.
- Social safety nets in Liberia are basic and only cover few risks for a limited number of beneficiaries.




## Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
 Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending <sup>1</sup>	10.5%	2014	10th
 Public spending on health as share of total public spending <sup>2</sup>	2.7%	2015	Joint 43rd
<b>Policies</b>			
 Access to land (security of tenure) <sup>3</sup>	Weak	2016	41st
 Access to agricultural research and extension services <sup>3</sup>	Moderate	2013	Joint 34th
 Civil registration system — coverage of live births	24.6%	2013	Joint 40th
 Functioning of social protection systems <sup>3</sup>	Weak	2016	Joint 21st
<b>Laws</b>			
 Level of constitutional protection of the right to food <sup>3</sup>	Weak	2016	Joint 29th
 Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) <sup>4</sup>	In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 1st
 Equality of women's economic rights <sup>4</sup>	In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 1st
 Constitutional right to social security (yes/no)	Yes	2006	Joint 1st













<sup>1</sup> Possible scores are:  <75% of agri. spending pledges (AU commitments set out in the Maputo Declaration)  >=75% & <100%  >=100%

<sup>2</sup> Possible scores are:  <75% of health spending pledges (AU commitments set out in the Abuja Declaration)  >=75% & <100%  >=100%

<sup>3</sup> Possible scores are:  Very Weak/Weak  Moderate  Strong/Very Strong

<sup>4</sup> Possible scores are:  Not in Law  In Law Not in Practice  In Law & Practice

## Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
 Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	No	2017	Joint 33rd
<b>Policies</b>			
 Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	61%	2015	30th
 Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	Yes	2011	Joint 1st
 Population with access to an improved water source	76.5%	2015	25th
 Population with access to improved sanitation	16.9%	2015	36th
 Health care visits for pregnant women	95.9%	2013	10th
 Nutrition features in national development policy <sup>1</sup>	Moderate	2012-2017	26th
 National nutrition policy/strategy (yes/no)	Yes	2017	Joint 1st
 Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	No	2017	Joint 35th
 Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	Yes	2016	Joint 1st
 National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	No	2013	Joint 36th
<b>Laws</b>			
 ICMSB <sup>^</sup> Enshrined in domestic law <sup>2</sup>	Not Enshrined in Law	2016	Joint 33rd

<sup>1</sup> Possible scores are:  Very Weak/Weak  Moderate  Strong/Very Strong (Note: Performance relative to other countries).

<sup>2</sup> Possible scores are:  Not Enshrined in Law  Few/Many Aspects Enshrined  Fully enshrined.

<sup>^</sup> International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes