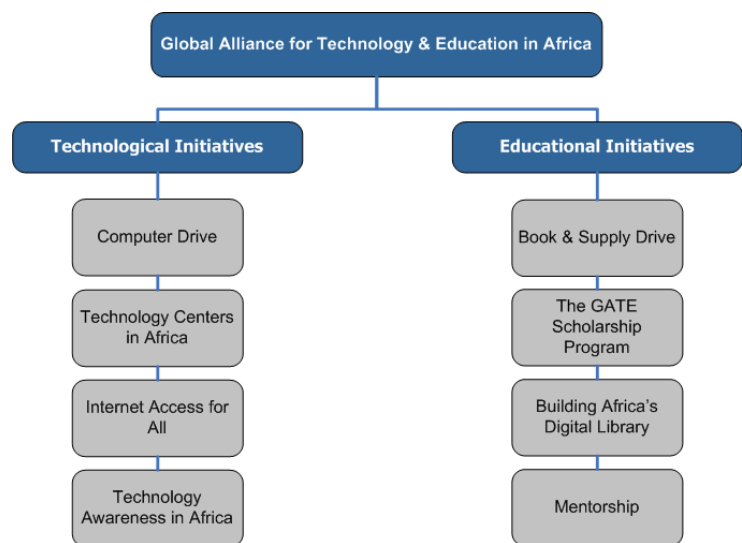


With Liberia on the rise from a civil war that left more than 250, 000 people dead, children parentless, and thousands homeless and displaced, the country looks to a new chapter in redevelopment and emphasizing on essentials like health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, electricity, water, housing and communications. However, with the limited resources available, the country is looking to the international communities to assist in the rebuilding process. The Global Alliance for Technology and Education (GATE) in Liberia is a part of the GATE network that will assist in the redevelopment process through technology training, scholarships and other initiatives.

The Global Alliance for Technology and Education in Africa (GATE) is a US-based, non-profit organization that creates alliances with companies, individuals and social groups to foster the investment of educational and technological resources in Africa.

The organization has three key focuses:

- Advancing Technology and improving Education in Africa.
- Creating and developing alliances with key companies and social groups that will help foster the growth of technology and education in Africa.
- Building a self-efficient community by encouraging entrepreneurship and empowering entrepreneurs with the capital and resources to succeed.



The GATE is engaged in a multi-year plan with its partner network in Liberia (GATE in Liberia) to provide technology education and training in Liberia as well as providing scholarships to deserving students.

- TECHNOLOGICAL INITIATIVES**
- The GATE Computer Drive
 - Building Technology Centers in Liberia
 - Internet Access for All
 - Technology Awareness in Liberia

- EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**
- Book Drives
 - After School Education Program
 - The GATE Scholarship Program
 - Building Liberia's Digital Library
 - Funding to provide appropriate training to teachers

QUICK FACTS ON LIBERIA



Flag



Seal

Motto: "The love of liberty brought us here"

Anthem: *All Hail, Liberia, Hail!*



Capital	Monrovia
Official languages	English
Government	Republic
President	Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
Vice-President	Joseph Boakai
Formation	by African-Americans
Independence	26 July 1847

Area

Total	43,000 sq mi
Water (%)	13.514

Population

July 2005 estimate	3,283,000
Density	75/sq mi

GDP (2005 estimate)

Total	\$3.392 billion
Per capita	\$1,003

Others

Currency	Liberian dollar ¹ (LRD)
Time zone	GMT
Calling code	+231

¹ United States dollar also in common usage.

Africa's 'first republic' has returned to democratic rule after two decades of dictatorship and civil war. There is much hope that Liberia's newly elected president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, will restore stability to Liberia. But the country's economy faces many challenges, first among them an illegitimate and unsustainable debt burden and the rate of illiteracy,

Consider these facts from UNICEF: the present ratio of girls to boys at the primary school level in Liberia is 40 per cent to 59 per cent, according to the Liberian Millennium Development Goals Report by the Ministry of Planning," said Kearney. "In West and Central Africa, almost one out of every two children (45 per cent) is out of school and most of these are girls in rural areas. Eighty-one per cent of children out of school have mothers with no formal education. Only 55 per cent of children of school-going age are in school.

Years of civil war have had a devastating impact on Liberia. Civil war broke out in 1989 after Charles Taylor took power and lasted for 14 years in two distinct phases of fighting. It is estimated that the conflict killed 270,000 people and displaced almost one million Liberians. Human rights groups documented the forced recruitment of child soldiers who were made to carry out massacres at the behest of Taylor's army. The country currently faces the aftermath of war with badly damaged infrastructure, including limited or no access to clean water or electricity for the majority of the population.

A recent United Nations human development report on Liberia found that more than three quarters of the population lives on less than \$1 day, while the unemployment rate is as high as 85 percent. Life expectancy is less than 50 years and only slightly more than a third of the population is literate. At least eight percent of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS. According to the UN's human development index, Liberia ranks as among the most impoverished countries in the world.

Despite conflict-ridden past and enormous challenges, the people of Liberia are moving forward with hope and determination. Africa's first woman president, Johnson-Sirleaf, and her new administration recently established an emergency power grid to enable hospitals to have electricity and to provide a handful of streetlights for a small area in the capital city of Monrovia. The international community is rallying around Johnson-Sirleaf's administration, with promises of aid and other support to her administration.

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