



# FREE Liberia in Brief

## Key Highlights of Achievements & Programs

### About Us

Founded in July 2015, FREE Liberia is a registered and accredited NGO committed to fostering evidence-based solutions for long-term impact. Our organization consists of innovative researchers, academicians, and professionals in Liberia and abroad, dedicated to conducting systematic research that informs interventions in public and private institutions. We leverage empirical research to drive quality education and empowerment initiatives, ensuring long-lasting societal transformation and development.



U. S. Embassy of Monrovia Visits FREE Liberia  
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### Our Vision

To become a premier institution that creates opportunities for evidence-driven interventions, quality education, and an inspired life for everyone.

### Our Mission

To conduct systematic research that informs quality education and effective service delivery while empowering communities, institutions, and individuals to maximize their full potential.



Some Dignitaries and Graduates at FREE Liberia Official Launch



FREE Liberia Joins Hands in Protecting Liberia's Fledgling Democracy in 2023 Elections (Civic and Voter Education with Cross-section of Students supported by the WSR & ABIC)



# Our Pillars & Achievements

**FREE Liberia operates on four key pillars:** Research Solutions, Building Quality Education, Youth-Focused Empowerment, and Advocacy & Awareness, all guided by our core values: Service, Commitment, Integrity, Innovation, Respect, and Excellence.

## Pillar 1: Research Solutions



Researchers Interview a Participant

### Liberia Advancing Through Research Project:

FREE Liberia has undertaken groundbreaking research on student academic performance, with findings published in an international journal. In collaboration with a French research group, we explored the impacts of free and compulsory education in Liberia, with results also published internationally. Additionally, we successfully secured approval for a Peace Corps Volunteer to support the establishment of the Liberian International Journals for Academic Research (LIJAR), further solidifying our research footprint.



Researchers Ready for Field Visit

### Institutional Research Consultancies:

Our consultancy work has supported major international organizations, including ZOA Liberia & Angie Brooks International Centre (ABIC) and Canada's based CODE and WE-CARE Foundation. We conducted a baseline assessment on Girls' Accelerated Learning Initiative Expansion in four counties in 2024 and provided in-depth data analysis and reporting for WE-CARE.







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Research must be the basis for major interventions in all sectors. Decisions and policies informed by research are bound to succeed and have long-lasting impact. Evidence-driven solutions, especially in education can make all the difference.

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**USAID-Funded Research Initiatives:** FREE Liberia has extensive experience in USAID-funded research, supporting projects like Liberia Foundational Skills Activity (LFSA) and USAID Youth Advance (UYA) Pathway 3 (P-3), which equip youth with skills and employment opportunities. We conducted implementation research for USAID Youth Advance and a comprehensive assessment on families' and communities' financial empowerment interventions, ensuring these programs are grounded in strong empirical evidence under the LFSA.



FREE Liberia Partnership with USAID Liberia Education Officials (USAID Education Director, Anh Pham and her Deputy, Bart Pogue along with FREE Liberia's CEO Dr. Charles Gbollicie)

## Pillar 2: Building Quality Education

**School Leadership & Teacher Training Initiative:** Through strategic partnerships, we have trained over 800 school administrators and teachers, enhancing educational leadership and instructional effectiveness. Additionally, over 600 educators and students have benefited from institutional training aimed at improving performance. Our consultancy services also extend to strategic plan development for educational institutions.

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#### WE BELIEVE THAT:

"Education is a destiny helper. Education is a real-life changer! Education is a beautifier of life. Life would be less meaningful without quality education. Everything good tied to our lives is made better and brighter through education. When you are truly educated and knowledgeable, nothing would be impossible to you."



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Improving lives through  
evidence-driven solutions.



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## Building Quality Education

**Teacher Professionalization:** We developed and administered standardized teacher certification exams at LICOSESS College of Education for over 650 teacher candidates, ensuring quality professionalization. We also collaborate with Liberia's Ministry of Education to support teacher licensing and school accreditation efforts.



