

Liberia

HIV/AIDS epidemiological summary

Scant information on HIV prevalence is available for Liberia. In Monrovia, 4% of antenatal clinic women tested positive for HIV in 1992 and 1993. In 1996 and 1997, HIV testing at various sites found no evidence of HIV infection among antenatal clinic attendees. In 1998, however, at an unspecified site, 10% of antenatal clinic attendees were found to be HIV-positive.

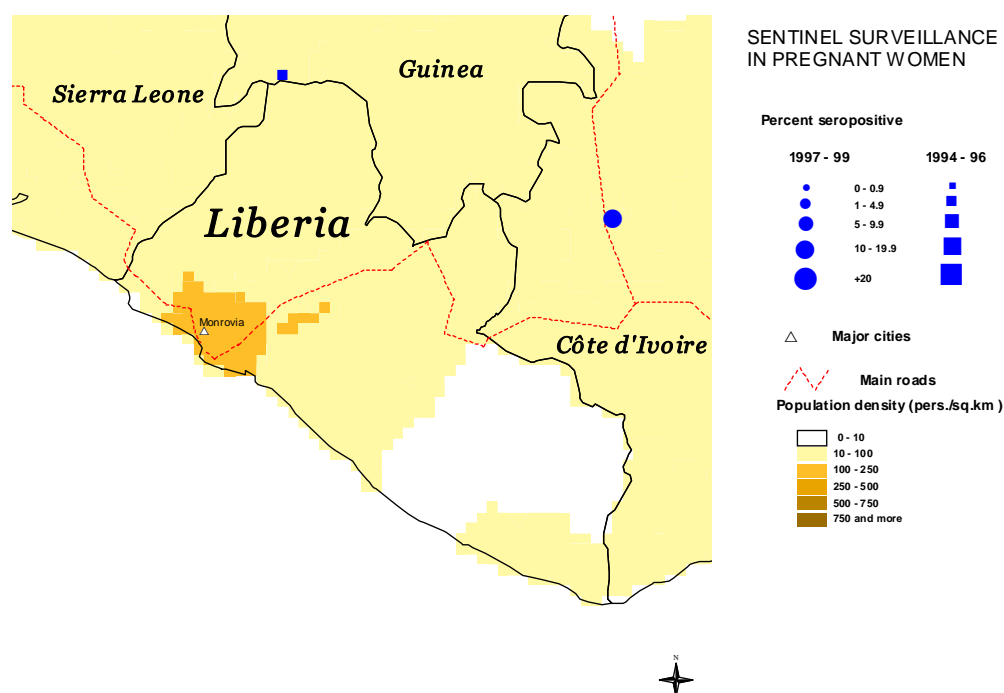
There is no information available on HIV prevalence among sex workers. In 1993, 8% of male STI clinic patients attending one site in Monrovia tested positive for HIV.

Estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	Adults and children	Adults (15-49)	Adult rate (%)	Women (15-49)	Children (0-14)
Source: UNAIDS/WHO, June 2000	39 000	37 000	2.8	21 000	2000

Demographic impact of HIV/AIDS	Year	Estimate	Source
Children who lost their mother or both parents due to HIV/AIDS at age 14 or younger since the beginning of the epidemic	1999	31 000	UNAIDS/WHO, June 2000
Estimated AIDS deaths	1999	4500	UNAIDS/WHO, June 2000

Behavioural indicators	Year	Age group	Male	Female
Reported condom use during most recent intercourse with a non-regular partner (%)	-	-	-	-
Reported non-regular sexual partnership over a 12-month period (%)	-	-	-	-

Measured HIV prevalence	Year	Median	Min.	Max.
Women in antenatal care clinics – major urban areas (%)	1993	4.0	4.0	4.0



Economic impact of HIV/AIDS

Summary of the economic impact of HIV/AIDS

No data on the economic impact of HIV/AIDS on Liberia were found. However, if the epidemic develops at the same pace here as it has in many African nations, the impact will be felt in most sectors. In households and in the agricultural sector, illness and death may lead to increased expenditures, reduced savings and shifts in productivity patterns. In the area of businesses, detailed studies are required to understand the full impact. In education, a model developed by UNAIDS and UNICEF in 2000 shows how increasing mortality rates due to AIDS lead to discontinuity in teaching, with many pupils losing or having a change in their teachers. Studies are required to understand how the epidemic is impacting on demand for education and health as well as how supply in the health sector might be affected by rising infection rates in health care workers.

