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Country Fact Card - Liberia

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Current Government

- **President:** George Weah, a former footballer elected in Oct 2017
- Country had a civil war since 1989 till 1995, Charles Taylor took over and in 2003 he was forced to step down. President Elle Johnson Sirleaf took over in 2006 and stabilized the country
- Current president's agenda is the "Pro-Poor Agenda"
- Liberia is endowed with rubber, iron ore and mineral resources but the country remains poor

Political priorities

- The government seeks to strengthen institutions and introduce reforms to ensure an attractive business-friendly environment
- Hampered by war for several years, the government's pro-poor agenda prioritizes : economic development, education especially for the youths as well as fostering dialogue to ensure that peace persists in Liberia.

Risks

- Unreliable power, high energy costs, inadequate transportation
- The labor force is predominately illiterate and unskilled, and there is an acute shortage of specialized labor skills
- Subsidy schemes involving more than 20 state-owned enterprises are reportedly rife with corruption

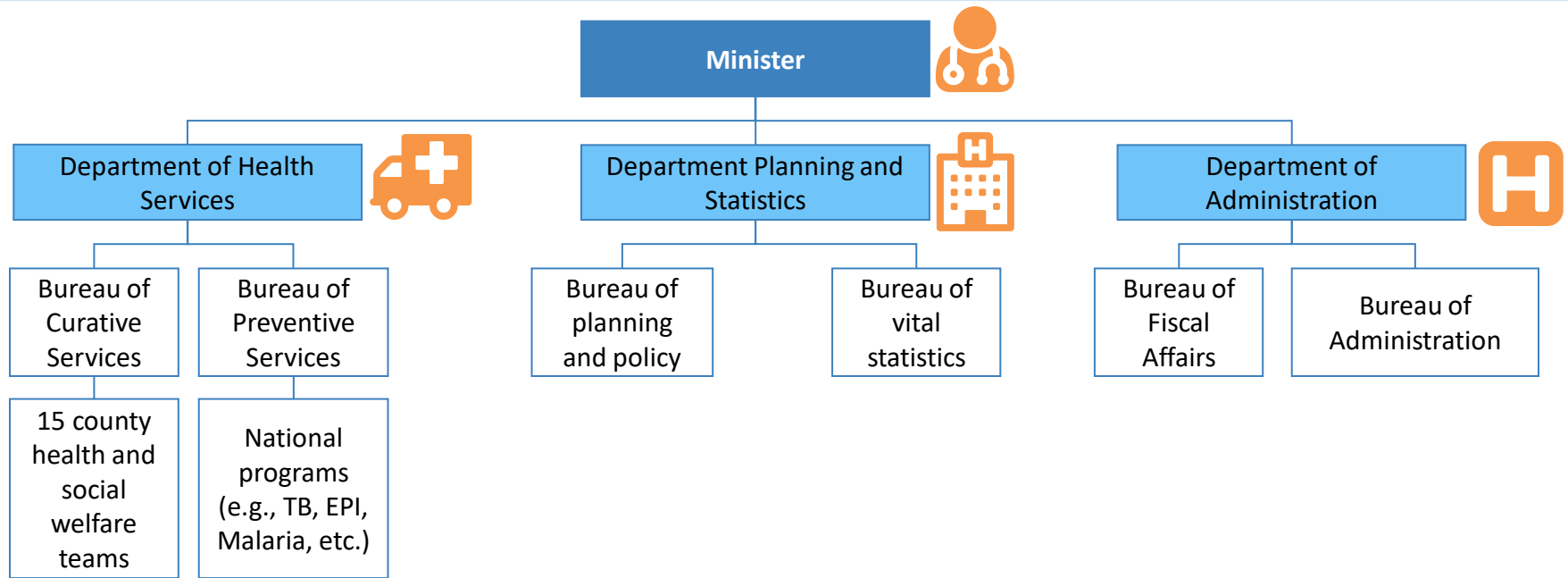
Macroeconomic Indicators

• Population	4.4 M
• GDP (PPP)	\$3.8 B
• GDP Per Capita	\$855
• Unemployment (total)	4.0%
• GDP growth	0.0%
• Inflation (CPI)	8.8%
• Credit rating	B2 / B
• Interest rate	12.4%



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Overview of health system structure at national level



Health Indicator	National
Under 5 mortality/ 1000 live births	95
Maternal Mortality Rate/100k live births	725 (in 2015)
Health facility density ratio/ 10,000 of the population	1.6
Life expectancy at birth	62.3 years
Health Worker Density (Skilled health professional per 10,000 of the population)	11 (2016)
Rural and Urban coverage	29% of Liberians and 60% of rural Liberians live more than 5 km from a health centre

