

# Liberia

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Liberia. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion’s Landscape Survey 2023.

## COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
Sub-Saharan Africa	5.19 million	Low income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
50.90%	52.32%	27.60%

## PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

5

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

## PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

43,173

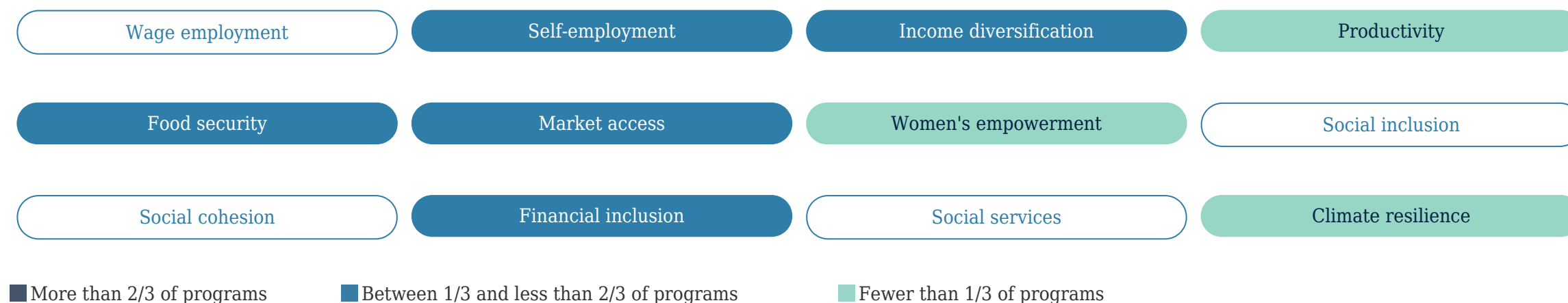
Number of people benefiting

224,500

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

90.04%

## MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

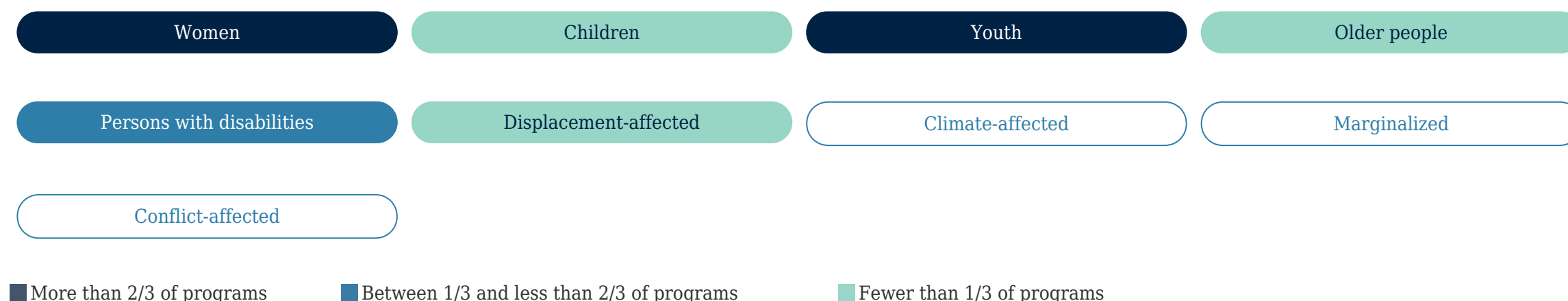


## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



■ More than 2/3 of programs ■ Between 1/3 and less than 2/3 of programs ■ Fewer than 1/3 of programs

## CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT  
FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES  
FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

## ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Liberia Forest Program	2016	Forestry Development Agency	The program aims to reduce deforestation and degradation in targeted forest landscapes by improving forest management and increasing benefit sharing for Liberian communities that are dependent on forest resources, thereby also enhancing their capacity to generate income.	15,206	1-25% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	No
Rural Economic Transformation Project	2021	Ministry of Agriculture	The project supports smallholder farmers and agri-entrepreneurs by addressing the challenges in developing agri-food value chains through improving institutional capacity, increasing agricultural productivity, enhancing market access, and attracting private sector investment.	22,385	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Small Enterprise Development Program	2023	Catholic Relief Services	The program aims to improve the self-reliance and livelihoods of refugees and host communities by providing training and financial support for small-scale businesses.	150	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Support for Small Businesses (SSB) Program, supported by the World Bank's Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment (REALISE) project	2016	Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE)	The project provides a combination of financial support and business skills training to existing or aspiring business owners from urban Monrovia and the peri-urban Margibi county.	1,280	76-99% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Zoe Empowers	2014	Zoe Empowers Liberia	The program empowers orphaned children and vulnerable youth to overcome poverty through a family-based and peer-led program that promotes safety, health, and skills for long-term success.	4,152	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



*The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.*

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank