



Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL) will dramatically improve education outcomes

Liberian Education

Between 28% and 32% of primary-aged children in Liberia are currently out of school.

Only 20% of children enrolled in primary school complete secondary school; 50% of children in school join 3 to 6 years late.

36% of boys and 63% of girls aged 15 - 25 years old are illiterate.

Bridge PSL

Bridge uses Ministry of Education-employed teachers and administrators and follows the Liberian national curriculum.

The pilot project is closely monitored and reviewed by the Liberian Ministry of Education.

Bridge Globally

Bridge educates over 100,000 children; our vision is to reach 10,000,000 pupils across 12+ countries by 2025.

Bridge pupils demonstrate significant learning gains; Bridge's first graduating class to sit nation-wide primary exams were 40% more likely to pass the exam than their peers.



Education in Liberia

The Liberian government is committed to improving education outcomes for Liberian children. Recognizing that prosperity begins in the classroom and that a country is only as strong as its youth, the Government of Liberia is taking an innovative approach. Determined to reach UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 of ensuring inclusive and quality education for all, the Government of Liberia has launched Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL). The initiative partners with education providers who use proven models of school management, teacher support, and increasing learning outcomes to transform free public early childhood and primary schools. Bridge is one of the first eight organizations to partner to participate in the initiative.

Bridge in Liberia

In Liberia, Bridge partners with government to run powerful, free public schools. We believe every child has the right to a good education. We aim to demonstrate that investment in world-class pedagogy and school management can lead to significant improvement in the education outcomes of public schools. Bridge has a gender parity index of 97 and supports women's groups in its communities

Bridge Partnership Schools for Liberia

Academics

Through the partnership, children attend strongly-managed public schools, where well-trained teachers are in class teaching the Liberian national curriculum for over 8 hours a day. Children benefit from carefully designed lesson plans developed by top academics: custom designed learning materials from text books to independent study books, and individual homework books to learning aids and uniforms. That's 29,673 text books donated; 16,000 teacher guides 3,500+ desks provided; 468 E-Readers for pupil use, and 9,000+ free uniforms in the first year alone.

Supporting teachers is vital. As part of the partnership, Government teachers are provided with additional training and support. Daily teacher guides empower them to create child-centered environments, where all children are learning.

School & Community

A great school sits at the heart of the community. The Bridge PSL school and community engagement team focuses on recruitment of out of school children and building strong Parent Teacher Association's (PTA's)

Monitoring

Through Bridge's innovative technology, the schools and the education outcomes are monitored and progress consistently tracked and measured. Bridge uses data to track how pupils are performing, teacher attendance and lesson delivery. Our technology platform enables us to drive learning gains in our schools.

IT and People Operations

Bridge has dedicated team members in IT Support, Human Resources, and Operations. These teams make sure that Bridge technology in schools continues to function, that Bridge teachers are processed through payroll efficiently, and that supplies are delivered, inventoried, stored, and treated with speed and care.

Results

In its 9 years working in Africa and India, Bridge has been a proactive and successful partner to parents and governments, delivering statistically significant learning gains for its pupils. Independent evidence shows the success of the Bridge approach. In Kenya, Bridge pupils who sat the National Exams (KPCE) scored an average of 59% compared to the national average of 44%. We are confident we can achieve similar results in Liberia. The partnership has created schools where all children run to school filled with hope and excitement, and return home each day filled with new knowledge and new experiences. It has created opportunities for all children to dream big and given them a clear path to achieving their dreams.