



## Liberia: Rural Economic Transformation Project (P175263)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Liberia

**Key Dates****Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 04-Jun-2021

Effectiveness Date: 14-Dec-2021

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 17-Jun-2024

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2026

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2026

**Project Development Objectives**

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

To improve productivity and market access for small holder farmers and agri-enterprises for selected value chains in project participating counties.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

**Components Table**

Name

Improving the Enabling Environment for Agribusiness Development:(Cost \$6.00 M)  
Enhancing Competitiveness and Market Access through Productive Alliances:(Cost \$16.50 M)  
Agri-Marketing and Road Infrastructure Investments:(Cost \$31.50 M)  
Project Coordination and Management and Contingency Emergency Response:(Cost \$5.00 M)

**Overall Ratings**

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

**Implementation Status and Key Decisions**

Overall, the project's progress towards achieving the project development objective is satisfactory. The Project was declared effective on December 14, 2021. The project team has made progress in the implementation of the approved procurement plan. The major structure and systems necessary for the implementation of the project are now in place. The Project Implementation Unit is fully staffed. All the critical positions have now been filled. The project has deployed all twenty-two (22) County Level Facilitators (CLFs) and Eleven Extension Officers to provide facilitation and extension services in the eleven (11) participating counties. The project has mobilized and sensitized 15,713 Farmers and 123 Agribusinesses in the 11 participating counties on the development objective of RETRAP and the development of business. The Project has constituted the Independent Investment Committee in preparation for an independent screening and evaluation process of the business plans submitted for grant support. The Project has also firmed up the collaborative arrangement with farmers' organizations on their respective interventions and partnership in the implementation of the project. The Project is progressing steadily in launching the commencement of a major contract under Component 3



which affects the construction of roads and selected agri-markets. A revised timeline was agreed upon with the Project team that would lead to the award of the main road contract on February 17, 2023. The Project Implementation Manual has been finalized and approved by the Bank.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Macroeconomic	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	☐ Moderate	☐ Low	☐ Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	☐ Moderate	☐ Low	☐ Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	☐ Substantial	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Fiduciary	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Environment and Social	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Stakeholders	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Other	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Overall	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial

## Results

### PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Improve Productivity and Market access for SHFs & Agri-enterprises for selected VCs in project PCs				
► Farmers reached with agricultural assets or services (Number, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Date	01-Aug-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the number of farmers who were provided with agricultural assets or services as a result of World Bank project support. "Agriculture" or "Agricultural" includes: crops, livestock, capture fisheries, aquaculture, agroforestry, timber, and non-timber forest products. Assets include property, biological assets, and farm and processing equipment. Biological assets may include animal agriculture breeds (e.g., livestock, fisheries) and genetic material of livestock, crops, trees, and shrubs (including fiber and fuel crops). Services include research, extension, training, education, ICTs, inputs (e.g., fertilizers, pesticides, labor), production-related services (e.g., soil testing, animal health/veterinary services), phytosanitary and food safety services, agricultural marketing support services (e.g., price monitoring, export			



promotion), access to farm and post-harvest machinery and storage facilities, employment, irrigation and drainage, and finance. Farmers are people engaged in agricultural activities or members of an agriculture-related business (disaggregated by men and women) targeted by the project.

Farmers reached with agricultural assets or services - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00

Farmers reached with agricultural assets of which access climate-smart agricultural assets " (Number, Custom Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00

Increased yield of targeted agricultural produce by project- supported farmers, disaggregated by targeted commodity (Percentage) (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.20	0.00	0.00	30.00

Date	21-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
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Comments: Increase in yield per hectare recorded on participating farmers' farm. Baseline information to be established 3 months after project effectiveness and on completion of the on-going baseline survey.

