

CDC in Liberia

Factsheet



Staffing
1 U.S. Assignee
No Locally Employed



Liberia at a Glance

Population:	4,245,000 ¹
Per capita income:	\$290 ²
Life expectancy at birth women/men:	58/56 yrs ²
Infant mortality rate:	78/1000 live births ²

¹ US Census Bureau International Database, 2012

² PRB 2011 World Population Data Sheet

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began collaborating with the government of Liberia in 2007 with the launch of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) there. Through PMI, CDC works closely with the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Top 10 Causes of Death in Liberia

1. Malaria	17 %	6. Protein-Energy Malnutrition	5%
2. Lower respiratory infections	11%	7. Sepsis	4%
3. Diarrheal disease	11%	8. Stroke	3%
4. HIV	5%	9. Preterm Birth Complications	3%
5. Tuberculosis	5%	10. Meningitis	3%

Source: GBD Compare (<http://viz.healthmetricsandevaluation.org/gbd-compare/>), 2010

Malaria

CDC has assigned a Resident Advisor to Liberia as part of an interagency team with USAID to support the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in implementing malaria prevention and control interventions. These include providing long-lasting insecticide mosquito nets and indoor residual spraying; preventing malaria in pregnancy; improving diagnostics and case management; surveillance, and monitoring and evaluation of malaria-related activities. CDC technical support has included dedicated diagnostic technical assistance visits to support the efforts of the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) to rationalize treatment guidelines and improve the rollout of malaria diagnostics. Another goal is to improve entomologic capacity by providing equipment, supplies, and mentoring for NMCP entomologic technicians, in particular surveillance equipment to determine species distribution and mosquito densities and training for insecticide resistance through the CDC bottle bioassay testing.

Impact in Liberia

- Increase from 18% in 2005 Malaria Indicator Survey to 50% in 2010-2011 of proportion of households that owned at least one insecticide treated bednet.