Macroeconomic impact

Not available

Economic impact of HIV/AIDS on households

Not available

Economic impact of HIV/AIDS on agriculture

Not available

Economic impact of HIV/AIDS on firms

Not available

Economic impact of HIV/AIDS on education

Supply: Not available

Demand: Not available

Economic impact on the health sector

Supply: Not available

Demand: Not available

Resource gap: Not available

Management and implementation of the national response to HIV/AIDS

Policy formulation

Existence of national HIV/AIDS policy (either a written document or part of one)

Yes	No
X	

Comments/Key elements: The National HIV/AIDS policy document is being finalized. It is expected for December 2000.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

Existence of HIV/AIDS policy in the following sectors:

Sector	Yes	No
Agriculture		X
Education	X	
Health	X	
Military		X
Workplace		X
Sports		X
Others		X

Comments/Key elements:

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

Existence of HIV/AIDS-specific legislation against discrimination on the grounds of HIV

Yes	No
	X

Comments/Key elements: In collaboration with the NACP, a technical committee has drafted a paper on ethical issues in the national response. The document is not yet finalized.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

Organizational structure**Existence of high-level structure in support of the national response**

(e.g. National AIDS Committee/Commission, Inter-Ministerial Committee, Presidential-level bodies)

Yes	No
X	

Comments/Key elements: The National AIDS Commission reporting to the Ministry of Health.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

Planning and programming**Existence of national strategic plan on HIV/AIDS**

Yes	No
	X

Comments/Key elements: The national strategic plan is being developed. The situation and response analyses have been done. A consensus workshop is planned for August 2000. Effort is being made to create multisectoral involvement, including bilaterals and NGOs, in the design and implementation of a national response.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

National strategic plan on HIV/AIDS includes clearly identified priorities

Yes	No
X	

Comments/Key elements: Identified priorities are: blood safety, information, education and communication, surveillance, voluntary counselling and testing, care for the sick.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

Date: 21 July 2000

Existence of budget for implementation of the national strategic plan

Yes	No
	X

Comments/Key elements: The budget will be prepared following the costing of the strategic plan.

Source: HIV/AIDS focal point, WHO, Liberia

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General demographic and socioeconomic indicators

Demographic indicators	Year	Estimate	Source
Total population (thousands)	1999	2930	UNPOP
Population aged 15–49 (thousands)	1999	1378	UNPOP
Annual population growth (%)	1990–1998	0.4	UNPOP
% of population urbanized	1998	44	UNPOP
Average annual growth rate of urban population (%)	1990–1998	1.0	UNPOP

Economic Indicators	Year	Estimate	Source
GNP per capita (US\$)	-	-	-
GNP per capita average annual growth rate (%)	-	-	-
Human Development Index rank (HDI)	-	-	-
% population economically active	-	-	-
Unemployment rate	-	-	-
Education Indicators	Year	Estimate	Source
Total adult literacy rate	1995	38	UNESCO
Adult male literacy rate	1995	54	UNESCO
Adult female literacy rate	1995	22	UNESCO
Male secondary school enrolment ratio	1996	20.4	UNESCO
Female secondary school enrolment ratio	1996	8.1	UNESCO
Health Indicators	Year	Estimate	Source
Crude birth rate (births per 1000 pop.)	1999	44	UNPOP
Crude death rate (deaths per 1000 pop.)	1999	14	UNPOP
Maternal mortality rate (per 100 000 live births)	1990	560	WHO
Life expectancy at birth	1998	48	UNPOP
Total fertility rate	1998	6.3	UNPOP
Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births)	1999	96	UNICEF/UNPOP
Contraceptive prevalence rate (%)	1990–1999	6	UNICEF/UNPOP
% of births attended by trained health personnel	1990–1999	58	UNICEF
% of one-year-old children fully immunized (DPT)	1995–1998	19	UNICEF

References