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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SOLICITATION NO: VA-669-22-00009

2. ISSUANCE DATE: May 11, 2022

3. CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS: June 1, 2022, 11:59 pm Local Time, Monrovia, Liberia

4. POINT OF CONTACT: Executive Officer, email at LiberiaHR@usaid.gov

5. POSITION TITLE: Project Management Specialist (Strategic Information/Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning [SI/MEL])

6. MARKET VALUE: USD \$ 35,104 – 56,160 FSN- 10
In accordance with AIDAR Appendix J and the Local Compensation Plan of USAID Final compensation will be negotiated within the listed market value. Note that all U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff are expected to observe and fulfill all tax obligations imposed by the Government of Liberia and you will be required to provide a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) before employment.

7. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: This contract will be for up to five years depending on programmatic needs, funding availability, and satisfactory performance. This is considered a permanent position and employment under any contract issued under this solicitation is of a continuing nature. Its duration is expected to be part of a series of sequential contracts; all contract clauses, provisions, and regulatory requirements concerning availability of funds and the specific duration of the contract shall apply.

8. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE: Monrovia, Liberia.

9. ELIGIBLE OFFERORS: Individuals who are Liberian citizens or non-Liberian citizens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in Liberia. Current employees serving a probationary period with the mission are not eligible to apply.

10. SECURITY LEVEL REQUIRED: Facility access.

11. STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Basic Function of Position

The USAID Project Management Specialist (Strategic Information/Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning [SI/MEL]) position sits within the USAID Liberia Health Office, Service Delivery Team, and supports the development of and reporting on PEPFAR strategic information and monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems in support of Contracting/Agreement Officer’s Representatives (C/AORs), Activity Managers and Advisors managing Mission PEPFAR programs/projects/activities as well as the interagency PEPFAR team.

The SI Specialist provides technical expertise for program monitoring and evaluation; data collection, use and analysis of large complex data sources; and surveillance and health informatics analysis and visualization for the USAID Mission, the broader PEPFAR inter-agency and host country stakeholders. He/she serves as the coordinator for meeting key reporting timelines related to the interagency Liberia PEPFAR program. The incumbent will be responsible for reporting on progress toward achieving PEPFAR targets as well as translating strategic information into improved PEPFAR programming, responsive service delivery and providing accountability for use of PEPFAR resources. S/He will coordinate data collection across the implementing agencies for all PEPFAR data streams, including performance indicators, site improvement through Monitoring System (SIMS) results, and expenditure analysis data.

The job holder guides USAID Implementing Partners (IP) and collaborates with development partner stakeholders and host country counterparts on mutually identified critical operational research and/or targeted public health evaluation questions; provides assistance in development of strategies and protocols to address those questions; and helps disseminate findings to the broader community within USG, development partners and host country stakeholders. The incumbent may be expected to perform work-related travel.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

A. Program/Project/Activity Performance Management and Reporting (50%)

- Responds to strategic information inquiries; gathers and compiles regular updates for OGAC, PEPFAR West Africa Region, USAID/Washington; assists CORs/AORs/Activity Managers by interfacing directly with implementing partners on data reported to USAID, the interagency and/or to the Government of Liberia (GOL).
- Addresses program-related vulnerabilities; and shares pertinent information on other development partner programs. S/he conducts regular site visits to review and provide feedback on program implementation, this may include meeting with beneficiaries.
- Provides technical guidance to Health Office, Mission staff, IPs, and other USG agencies on MEL concepts, processes, design, training, and best practices. Provides guidance to IPs in understanding of the Performance Monitoring Plan systems, and their role in the process, and advises on specific measurement techniques appropriate for their programs/projects/activities.
- Provides technical strategic information (SI) and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) expertise to the Program Office, USAID/Washington, and other USG agencies in order to plan and manage Health Office responsibilities related to the PMP, including collection, assessment of validity, and improving data quality. Develops innovative and cross-cutting monitoring tools, including Data Quality Assessment and Improvement (DQA/I) tools in coordination with the Program Office and SI/MEL contractors; tracks and maintains multiple sets of key indicators, common indicators related to standard components in all USAID programs/projects/activities, indicators at the strategic objective level, and detailed indicators at the activity level; and, ensures proper collection of data, and that indicators serve in an appropriate measure of their corresponding result.
- Leads, designs and performs assessments/studies/research requiring independent analysis and interpretation, on a regular and recurring basis; studies and research are cross-cutting, and include substantive and often sensitive Mission and Health Office topics. Briefs Health Office and Mission leaders on findings and makes recommendations to impact strategic, operational and programmatic direction.

