

The Action will advocate for participatory approaches within value chains by facilitating the strengthening of public-private dialogue and encouraging the active involvement of civil society organisations. Upholding democratic principles and rejecting all forms of exclusion are key criteria for supporting beneficiaries and fostering partnerships. By promoting inclusivity and engagement among stakeholders, the Action aims to ensure that decision-making processes within value chains are transparent, representative, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience

The Action aims to prioritise the development of sustainable approaches to create decent job opportunities for youth and women. In addition, it focusses on strengthening relationships among value chain actors in both rural and urban areas. By doing so, the Action aims to lay down the basis for addressing potential social unrest and enhancing the overall resilience of the population to external shocks. This integrated approach seeks to foster inclusive economic growth and social cohesion, create a more robust private sector, reduce economic dependence on single commodities, and empower individuals and communities through enhanced entrepreneurship.

Disaster risk reduction

Prevention and management of disaster risks is a crucial aspect of the Action, particularly considering the vulnerability of some key value chains, such as cassava to climate fluctuations, crop pests, and market fluctuations. Climate change mitigation and adaptation measures will be considered to reduce risks and develop opportunities in climate resilient value chains. Furthermore, the Action is aligned with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Strategy of Liberia 2020-2030 and the Liberia National Adaptation Plan 2020-2023.

Other considerations if relevant

N/A

3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Category²³	Risks	Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)	Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
1, 2	Difficulties linked to access to finance to allow the value chains development	High	High	Development of Village Savings and Loans Associations and linkages to banks, microfinance institutions and EFSD+ instruments.
2, 3	Lack of sustained commitment of producers, including MSMEs and women entrepreneurs to participate in the programme's activities	Medium	High	Outreach activities to demonstrate economic benefits especially to MSMEs and women entrepreneurs. Adoption of an inclusive and participatory approach during the planning, which will build ownership.
1, 2, 3	Lack of implementation capacity of Government institutions and frequent turnover of civil servants hampering capacity-building initiatives	High	High	Donor coordination mechanisms, led by national institutions to improve the implementation capacity. Government agencies involved in capacity building initiatives will be requested to implement mechanisms to retain staff for a reasonable period and ensure internal knowledge transfer.

²³ The risk categories can be related to: 1) to the external environment; 2) to planning, processes and systems; 3) to people and the organisation; 4) to legality and regularity aspects; 5) to communication and information.