



**Republic of Liberia
Ministry of Education**

**CURRENT STATUS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND
CHALLENGES IN ADULT LEARNING AND EDUCATION
AND LIFELONG LEARNING IN LIBERIA**

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The Division of Alternative Education at the Ministry of Education, Republic of Liberia has three sub-unit:

- A. The Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) which provide accelerated learning from grades 1-6 and is delivered in three years for out of school and overage learners between the ages 8-15**
- B. Alternative Basic Education (ABE) which offer re-entry of introduction to education or work for out of school youth between the ages 15-35**
- C. Adult Literacy Program is a non-formal adult education programs that cover basic literacy and numeracy skills from 18 years and above**

CURRENT STATUS

The Ministry of Education, Republic of Liberia currently runs Adult Literacy Programs in some counties alongside with few partners. The National Adult Education Association of Liberia (NAEAL) is currently working in 14 counties in 35 communities in the area of Numeracy, Literacy and Basic Life Skills.

Adults aged 18 and older account for approximately half of the country's population who have never entered a classroom. There are many other adults who dropped out of school and have not obtained a basic level of education.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of the achievements of the Adult Learning Education programs are:

- ❖ The willingness for adult learners to take advantage of the program**
- ❖ The willingness of communities to accept the program**
- ❖ The program has provided the opportunities for marginalized people to participate in community meetings, taking decisions and holding leadership roles in their communities**
- ❖ The program has enable learners to improve their reading and writing skills**
- ❖ It also has improved learners self-confidence and public speaking skills**

CHALLENGES

Some Challenges are:

- ❖ **The lack of regular monitoring and supervision of the program**
- ❖ **Unavailability of qualified Adult Literacy facilitators in hard to reach communities**
- ❖ **The need for more instructional materials and teaching aids for learners**
- ❖ **Conflict in class with farming work, selling and domestic household activities**
- ❖ **Allocation of additional resources for the program**

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

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