Protection at every stage of life

Under 20%
of the 1.1 million Liberians in extreme poverty are reached by any social protection program

11 of 15
counties have no formal Social Cash Transfer coverage

About 17%
of the extreme poverty line is what the Social Cash Transfer single-person benefit is worth

49.0%
national poverty projected at end-2026, and 52.6% under a crisis scenario

Across the life course	TODAY		BY 2030, THE POLICY COMMITS TO
Children	Over 40% of Liberians are children. About 30% of under-fives are stunted; school feeding reaches 13%.	→	**School feeding for 500,000 students,** about 23% of school-age children.
Women	86% of women work informally; only 44% hold an account, against 51% of men.	→	**90% of women beneficiaries** paid into their own accounts.
Working-age adults	81.9% of Liberian workers are informally employed. NASSCORP has 136,249 active contributors against a formal workforce of 401,856.	→	**200,000 or more active social insurance contributors,** and 25,000 public works employment slots a year.
Older persons	147,597 Liberians are 65 or over; NASSCORP pays about 15,157 pensions. No social pension exists.	→	**A social pension for those aged 65+** outside NASSCORP, operating as a pilot, plus elderly-sensitive Social Cash Transfer eligibility.
Persons with disabilities	An estimated 534,316 Liberians live with a disability. There is no dedicated disability benefit.	→	**Disability-sensitive Social Cash Transfer eligibility** and a tested disability insurance pilot.

Three commitments to Liberian households

1. Protecting vulnerable households

The Social Cash Transfer grows from 16,525 households in 4 counties to 50,000 households, with national reach.

2. Promoting a route out of poverty

25,000 public works employment slots a year, and social insurance opened to 200,000 or more active contributors.

3. Building resilience to shocks

30,000 households pre-registered so the system can respond within 30 days of a declared shock.

Read the full policy at **liberiasp.gov.lr**

Source: National Social Protection Policy and Strategy 2026–2030, Consolidated Policy Document, September 2026.

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The decision: a nationally financed social protection system by 2030

The case for action

Poverty is not falling

49.0%

national poverty projected at end-2026; 52.6% under a crisis scenario.

Coverage reaches too few

Under 20%

of the 1.1 million Liberians in extreme poverty are reached by any program.

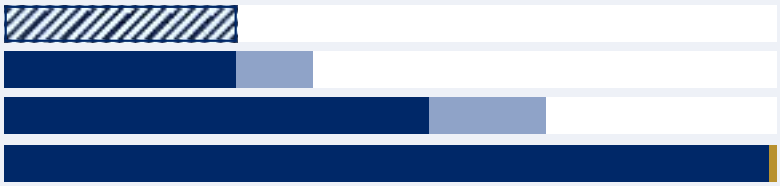
Financing is not ours, and it ends

Over 90%

of USD 90 to 120 million a year is donor financed. REALISE closes in December 2026.

THE CENTRAL COMMITMENT

Government social protection spending: from below 0.3% of GDP to 1.0% by 2030



Percent of GDP. The lighter segment is each phase's planned range.

What the policy asks of Government

1. **Adopt** the National Social Protection Policy and Strategy 2026–2030, replacing the 2013 policy.
2. **Approve** the Social Protection Enabling Act, incorporating the National Social Protection Fund, for transmission to the Legislature.
3. **Write** the domestic financing pathway into the MTEF, with a permanent Registry budget line from FY2027.
4. **Secure** bridge financing for the Social Cash Transfer before REALISE closes.
5. **Mandate** the statutory Steering Committee, the National Secretariat, and coordination in all 15 counties.

Delivering Pillar 6 of the ARREST Agenda

Mandated by the Constitution of Liberia, Chapter II, and Pillar 6 of the ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development 2025–2029. Sectors it touches: **agriculture, education, health,** and **rule of law** through an enforceable entitlement. The 2013 policy it replaces expired in 2018 and was never renewed.

THE DECISION

Cabinet is asked to adopt the policy, approve the Enabling Act for the Legislature, and commit to 1.0% of GDP by 2030, with bridge financing secured before REALISE closes.

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When REALISE closes in December 2026: the Government's transition plan

REALISE finances most active safety net programs. The Government is putting in place the measures, money and institutions to carry them forward.

1. What REALISE financed, and what is at risk

Social Cash Transfer
16,525 households in 4 counties.

Livelihoods and agriculture
Community livelihood and agriculture support.

Public works
Public works employment.

Household Social Registry
Over 527,000 households listed, 222,723 currently eligible. No Government budget line today.

2. The transition measure

- A two-year safety net financing project in the 2027 Public Sector Investment Plan.
- Bridge financing for the Social Cash Transfer, secured before REALISE closes.

5. What Government institutionalizes

- A Social Protection Enabling Act, incorporating the National Social Protection Fund.
- The Registry transferred to the Ministry, with a permanent budget line.
- A Secretariat with statutory standing.

3. The domestic financing pathway: partner exposure falls

DONOR SHARE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SPENDING



GOVERNMENT SPENDING, % OF GDP

Today	**Below 0.3%**
2026–2027	**0.3 to 0.4%**
2027–2028	**0.55 to 0.70%**
2029–2030	**1.0%**

4. The National Social Protection Fund

The pooled instrument for Government and partner financing. Capitalized at **USD 25 million**, rising above **USD 50 million** by 2030, with a shock reserve of at least **USD 3 million** and a route to full treasury operations.

What is different from 2013

The 2013 policy proposed a basket fund. It was never constituted. This time the Fund is incorporated in the proposed Social Protection Enabling Act, so it rests in law rather than in intention.

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