

The Revised National Youth Policy (2012 – 2017)



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What is FLY?



Background and Context of Policy

- **What is a National Youth Policy?**
- **Definition of Youth – Culturally and Socially Constructed – (15-35)**
- **Brief History of Youth Policy in Liberia**

Affirmation & Pledge

“We, the young people of Liberia, under the guidance of God Almighty, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY) do consider ourselves as the nucleus of the Liberian society as well as agents of social, economic and political change now and at every juncture of Liberian history.

Goal

Is to promote youth participation in the national decision making process.

It is also to provide an appropriate framework that will **promote fundamental human rights** and protect the **health, social, economic and political well being of all young men and women** in order to enhance their participation in the overall development process and improve their quality of life.



Vision

A Liberia where young people live in safety and security with equal opportunities to realize their dreams and aspirations; and be success-focused and morally upright to exploit their maximum potential economically, culturally, politically, socially and religiously.



Rights, Responsibilities, and Obligations

- **Rights of the Youth**
- **Responsibilities of the Youth**
- **Obligations of Government to the Youth**
- **Obligations of Society to the Youth**



Target Groups

- Out of school Youth
- In school adolescents and youth
- Unemployed and under employed Youth
- Youth with disabilities
- Youth engaged in crime and delinquency
- Female Youth (young women and girls)

Target Groups (Continued)

- Rural youth
- Youth affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Youth affected by armed conflict situations.
- Illiterate Youth
- Youth Involved in Commercial Motorcycling
(The PemPem Boys)



Priority Themes and Strategic Interventions

- ❑ Education & Training
- ❑ Employment & Empowerment
- ❑ Sexual Reproductive
- ❑ Justice and Governance
- ❑ Youth and Agriculture
- ❑ Youth in Peace building
- ❑ Youth and Environment
- ❑ Youth, Drug and Alcohol Abuse



Priority Themes and Strategic Interventions

- ❑ Sports for Development and Recreation
- ❑ Young Women and Girls
- ❑ Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and Globalization
- ❑ Youth and HIV/AIDS
- ❑ Youth, Culture and Family life



Institutional Framework for Policy Implementation

- THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS
- ALL LINE MINISTRIES
- COUNTY AUTHORITIES and NGOs
- FEDERATION OF LIBERIAN YOUTH
- LIBERIA NATIONAL STUDENT UNION
- DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
- MASS MEDIA
- Private sector organizations
- Mano River Youth parliament

Monitoring, evaluation, and research

Monitoring and Evaluation Committee shall consist of—

- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Federation of Liberian Youths FLY
- Representatives of Line Ministries and Agencies
- Youth Organizations and Organizations working with Youth
- Agencies such as LISGIS and other relevant agencies

Monitoring, evaluation, and research

The Policy's Monitoring, Evaluation and Research components shall aim at:

- Create benchmark indicators to assess sector performance on the youth policy (consulting report)
- Measure long-term impact of the policy on youth development in the country



Continue

- Undertake research on youth development issues
- Support and strengthen M&E systems at local levels
- Conduct periodic M&E reviews on youth development programmes



Youth in Other Policies

- Constitution of Liberia
- Agenda for Transformation –Vision 20-30,
- Liberian Youth Employment & Economic Empowerment Strategy
- MDGs
- ECOWAS
- Mano River Union (MRU)
- African Youth Charter
- UN Charter



Vision 2030

- What is Vision 2030?
- Youth representation on Vision 2030
- During NYP consultations Vision 2030 rep conducted consultations as well



Vision 2030 (continued)

- Issues coming out of Vision 2030 consultations:
 - National Identity (flag, language, food, etc.)
 - Natural resources
 - Corruption
 - Reconciliation



What's Next for FLY?

- Increasing employment opportunities
- Youth in agriculture
- Building capacity of local chapters
- Constructing mini-headquarters
- National Youth Leadership Conference
- Using situational report for advocacy
- Workshops
 - Freedom of Information Act
 - Popularization of NYP
 - Training for youth in internal audit



The End

- Thank You for Your Attention

Questions?