Increased yield of cassava by project- supported farmers (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.50	0.00	0.00	30.00

Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
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Increased yield of rubber by project- supported farmers (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.20	0.00	0.00	30.00

Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
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Increased yield of pork by project- supported farmers (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.40	0.00	0.00	30.00

Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
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Increased yield of poultry by project- supported farmers (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	1.50	0.00	0.00	20.00



Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>► Increase in marketed volume of locally produced agricultural commodities by project supported FBOs, disaggregated by targeted commodity (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	12-Jun-2022	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>☐ Increase in volume of sales of cassava produced by project-supported FBOs (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>☐ Increase in volume of sales of rubber produced by project-supported FBOs (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>☐ Increase in volume of sales of pork produced by project-supported FBOs (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>☐ Increase in volume of sales of poultry produced by project-supported FBOs (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1.50	30.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>► Reduction in transportation time between Tappita and ToeTown, disaggregated by passengers and agricultural freight; (Percentage) (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	6.00	0.00	6.00	50.00
Date	25-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Average travel time (by mode or cross modes) for a given origin-destination. Baseline information to be established 3 months after project effectiveness and on completion of the on-going baseline survey.			
<b>☐ Public passenger bus (%) (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)</b>				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	4.00	0.00	4.00	50.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy commercial truck for freight (%) (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	5.00	0.00	5.00	75.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<input type="checkbox"/> increase in traffic (passenger and freight) volumes (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
<b>► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	2,765.00	60,000.00
Date	21-Apr-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	"Beneficiaries: grant and knowledge recipients (trainings, workshops) World Bank core indicator - SEE definition in the WB core indicator guidelines"			
<input type="checkbox"/> Percentage of females (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	42.00	30,000.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Improving the Enabling Environment for Agribusiness Development				
<b>► Policies/ laws/ regulations supported (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Supported refers to any technical assistance, training, or writing that contributes to the policy, law, or regulation			



► PPD organizations and FBOs receiving technical assistance or training (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) organizations include all relevant value-chain stakeholders (e.g. agro-producers, agro-processors, input suppliers, and service providers).			
► Project beneficiaries reached with new climate smart technologies (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	2,765.00	8,000.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	""Reached"" refers to activities including farmers field days, exchange visits, farmers field school, study tours, mass media and ICT-based outreach channels, information and knowledge sharing events, such as exhibitions, workshops, conferences, and seminars Climate smart technologies: agricultural practices that sustainably increase productivity and system resilience while reducing greenhouse gas emissions"			

Enhancing Competitiveness and Market Access Through Productive Alliances				
► Sub-projects prepared (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Only Sub-project prepared for grant applications will be counted.			
► Farmers adopting improved agricultural technology, disaggregated by gender (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Adoption"" refers to on-farm use of new technology e.g. improved seeds, seedlings, livestock, poultry, fertilizer, agro-chemicals, agricultural equipment and farm machinery. WB CORE INDICATOR. See definition in the WB core indicator guidelines			
□ of which female (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026



► Farmers linked to off-takers (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Value chain actors refers to agro-producers, agro-processors, input suppliers, and service providers.			
► Women farmers accessing agricultural matching grants for the first time (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	The Indicator measures the number of women accessing matching grant under the project.			
► Women in target areas accessing investment financing for agriculture (all sources of finance) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	15.00	15.00	15.00	30.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	This indicator measures the percentage increase in the number of women in target areas accessing formal financing for agriculture			

#### Agri-Marketing and Road Infrastructure Investments

► Roads constructed (CRI, Kilometers) (Kilometers, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Total length of road completely constructed			
☐ Roads constructed - rural (CRI, Kilometers) (Kilometers, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
☐ Roads constructed - non-rural (CRI, Kilometers) (Kilometers, Custom Breakdown)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>► Commercial facilities/markets constructed/rehabilitated (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	25-Jan-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Infrastructure works include: (i) construction of a number of open market sheds and small storage facilities; (ii) construction of selected infrastructure that require specialized handling for agricultural produce; and (iii) Construction of market internal path-ways, drainage infrastructure, and water and sanitation facilities			

Project Coordination and Management and Contingency Emergency Response				
<b>► Grievances registered related to delivery of project benefits that are actually addressed (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	Targeted groups include mallholders and agribusiness owners receiving support to increase their farming productivity and the degree of commercialization of agriculture and livestock produce as well as extension service and government officials making more informed decisions about resource allocations, training, and technology needs of farmers and agribusiness owners.			
<b>► Farmers using market information (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
<b>► Reports produced through MIS system (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	25-May-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	MIS reports include all reports generated by the system			
<b>► Beneficiaries satisfied with delivery (timeliness and quality) of project benefits (percentage) disaggregated by gender (Percentage, Custom)</b>				





