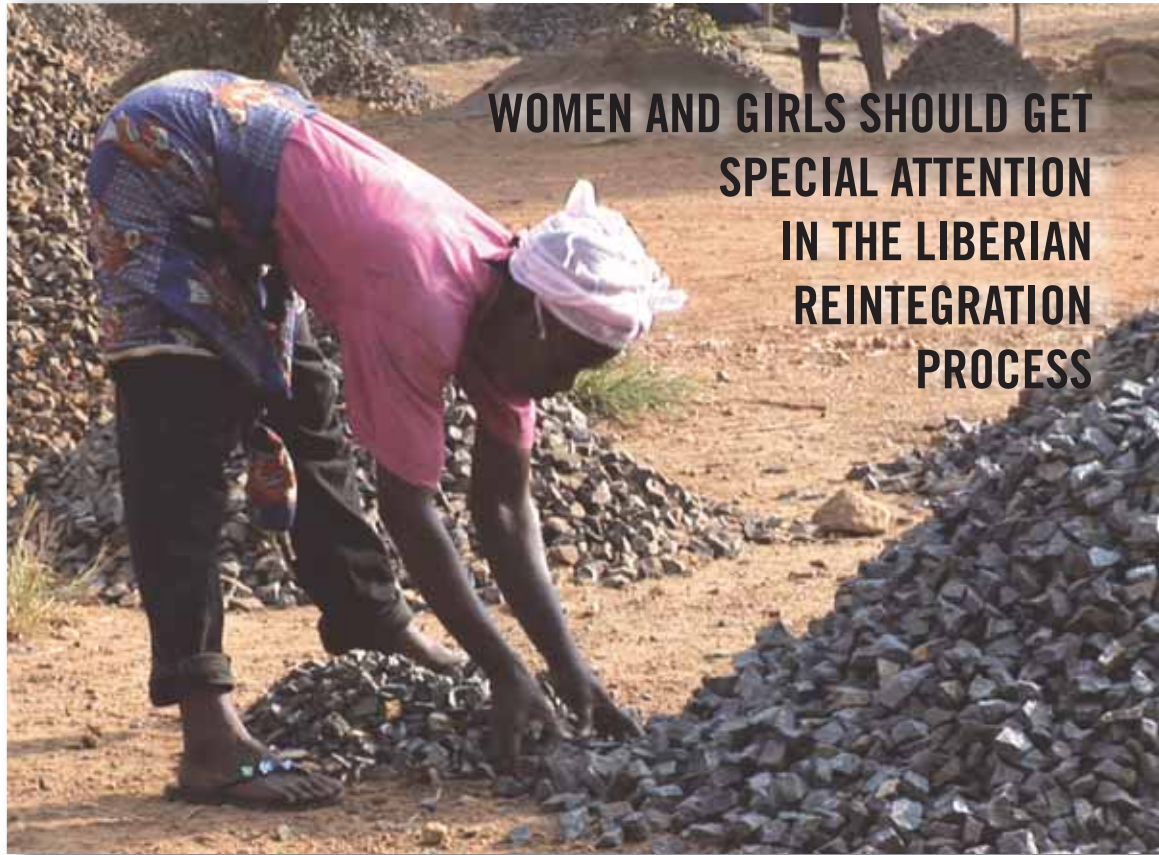


**WOMEN AND GIRLS SHOULD GET
SPECIAL ATTENTION
IN THE LIBERIAN
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Your Excellency, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf,

During Liberia's civil war, thousands of women and girls were involved with the fighting forces. Some were combatants and commanders, others porters, spies, cooks or victims of sexual slavery. Social stigma and lack of skills and job opportunities have impeded the full reintegration of many women involved in the conflict. All post-conflict programmes in Liberia should do more to help women and girls become productive members of society.

Amnesty International urges the Liberian Government to ensure that the final phase of the reintegration process targets women and girls including those in rural areas. They should be encouraged to participate in skill training and education programmes, and should be given economic opportunities. In addition, their mental and physical health needs should be catered for.

Yours sincerely

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