

CDC - Led Government Achievement

# LIBERIA'S HEALTH SECTOR

(2018–2023)



The period between 2018 and 2023 will be recorded not merely as a time of governance, but as an era of profound transformation. Under the visionary leadership of President George Manneh Weah and the stewardship of Minister Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah, the Ministry of Health did not simply "manage" the sector—they revolutionized it.



The turnover notes handed down from this administration do not just contain statistics; they contain the blueprint of a nation that moved from post-war fragility to technological sovereignty and global leadership in health resilience.

Here is the unvarnished truth of the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) in action—a record of promises kept, infrastructure built, and lives saved.

### 1. The Infrastructure Revolution: Concrete Promises Kept

For decades, the "referral gap" plagued our rural citizenry. The Weah administration rejected the status quo where quality healthcare was a luxury reserved for Monrovia. We embarked on the most aggressive health infrastructure drive in recent history, coupled with sweeping renovations across the existing network:

The Jewel of the West:

## THE EMIRATES HOSPITAL (Gbarpolu)

We delivered a state-of-the-art, 100-bed referral hospital in Bopolu City. This was a diplomatic triumph and a humanitarian victory, finally bringing modern healthcare to the Western Cluster and ending the days of suffering for the people of Gbarpolu.





## THE 14 MILITARY HOSPITAL

(MARGIBI)

Once ridiculed by critics as an impossibility, this facility stands today as a premier institution. It became the backbone of our national defense against COVID-19, proving that the CDC government plans for the future.



## THE NEW REDEMPTION HOSPITAL

(Caldwell)

The New Redemption Hospital (Caldwell). Recognizing the crushing pressure on the old facility in New Kru Town, we advanced the massive New Redemption Hospital, ensuring that the populous communities of Bushrod Island have access to dignified maternal and pediatric care.



# THE RIVERCESS REFERRAL HOSPITAL

The Rivercess Referral Hospital. For too long, Rivercess was the forgotten child of development. This administration ended that neglect by upgrading and constructing facilities to ensure that emergency cases in Rivercess no longer face death on the long road to Buchanan.



Nationwide Facility Upgrades. Beyond new construction, we launched a comprehensive renovation drive. From the installation of solar power systems in rural clinics to the refurbishment of operating theaters in county hospitals, we ensured that existing facilities were not left to decay but were modernized to meet current standards.

## 2. Technological Sovereignty: Bringing Specialized Care Home

Perhaps the most silent yet significant victory of the Weah administration was the introduction of high-level diagnostic and treatment capabilities that previously required expensive travel abroad. We ended the era of total dependency:

### DIALYSIS CENTERS:

For years, a diagnosis of kidney failure in Liberia was a death sentence for the poor.





The Weah administration changed this narrative by installing and operationalizing Dialysis Units at the John F Kennedy Memorial Hospital. We brought life-saving kidney treatment home, making it accessible to ordinary Liberians for the first time in our history.



## DNA TESTING CAPABILITIES:



In our uncompromising war against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), we backed our words with science. The procurement and installation of DNA machines revolutionized our forensic capabilities. No longer do we have to wait months for samples to be tested abroad to prosecute rapists; we empowered our justice system with the scientific tools needed to protect our women and children.



### 3. Dignity for Our Heroes: The Workforce Reforms

Buildings and machines do not save lives; people do. The Weah administration inherited a fragile system where thousands of our brave health workers were paid by temporary donor funds—the "Global Health Pool Fund."

When the donor funding dried up, the skeptics predicted a collapse of the system. Instead, the CDC government stepped up. We successfully absorbed thousands of nurses and health workers directly onto the Government of Liberia payroll, granting them the civil service security and pension rights they had been denied for years.



- **Stopping the Brain Drain:** We refused to watch our best doctors leave for greener pastures. We instituted a historic pay raise for medical doctors, bringing their compensation to a respectable standard.
- **Investing in Excellence:** We didn't just pay them; we trained them. We sent doctors abroad for specialized training in critical fields—from pathology to advanced surgery—ensuring that the next generation of specialists is homegrown.

### 4. Global Leadership: The COVID-19 Success Story

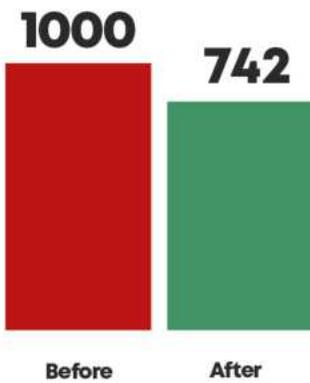


When the world trembled before the COVID-19 pandemic, Liberia stood tall. Haunted by the ghosts of Ebola, the Weah administration acted with speed, precision, and discipline.

- **World-Class Management:** While the world's superpowers stumbled, Liberia's Incident Management System (IMS) became a global model. Major international publications, including the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post, ran stories praising Liberia. They asked the world to look at us—not as victims, but as teachers in epidemic control.
- **Economic Resilience:** Perhaps most impressively, we saved lives without destroying livelihoods. While other nations locked down their economies into oblivion, the Weah administration utilized a smart management strategy. We kept trade flowing and the port open. The result? Liberia was one of the few nations globally where the economy did not crash into a depression, preserving the survival of the ordinary citizen. The result? Liberia was one of the few nations globally where the economy did not crash into a depression, preserving the survival of the ordinary citizen.

## 5. The Metrics of Progress

The results of these interventions are undeniable:



### Maternal Mortality

From over 1,000 maternal deaths per 100,000 births to 742—this represents real progress in healthcare delivery.

This achievement reflects improved prenatal care, emergency response systems, and access to skilled medical professionals across the state.

**Skilled Birth Attendance:** Increased to

**84%**

proving that our mothers trust the system we built.

Supply Chain Master Plan: We left behind a comprehensive 5-year roadmap **(2023–2028)** to permanently solve the drug supply chain issues, a parting gift of governance to the state.

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