	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026
Comments:	The indicator measures the percentage of project participants who expressed satisfaction with delivery (timeliness and quality) of project benefits.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female Beneficiaries satisfied with delivery (timeliness and quality) of project benefits (percentage). (Percentage, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	08-Mar-2021	01-Dec-2021	12-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2026

### Performance-Based Conditions

#### Data on Financial Performance

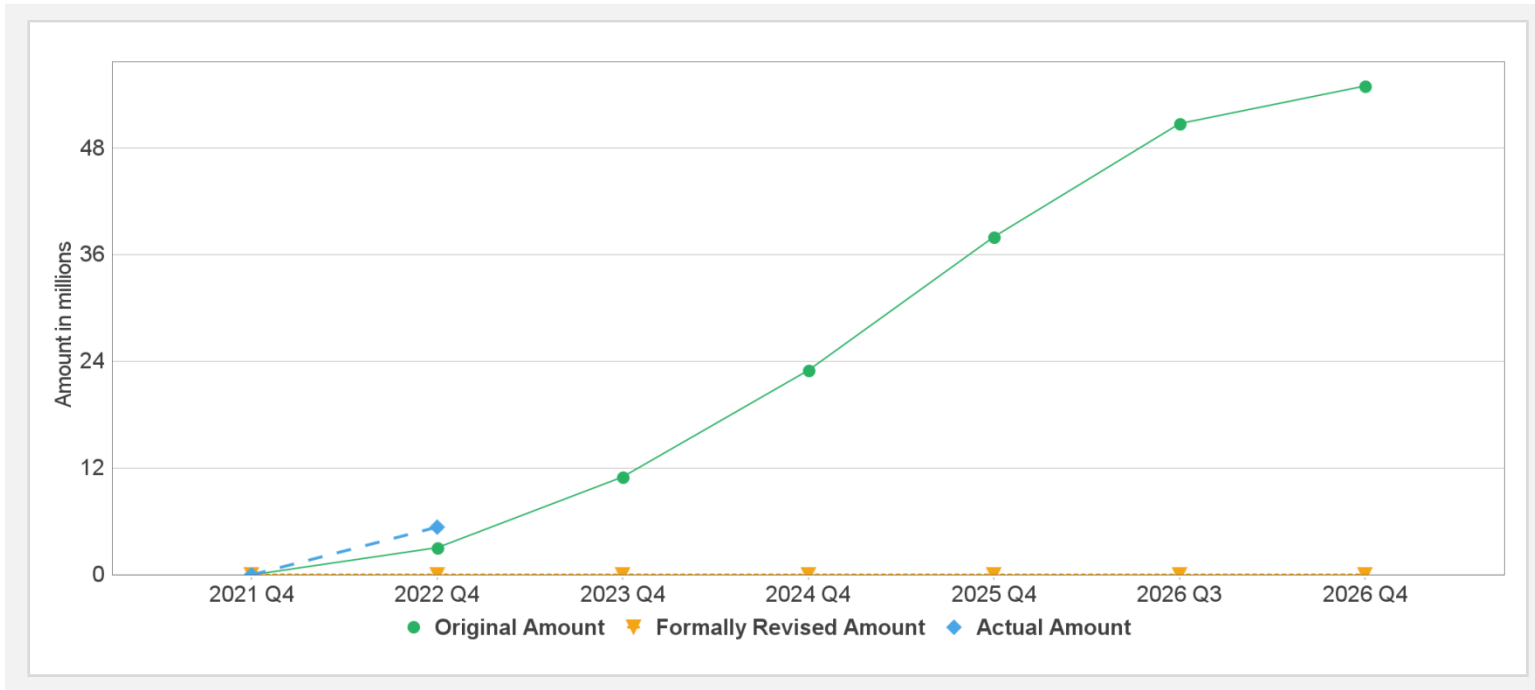
##### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P175263	IDA-69000	Effective	USD	55.00	55.00	0.00	5.45	49.55	9.9%

##### Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P175263	IDA-69000	Effective	04-Jun-2021	18-Jun-2021	14-Dec-2021	30-Jun-2026	30-Jun-2026

### Cumulative Disbursements



### Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

### Related Project(s)

P179359-Liberia Rural Agricultural Transformation Project Additional Financing