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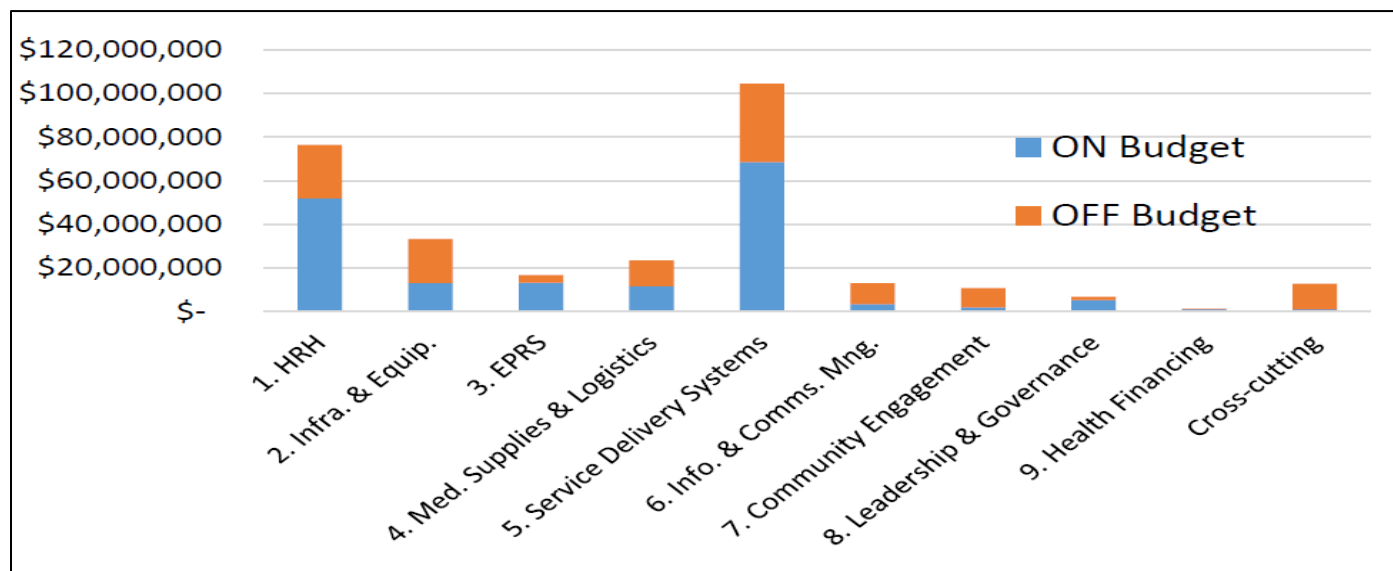
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Healthcare Expenditure Indicators	
Total expenditure on health (THE) 2013/14	179m USDs; of this 73% was from donors. In 2015/16, donors contributed to 80% of THE, 43% of which was off-budget
General government expenditure on health as % of total government expenditure	11.7% (2015/16) targets set by Abuja Declaration (15%)
Per capita total expenditure on health (varies greatly across counties)	2 – 12 USDs



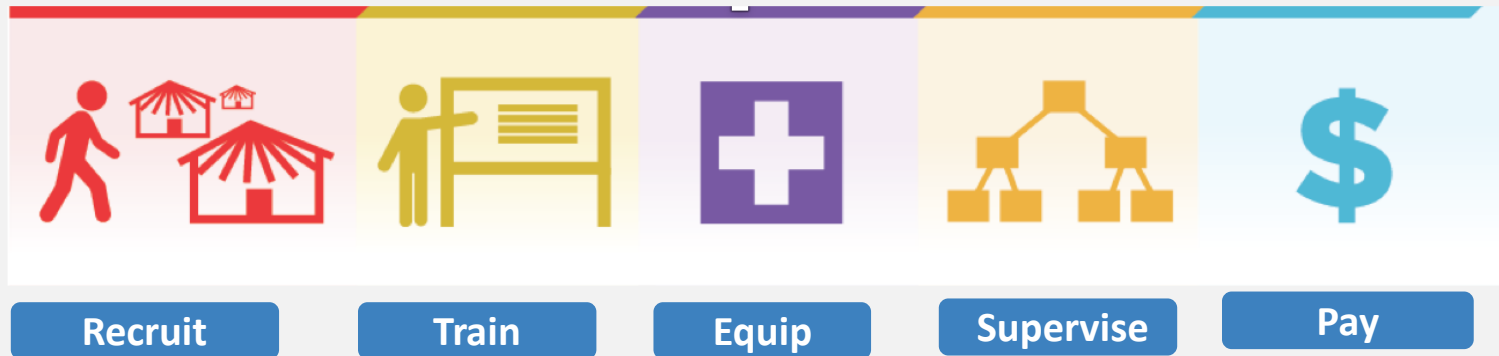
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- Today the Ministry of Health (MOH) and its partners are implementing the Community Health Assistant (CHA) program to serve 29% of Liberians who live 5kms from the nearest health centre.
- The Community Health Services Policy 2016-2021 was launched in 2016 whose vision is to:



- The CHA program seeks to recruit 4,467 CHAs and 3,844 CHVs. Currently 2,893 CHAs have been recruited few of whom are on government pay roll.
- This program is estimated to cost US\$74.3 million for 7-year launch and scale of program (excluding commodities cost) and has a US\$41.9 million financial gap.
- Currently, the CHA program is 100% donor funded making sustainability a huge challenge.