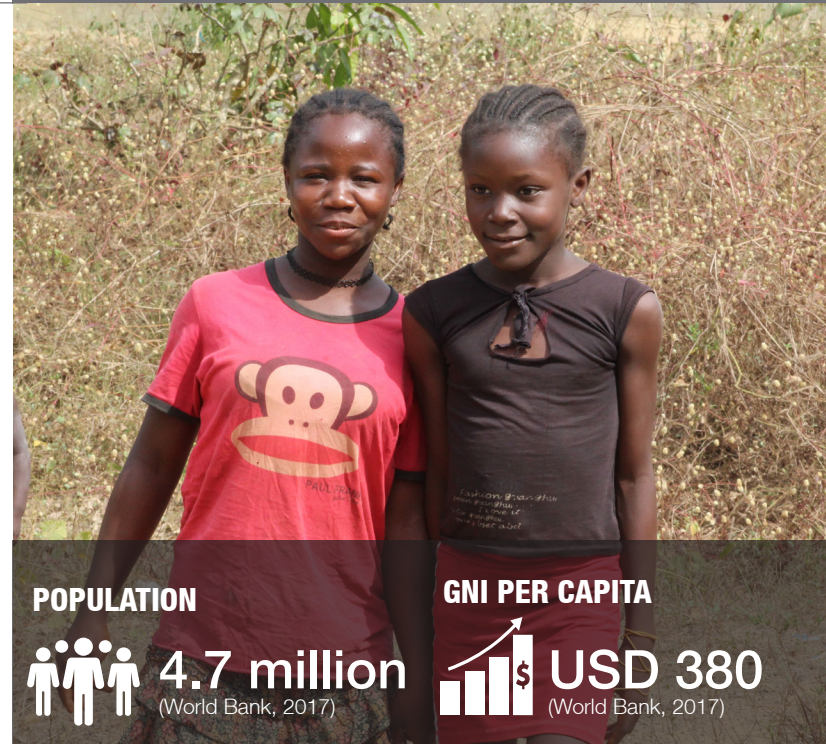


This year, political change came to Liberia with a new government in January 2018. The new government's priority areas are on: roads, health, education, and youth empowerment. The government also has a keen interest in extending development efforts to the historically marginalised South East. Liberia remains one of the poorest countries in the world, with a youth population (64% under 25) facing high unemployment (57%), widespread food insecurity, and under-resourced government services in health and education. However, Liberia is now out of the phase of emergency reconstruction and back on the road to development.



OUR PROGRAMMES

BRAC Liberia is currently implementing six programmes: Microfinance, Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood (AFSL); Education, Health, Nutrition and WASH; Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents (ELA); and Ultra Poor Graduation.

OUR TEAM

Total **452** staff, of whom **95%** are Liberian nationals and **61%** are women. In the Country Management Team, **27%** of staff are women.

CURRENT GRANTS

PROGRAMME	PROJECT	DONOR	STARTING DATE	DURATION	BUDGET (USD IN MILLIONS)
Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood	Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Malnutrition	King Philanthropy	January 2018	3 years	3
Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents (ELA)	Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents (ELA)	NoVo Foundation through BRAC USA	January 2016	3 years	0.9
Education	Liberia Education Advancement Program (LEAP:PSL3)	Social Finance through Ministry of Education	September 2018	1 year	0.4
	Speed School-Luminos Fund	Luminos Fund	August 2018	1 year	0.1
Health Nutrition & WASH	GFATM TB project (4th Phase)	The Global Fund	June 2018	7 months	0.1
Ultra Poor Graduation	Reaching the last Mile ending extreme poverty in Liberia	National Post Code Lottery, Netherlands	July 2018	3 years	1.7
Research and Evaluation	Skills for Firms Performance	UK-AID & IDRC through Partnerships for Economic Policy	September 2017	1.5 years	0.1

MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAMME/PROJECT	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGET 2018	ACHIEVEMENT (SEPTEMBER 2018)	% ACHIEVED
Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents (ELA)	Average daily attendance of enrolled girls (club size 30)	30	29	96.6
Early Childhood Development (ECD)	Average number of attendance of children per day	23	28	121.7
Total Microfinance (All products)	Number of total borrowers	28,411	31,523	110.9
	Loan disbursement (million USD)	10.20	8.10	79.4
	Operational Self Sufficiency	127.56 %	145.64%	114.17

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- In February, BRAC Liberia was presented with the certificate for **'Outstanding International NGO of the Year 2017'** by the Society for the Promotion of Peace, National Reconciliation and Reunification.
- Expanded microfinance operations to 2 new branch locations.
- Pro-Act impact study found that farmers' monthly average income increased by 37% and the Food Consumption Score(FCS) of targeted households increased by 10.7%.

CHALLENGES

- Retention of skilled staff.
- Poor infrastructure, particularly roads, making field communication difficult.
- Expansion of microfinance programme in remote areas due to lack of population density.
- Inadequate supply of quality agricultural inputs and an underdeveloped market present challenges to AFSL programme activities and to the business of the Seed Farm and Poultry Hatchery & Feed Mill.

PRIORITIES FOR 2019



- Strengthening fundraising capacity
- Capacity development of BRAC staff
- Geographical expansion – particularly to the South East and West
- Strengthen collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders and donors in Liberia and beyond
- Integrate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and strengthen climate change adaptation into our programming
- Develop commercial poultry farmers and promote corn production locally, to develop the sector and support BRAC agricultural enterprises