

mary's
meals

a simple solution
to world hunger

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Joseph Jenkins Roberts Memorial

United Methodist School

Cape Mount, Liberia

250 Pupils – 121 Boys and 129 Girls

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“Life here was difficult for the children before Mary’s Meals as their parents could not afford breakfast. As a result, many of them could not attend school. When the feeding program started, it gave the children the encouragement to come to school.”

Andrew, Vice Principal



“The children can’t be fine in their body when they have not eaten. After their meal when they have finished eating, they are happy, playing around us and we see them active in class.”

Yamah, Volunteer Cook



“I cannot understand the teacher when I have not eaten Mary’s Meals because I am hungry. But after the meal, I can be focused when the teacher is teaching. I hope to be a Finance Minister when I am older.”

Joseph, age 12

“After eating, I can pay full attention to my lesson in class. Education is the key to success as it gives you more knowledge and understanding. I would like to be an Accountant when I grow up.”

Satta, age 11





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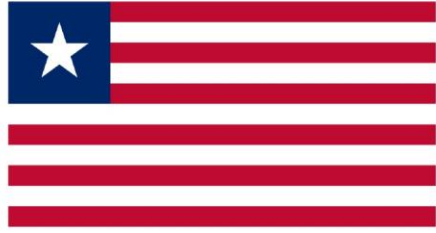
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LIBERIA



We have been providing Mary's Meals in Liberia since **2006**. However, our presence here goes as far back as 1992 when we provided aid, such as health clinics, during the first civil war. Mary's Meals is the sole provider of school feeding in Bong County. We also deliver our programme in Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Gbarpolu and Montserrado counties. The schools we support are mainly in remote and often inaccessible areas.



We are currently feeding **131,725** children in **613** schools.



Children in the schools are aged between **4** and **18**.



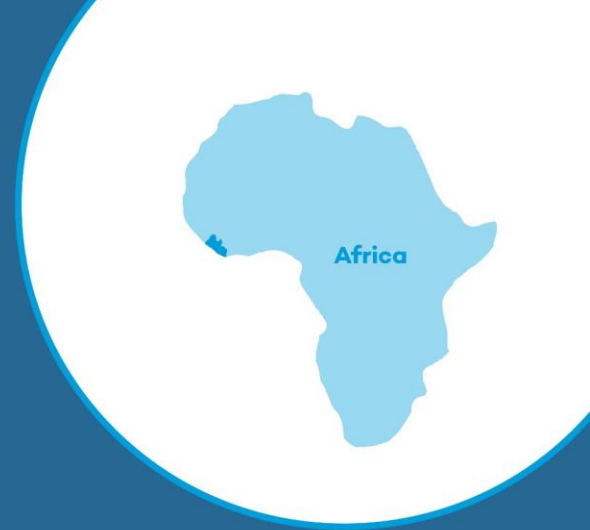
A typical school meal is **rice and peas** (some schools have successful vegetable gardens where they grow additional food).

Continent	Capital	Population
Africa	Monrovia	5,057,677 (2020) ¹
HDI Rank	Life expectancy	Currency
175 of 189 ²	62.9 ³	Liberian Dollar
Main exports	Language(s)	
Rubber (accounts for 65% of all international exports), diamonds and gold (also traded but on a smaller scale) ⁴	Liberia has more than 30 native languages, however, Liberian English is the most common to connect people from different regions	

Sources: ¹ World Bank/LBR | ² Human Development Reports | ³ Life Expectancy in Liberia | ⁴ Trading Economics Liberia Exports



Where we feed



- Delivering food to schools deep in the jungle via off-road routes is particularly challenging during the rainy season (May-October) when monsoons are common.
- We strive to source as much of our food locally as possible. However it is sometimes necessary to order from further afield – as much as five months in advance – to ensure we can keep our promise to feed the hungry children we serve.
- The country remains overshadowed by the 2014/15 Ebola outbreak which forced schools to close, crippled economies and wiped out livelihoods.



44% of the population live below the International Poverty Line of **\$1.90** USD per day.⁵



More than **50%** of all students do not complete a primary school education.⁶



1.5 million people in Liberia have insufficient food intake.⁷

Sources: ⁵ World Bank/LBR | ⁶ unicef/Liberia | ⁷ HungerMap LIVE



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