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National Social Protection Policy and Strategy 2026–2030

A comprehensive, inclusive and shock-responsive system Liberia can own, finance and sustain.



Community distribution under the REALISE Project.

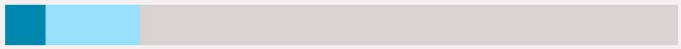
THE FINANCING CLIFF

December 2026

The money runs out in December 2026. Over 90 percent of Liberia's safety net spending flows through the REALISE Project, which closes at the end of this year. This policy is built around that fact.

The system today, at a glance

Share of Liberians in extreme poverty reached by social protection — share reached



6% Social Cash Transfer **<20%** any program



11 of 15 counties receive no formal Social Cash Transfer coverage

17%
SCT single-person benefit vs. extreme poverty line

<0.3%
of GDP from domestic government spending

>90%
of USD 90–120M yearly spend is donor-financed

527k
households on the Social Registry; 222,723 eligible

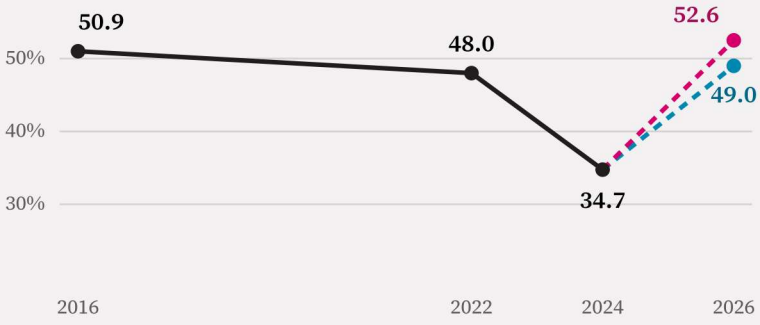
136k
active NASSCORP contributors; 81.9% work informally

0.36%
of the national budget goes to MGCSP

Purpose. The NSPPS 2026–2030 is the Government's framework for designing, financing, coordinating and delivering social protection over five years. It replaces the 2013 policy, which expired in 2018.

THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Poverty has not fallen in a decade — and children carry the heaviest load



— Observed - - No-shock - - Crisis

Poverty headcount, % of population. 2016 national survey; 2022–24 World Bank extreme-poverty nowcast; 2026 national projections.

Children are 41.5 percent of Liberians — 2.2 million by 2030 — yet no universal child grant reaches them.

30%
of under-fives are stunted

>25%
of 6–12 year-olds never attended school

13%
of school-age children get school feeding

25%
of under-fives hold a birth certificate

534,316
persons with disabilities facing compounded exclusion

VISION 2030

A comprehensive, inclusive and shock-responsive social protection system that contributes to equitable growth and social cohesion.

Three commitments

Protect — Reach far more poor households, with transfers worth enough to matter, and open contributory protection to the eight in ten Liberians who work informally.

Promote — Link income support to skills, work and livelihoods, so protection is a route forward and not a destination.

Prepare — Build the financing, data and delivery machinery to scale up within thirty days of a declared shock.

Resting on one foundation: a Social Protection Enabling Act, carrying within it the National Social Protection Fund.

The policy sets six objectives — governance and law; social assistance; social insurance; labor market; shock response; linkages and gender. They are grouped here for clarity.

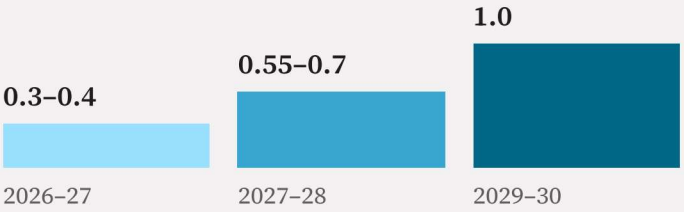
FINANCING AND RESULTS

From donor projects to a system Liberia finances itself

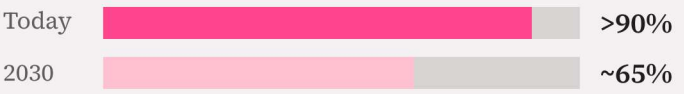


REALISE Project principals Minister Kruah (MYS), Minister Horace-Kollie (MGCSP) and Executive Director Sele (LACE) with community members.

Domestic SP spending, % of GDP



Donor share of SP spending



A proposed **USD 25 million National Social Protection Fund**, jointly capitalized with partners, finances shock-responsive scale-up.

What success looks like by 2030

RESULT	TODAY	BY 2030
Households receiving the Social Cash Transfer	16,525	**50,000**
Counties with Social Cash Transfer coverage	4 of 15	**All 15**
School-age children reached by school feeding	13 percent	**About 23 percent**
Active social insurance contributors	136,249	**200,000 or more**
Public works employment slots a year	19,600	**25,000**
Women beneficiaries paid into their own account	44 percent	**90 percent**
Households reachable within 30 days of a declared shock	None	**30,000**
Government social protection spending, share of GDP	Below 0.3 percent	**1.0 percent**

What happens next. The policy goes to Cabinet for adoption, and the Social Protection Enabling Act to the Legislature in 2027. Ten priority actions begin within 90 days of adoption, none of which requires constitutional change.

Read the full policy. The Consolidated Policy Document, the Country Report, the Results Framework and the Field Survey Research Report are at liberiasp.gov.lr

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