**Liberia Trauma-Healing Initiative (LITI):** Our trauma-healing initiative has impacted 150 individuals through conferences held in Montserrado and Margibi. This initiative is evolving into a signature project aimed at providing psychological and emotional support to affected communities.

**School of Value & Success:** FREE Liberia has launched a specialized training program in over 10 professional courses including, School Counseling, Monitoring & Evaluation, Strategic Planning and Management, Entrepreneurship, and School Leadership. Since its inception, we have successfully trained and graduated 60 students in 2023 and 2024, with plans for further expansion, including the introduction of 'C' Certificate level teacher training.





**Building Quality Education**



“As a girl, your strength is not found in your silence toward what is affecting you. It is found in the truths you speak. Let your voice be heard.”

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**Students Empowerment & Excellence Development (SEED) Program.** Our SEED Program provided a 3-day academic and vocational enrichment program for 20 students, equipping them with critical skills for success.





**Participants with Certificates**

**Teaching & Learning Materials Development:** Our expertise includes the development and refinement of educational materials, such as the Nurturing Care Manual for Integrated Services in Liberia, created for WE-CARE Foundation. We also conducted a detailed evaluation of the Family Literacy Initiative (FLI) to improve literacy outcomes.

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey





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**School of Value & Success**

Life-Changing Professional Certificate Level programs

Motivational & Advisory Services

Consultancies

**The Home of Value & Success**





## Pillar 3: Youth-Focused Empowerment

**USAID Youth Advance Activity:** Through our partnership with USAID, we have trained 100+ university seniors and graduates in essential job readiness skills, securing 90% internship placements and 50% permanent employment rates among participants.



**Health Fair Materials**

**Youth Growth Opportunities Acceleration for Life (You-GOAL):** Our youth engagement efforts have included 15+ seminars on diverse topics, with the introduction of the Youth Mentorship & Advancement Program (YouMAP), a 3-month leadership development program for emerging professionals..



**Participants Demonstration**



**Participants at Health Fair**

**Inspire Liberia Project:** With a goal of reaching 1 million Liberians, this initiative has produced 25 motivational radio shows, shared 400+ inspirational quotes, and disseminated 100 short motivational videos across various social media platforms.





## Youth-Focused Empowerment

**Inspired Life Through Books:** FREE Liberia has provided free motivational books written by our Founder to nearly 100 young people, along with mentorship support to inspire personal growth and success..



**Book Presentation to a Facilitator**

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### Why should you write or support Liberian writers?

- A reading society is a liberated society.



## NOW OUT!!



## Pillar 4: Advocacy & Public Awareness

**FREE Your World Awareness Campaign:** In collaboration with the Women's Situation Room & ABIC, we empowered over 3,000 youth and students through civic and voter education during the 2023 elections. We also produced 15–20 peace and non-violence messages and participated in electoral observation efforts through civil society networks..



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**ANGEL BROOKS FOUNDATION** **WOMEN'S SITUATION ROOM**

**#LiberiaDecides #Election2023**

"Hear me out! Only I can guarantee your safety today and tomorrow. Only I can create the condition for a much better Liberia. My name is **PEACE**. **DON'T TOUCH ME!**"

**Say NO<sup>2</sup> Electoral Violence Stand 4-Peace**

**Sponsors**

## Upcoming Programs for Partnership & Support:

**Empowering Disadvantaged Girls through Education (EDGE) Liberia:** We have developed a proposal to launch EDGE Liberia, a transformative initiative aimed at increasing access to education for disadvantaged girls, ensuring their empowerment through learning opportunities.

### Kids in West Point Receive Learning Materials



Standing up for a girl  
is standing up for  
a future where  
everyone can flourish.

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**FREE IS OPEN  
TO  
PARTNERSHIP**

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## Join Us in Driving Change!

We invite organizations, partners, and individuals passionate about research-driven education and empowerment to collaborate with us. Let's build a future where evidence-based solutions create sustainable impact!



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Together, we create opportunities. Together, we make a difference!