Liberia

Liberia is a low-income country and a least developed country (LDC) with a GNI of 620 USD per capita (2017) and a population of 4.7 million inhabitants (2017). In the 2018 Monitoring Round, Liberia reported on 486 million USD in development co-operation flows.

1. National development planning and results orientation

Overall quality of national results framework
High-quality, inclusive and results-oriented development strategies are critical for countries’ ownership over their development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The quality of national development planning in Liberia is medium (71%).

Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks by development partners
Development partner alignment to country-led development priorities is at the heart of country ownership. Global Partnership monitoring assesses whether interventions: draw objectives from national development strategies; draw indicators from country results frameworks; use government data and statistics for monitoring; and involve government in evaluations. The first three elements provide the official data to report on SDG indicator 17.15.1.

In Liberia, development partners align to country priorities to a low extent (44% - SDG indicator 17.15.1).

2. Multi-stakeholder engagement

Recognising that successful development efforts require the inclusive and equitable participation of all actors, the 2030 Agenda calls for collective action by the whole of society. Global Partnership monitoring examines the engagement of civil society and the private sector from both the perspective of the government and representatives of these stakeholder groups.

Quality of public-private dialogue
In the 2018 Monitoring Round, government representatives and representatives of large firms, SMEs and trade unions in Liberia did not assess the quality of public-private dialogue.

Enabling environment for civil society organisations...
... was not assessed by government representatives, civil society organisations and development partners in the 2018 Monitoring Round in Liberia.
3. Quality and use of public financial management systems

Strengthening public financial management systems
Strong public financial management (PFM) systems are an essential element of good governance and vital to achieving development goals. Liberia experienced significant progress in the quality of its PFM systems.

Development partners’ use of country systems
Development partners’ use of these systems to deliver co-operation both lowers transaction costs but also helps to accelerate their strengthening. In Liberia, use of country PFM systems decreased from 81% in 2016 to 9% in 2018. Further, legislative oversight of the budget has refined unchanged. The share of development co-operation recorded on budgets subject to parliamentary scrutiny was reported at 100% in both 2016 and 2018.

Systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment
Adequate and effective financing is essential to achieve gender equality and to empower all women and girls. Liberia has some elements of a system in place to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women’s empowerment, approaching the requirements of SDG indicator 5.c.1.

5. Mutual accountability mechanisms
Mutual accountability underpins the efforts of development actors to meet joint commitments, improve how they work together and increase their development effectiveness. Mutual accountability mechanisms are made up of multiple, reinforcing components that can help enhance transparency and accountability at country level. Global Partnership monitoring defines and assesses mutual accountability against five components. Liberia has two out of five components in place.