B. Technical Support (35%)

- Provides guidance to PEPFAR/Health team on defining measurable indicators and targets for desired results addressed by their program/project/activity, and edits quarterly, semi-annual, and annual performance reports. Provides technical expertise for program monitoring and evaluation; data collection use and analysis of large complex data sources; and surveillance and health informatics analysis and visualization for the USAID Mission, the broader PEPFAR inter-agency and host country stakeholders.
- Provides technical direction to the PEPFAR team to monitor progress toward objectives as detailed in the Regional Operations Plan (ROP).
- Provides technical and operational support to ensure necessary and timely program-level data analytics requirements from OGAC are accurately interpreted and communicated to relevant USG agencies, in preparation for the annual ROP/Strategic Direction Summary (SDS) planning and development process, as well as country and program - level quarterly reviews.
- Serves as a key member of the Mission’s M&E Team coordinated by the Mission’s Program Office; and as a reviewer of Mission evaluation designs and reports, participating on Mission evaluation teams.
- Guides USAID IPs and collaborates with development partner stakeholders and host country counterparts on mutually identified critical operational research and/or targeted public health evaluation questions; contributes to development of strategies and protocols to address those questions; and helps disseminate findings to the broader community within USG, development partners and host country stakeholders.
- Provides support on the development of standards and indicators for assessing program effectiveness and quality to be assessed on site visits and feedback provided to program staff.
- Provides support to strengthen the capacity of USAID and partners staff in the use of appropriate data management systems to measure and track progress made toward achieving targets based on required indicators. Advises on data collection and program monitoring tools and systems.
- Leads work and coordination with IPs to ensure PEPFAR data reporting requirements are met on a timely basis. Related activities include reviews of guidance documents, PEPFAR targets for the annual ROP, quarterly progress reports, and stakeholder meetings to analyze progress against targets.
- Assists in the analysis and interpretation of quantitative and qualitative data from various sources including SIMS (Site Improvement Monitoring System), Data for Accountability, Transparency, and Impact Monitoring (DATIM), District Health Information System 2 (DHIS2), and facility and partner-level data.
- Participates in the review and approval of annual work plans and periodic reports of USAID partners.

C. Representation & Public Speaking (15%)

- Attends external meetings, committees, and task teams, including GOL-facilitated technical working groups, as needed to represent the Liberia/PEPFAR interagency team.
- Supports development and presentations for research publications and/or abstracts for national and international conferences and symposiums.
- Presents PEPFAR program performance results, research results and M&E plans to OGAC, USAID/Washington, USAID/Liberia, PEPFAR interagency stakeholders and external stakeholders that include other development partners, private sector partners, GOL, USG counterparts from other countries and PEPFAR IPs.
- Actively engages in local SI capacity building of host country governments and other local organizations to strengthen the collection, analysis and use of data for program planning and direction.

- **Travel:** International and local travel may be required.

- **Supervision Controls:** None

- **Supervisory Relationship:** The USAID Strategic Information / Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning [SI/MEL] Specialist works within the Service Delivery Team, and under the direct supervision of the Service Delivery Team Lead or designee. The supervisor makes assignments in terms of overall objectives and resources available. The day-to-day work is directed by the Care and Treatment Program Management Specialist. Completed work is reviewed in terms of achievement of program/project/activity goals, products produced, effectiveness in meeting host-country and USAID objectives, and integration with other initiatives in the Office and Mission portfolio. Some technical direction may come from other professionals in the Office; in general, however, the incumbent will be expected to exercise considerable autonomy and best judgment in discharging the duties of the assignment.

12. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** Minimum of bachelor’s degree in social science, statistics, mathematics, mathematics, economics, computer science, epidemiology, health informatics, public health, infectious disease, zoonotic disease, biology is required.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** Minimum of five years of progressively responsible job-related professional-level experience in monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) and other surveillance systems, evaluation of program/project/activity implementation, in direct program/project/activity management, or in a closely related activity is required. Field experience as a public health program and/or technical officer, data collection, data quality evaluation and in fulfilling reporting requirements is required. Experience working in Liberia and/or in another African country and working in a multicultural bilingual environment is required.
3. **Post Entry Training:** Familiarization training in USAID- and PEPFAR-specific procedures, regulations, reporting tools and methods, and orientation to working from a donor-Agency perspective, will be provided. Successful completion of formal C/AOR training is necessary for proper job performance and will be provided. Training to maintain professional capability in the field, and other courses offered for professional USAID staff, as appropriate; and courses, seminars, conferences, and other activities in fields related to the function and needed to maintain and update professional qualifications may be provided as they become available, subject to availability of funds.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Level IV (fluent proficiency) in English (reading, written and spoken) is required. Language competence may be tested.
5. **Job Knowledge:** The incumbent must have in depth, professional-level knowledge of development approaches and methods for performance analysis, data visualization, and program design, monitoring, and evaluation. The incumbent must have excellent knowledge of MEL systems, public health programming, and international donor operations in the sector. The incumbent must have knowledge and understanding of the economic, political, social, and cultural characteristics of the host country; development problems in the health sector in the host country and the region; an understanding of the resources, resource constraints, and overall development prospects and priorities of the host country and the region. The incumbent must have working knowledge of USG legislation, policy, and practice relating to monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and of USAID programming policies, regulations, procedures, and documentation, and of the objectives, methodology, and status of assigned activities.
6. **Skills and Abilities:** The incumbent must have the ability to plan, organize, manage, and evaluate HIV-AIDS and clinical care activities. S/he must have strong verbal communication skills and diplomatic skills in order to form good working relations with technical level national and local government officials, other development partners and external stakeholders. Verbal communication skills must be sufficient to explain complex data analyses and interpret PEPFAR attitudes, priorities, and concerns. Writing skills must be sufficient to prepare and edit regular and ad-hoc reports with special emphasis on data visualization, in keeping with Agency and PEPFAR requirements. The incumbent must be proficient with Tableau, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word and email platforms. S/he must have strong capacity to manage activity goals and achievements, both technical and financial; must have skills in project programming and strategy development; and must be able to work effectively in a team environment to achieve consensus on policy, project and administrative matters. The incumbent must have the ability to acquire knowledge of USAID programming policies, procedures, regulations and documentation, and of the objectives and methodology of assigned activities.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factors listed below will be the basis for evaluating and ranking applicants for the position. Applicants will be scored based on the documentation submitted within the application. Applicants must submit a supplemental document outlining their responses to the evaluation factor(s) in order to be considered.

1. **Selection Process**
After the closing date for receipt of applications, a committee will convene to review applications that meet the minimum requirements and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria. As part of the selection process, the most qualified candidates will be invited to an interview which will consist of both an oral and written evaluation. Reference checks will be made only for applicants considered as finalists. The applicant’s references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities.

2. **Evaluation Factors**
Those applicants who meet the minimum education and experience qualifications will be evaluated based on the content of their application as well as on the applicant’s writing, presentation, and communication skills. Applicants should include their name and the announcement number at the top of each additional page. Failure to specifically address the Evaluation Factors will result in the applicant not receiving full credit for pertinent experience.

- FACTOR #1:**
In 250 words or less, describe your experience collecting, managing and visualizing HIV and/or other health care data. Highlight your experience with the HIV continuum of care. Provide examples of your information management skills to collect, analyze, manage and visualize data from the HIV prevention and treatment cascade.

3. **Basis of Rating**
Applicants determined to be competitively ranked will also be evaluated on their interview performance and satisfactory professional reference checks. The Applicant Rating System is as follows:

Evaluation Factor: 10 points
Factor #1 10 points

Timed writing sample exercise: 50 points

The writing sample will demonstrate the candidate’s ability to use a data management tool to interpret, analyze and visualize sample datasets for a typical PEPFAR HIV program.

- Interview Performance: 40 point**
Interview questions will provide the candidate the ability to:
- Management abilities
 - Teamwork and interpersonal skills
 - Technical knowledge

Total Possible Points 100 points

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

Applications must be submitted electronically by email with the subject line VA-669-22-00009– Project Management Specialist (Strategic Information/Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning [SI/MEL]) **LiberiaHR@usaid.gov**.

Applicants may submit an application prior to the closing date and time specified in Section I, item 3 mentioned above unless revised.

