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# Current USAID FTF-Funded Agriculture Programs in Liberia

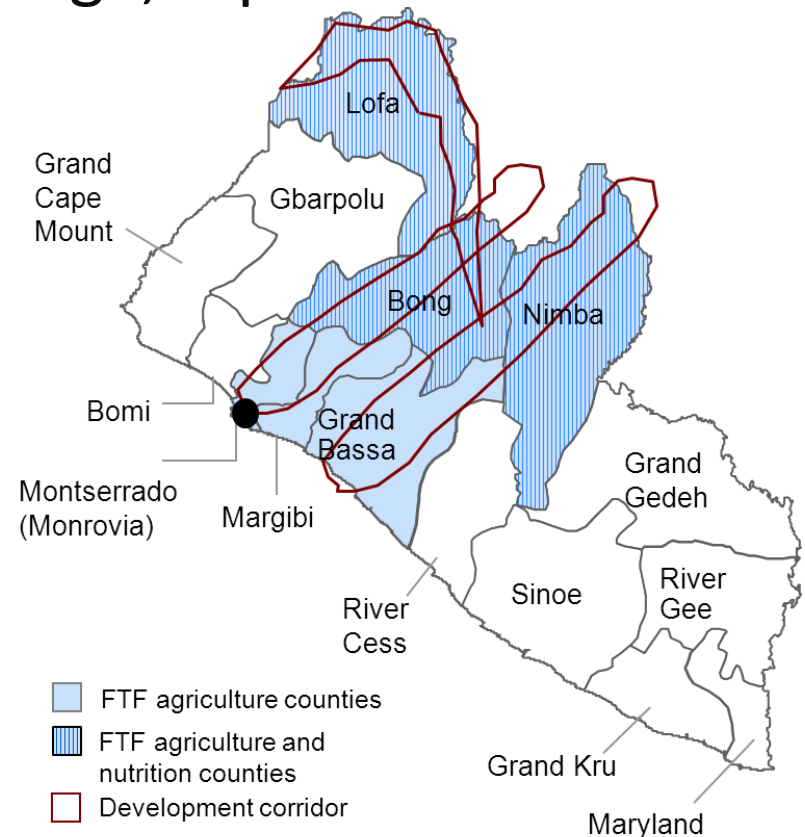




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**Country Profile:** 43,000 sq mi (=Tennessee); Founded 1822 by freed US slaves; democracy w/16 tribes, divided into 15 counties; English is official language; equatorial climate with 6 months of rain.





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## COUNTRY PROFILE:

- Brutal **14** year civil war ended in 2003
- Population = **3.75** million
- Agriculture accounts for **>50%** GDP
- **70%** of workforce employed in agriculture, but productivity low, food insecurity widespread
- Crops: Rice, cassava, vegetables, cocoa, rubber, palm oil, timber,
- Livestock: Goats/sheep, chicken, pigs, fish
- Extractive industries: iron ore, oil\*, diamonds, gold
- **42%** of children under five are stunted
- **64%** of the population lives in poverty (under \$1.25/day)
- Human Development Index score: 182 out of 187 countries.



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## Constraints to Agriculture Sector

- 1. Poor or nonexistent infrastructure: Lack of roads, potable water, electricity**
- 2. Lack of locally available inputs: seeds, fertilizers, feeds**
- 3. High degree of illiteracy and lack of capacity**
- 4. Serious land tenure issues**
- 5. Lack of access to credit/loans**
- 6. Farming viewed as undignified, no \$, migration to cities**
- 7. Lack of trained veterinarians and diagnostic labs**
- 8. MOA: Focused on large concessions not food production, corruption, low capacity, lack of policies/rules/regulations, poor extension service**
- 9. Lack of Ag research facilities**



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## Food and Enterprise Development (FED)

**Description:** Main FTF mechanism in Liberia. FED adopts a value chain approach to improve production, processing, transport & marketing for rice, cassava, vegetable horticulture and goats. The primary objectives of FED are to:

- Increase agricultural productivity & profitability & improve human nutrition
- Stimulate private enterprise growth and investment in agriculture
- Build local technical and managerial human resources/capacity in agriculture





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## **Food and Enterprise Development (FED)**

**Crops:** Rice, cassava, vegetables,  
goats (fish, peanuts, tree crops)

**Duration:** 5 years, 2011-2016

**Implementing Organization:** DAI

**Cost:** \$75 million

**Locations:** Bong, Nimba, Lofa,  
Grand Bassa, Margibi,  
Montserrado counties

**No. Beneficiaries:** 12,000





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## **Small Holder Oil Palm Support (SHOPS)**

**Description:** Increase small holder oil palm sector productivity and profitability, improve marketing & trade capacity; and improve enabling environment & support functions for oil palm farmers.

**Crops:** Oil Palm nuts

**Duration:** 3 years, 2011-2013

**Implementing Organization:** ACDI/VOCA, Winrock

**Cost:** \$3.75 million

**Locations:** Bong, Nimba, Lofa, Grand Bassa counties



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## Liberia Agriculture Upgrading Nutrition and Child Health (LAUNCH)

**Description:** FFP program designed to improve food security through three strategic objectives: increase availability of and access to food among vulnerable rural populations; reduce chronic malnutrition of vulnerable women and children under five; and improve educational opportunities for youth. Through the agriculture component beneficiaries are taught advanced farming methods, post harvest handling and marketing of rice and cassava.







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## Liberia Agriculture Upgrading Nutrition and Child Health (LAUNCH)

Crops: Rice, cassava, vegetables

Duration: 5 years, 2010-2015

Implementing Organization:

ACDI/VOCA

Cost: \$40 million

Locations: Bong & Nimba Counties

Beneficiaries: 11,000





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## Health, Agriculture and Nutrition Development for Sustainability (HANDS)

**Description:** FFP program to address key causes of chronic food insecurity through health, nutrition, agriculture and infrastructure interventions. Agriculture component concentrates on staple crops of rice & cassava by: enhancing production & storage systems, strengthening market linkages, fortifying food processing and enhancing diets and care practices by consumers and caretakers.





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**Health, Agriculture and Nutrition Development for  
Sustainability (HANDS)**

**Crops:** Cassava, rice, fish, vegetables

**Duration:** 5 years, 2010-2015

**Implementing Organization:** (OICI)

Opportunities Industrialization Centers International

**Cost:** \$35 million

**Locations:** Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties



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**The People, Rules and Organizations Supported to  
Protect Ecosystem Resources (PROSPER)**

**Description: Expand educational & institutional capacity to improve environmental awareness & natural resource management among private & public sector groups; improve community-based forest management and enhance community-based livelihoods through sustainable forest and agriculture-based enterprises.**





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**The People, Rules and Organizations Supported to  
Protect Ecosystem Resources (PROSPER)**

**Crops:** NTFP, rice, cassava, vegetables, tree crops

**Duration:** 5 years, 2012-2017

**Implementing Organization:** ARD

**Cost:** \$21 million

**Locations:** Bong, Nimba, and  
Grand Bassa



**NTFP *Griffonia sp.***



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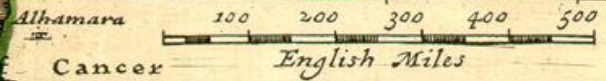
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## COLLABORATIONS

- Between Agriculture Programs: PROSPER, LAUNCH, FED, SHOPS and HANDS
- With other USAID Programs:
  - EHELD- Agriculture education/curricula
  - Farmer 2 Farmer: Agriculture STTA volunteers
  - IBEX- Banking and loans
  - LESSP- Alternative energy sources
- Other USG Programs:
  - USDA Land o" Lakes Goat Project

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10 Deg E. from London



Note, E. stands for English  
D. for Dutch

**NEGROLAND and  
GUINEA.** with the  
European Settlements, Explaining what  
belongs to England, Holland,  
Denmark &c.  
By H. Moll Geographer.

**THANK YOU.  
QUESTIONS?**