Qualified applicants must submit the following documents, or their applications will not be considered for this position:

1. A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, not to exceed 3 pages.
2. A minimum of three (3) professional references with telephone and email contacts, who are not family members or relatives, with working telephone and email contacts. The applicant’s references must be able to provide substantive information about his/her past performance and abilities. At least one reference provided should be a current or former supervisor.
3. A supplemental document with a written response to the Evaluation Factors. Candidates who are applying for this position must fully meet the education requirement (graduated and degree and/or diploma already received) as specified. Candidates must also meet the full work experience requirement and demonstrate in their application that they are an eligible offeror as required in I.9 above. There is no exception to these requirements.

Short-listed candidates may be requested to provide educational documents such as transcripts for degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other pertinent documents as needed.

Any attachments provided via email must be compatible with Microsoft Word or PDF and not zipped. Note that attachments to email must not exceed 25 MB. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Agency retains the right to cancel or amend the solicitation and associated actions at any stage of the recruitment process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

EDITORIAL

Chief of Staff Maj./Gen. Johnson was brutally frank

MINISTER OF DEFENSE Daniel Ziankan had no reason leaving his busy schedules to come clarify a leaked audio on social media in which the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) Maj./General Prince C. Johnson, III, strongly criticized the Minister of Finance Samuel D. Tweah, for a 20 percent cut in soldiers’ salary. We believe the cut was absolutely wronged in the first place, and shouldn’t have taken effect.

IN A LEAKED audio, a rather furious Maj./General Johnson is heard criticizing the cut and condemning the Finance Minister’s decision, which he notes, poses serious threat to Liberian troops serving peacekeeping mission in Mali, where they face issues of rental and other obligations.

AMID CURRENT ECONOMIC stagnation in the country, the least that a responsible government would do is to reduce soldiers’ income. In the words of opposition politician Alexander B. Cummings public service workers should earn a living wage. But in Liberia, this is far from reality except for cronies of the President.

THE GLOBAL SEARCH engine Goggle defines living wage as a theoretical income level that allows individuals or families to afford adequate shelter, food, and other necessities. The goal is to allow employees to earn enough income for a satisfactory standard of living that would prevent them from falling into poverty. Economists suggest that it should be sufficient to ensure that no more than 30 percent of income is spent on housing.

In Liberia, public service workers, including security forces live below the poverty line, with their disposal income unable to meet their basic needs, let alone wants.

AND SO, WHEN the Chief of Staff of the military, who is directly accountable for troops sacrificing their lives in foreign land, gets to learn that their already meager income is being arbitrarily sliced by 20 percent, he is frustrated, because it lowers morale.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR the Ministry of Defense is below US\$20 million that includes the Infantry and the National Coast Guard. When the army was dissolved after the civil war in 2023, enlisted men received a life-time benefit of US\$520 each and this was the end.

IT IS ONLY thru peacekeeping missions that soldiers, particularly in Africa earn a decent income that could sustain their upkeep after active service. But when this money is being cut for whatever reason, such as in the case of Liberian troops serving peacekeeping mission in Mali, there is every reason for dissatisfaction and frustration.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD be circumspect in how it treats soldiers, who sacrificing their lives for the country. They deserve all honor and respect, particularly as it regards their wellbeing.

WE BELIEVE THAT Maj./Gen. Johnson was only performing his duty under the unpleasant circumstance. He used the brutal military language that he has been trained to express, and there is nothing to apologize for.



COMMENTARY

By Anuja Malhotra
and Abi Vanak

Ecosystem Restoration Is Good for Your Health

NEW DELHI - Humanity currently faces multiple, interlinked existential crises. The catastrophic consequences of climate change, ecological degradation, and biodiversity loss have cascading knock-on effects on human health and well-being. As the COVID-19 pandemic illustrates, ecosystem damage can contribute significantly to a global public-health emergency. But scientists are also increasingly finding that ecological restoration, by reversing the threats to soil, biodiversity, water, and other ecosystem services, can deliver major health benefits.

There have been many attempts to understand the nexus between ecological degradation and human health. A recent study of over 6,800 ecosystems across six continents provided further evidence that deforestation and extinction of species will make pandemics more likely. Ecosystem damage also leads to water contamination, creating breeding grounds for infectious diseases. Similarly, soil degradation not only reduces agricultural productivity, but also has been linked to disease and increased mortality.

The emergence and spread of zoonotic diseases like COVID-19 are closely associated with the health of ecosystems. For example, 75% of emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic, caused by unsustainable use of natural resources, factory farming of animals, and other industrial-scale anthropogenic factors.

Ecosystem decline has also contributed in recent decades to reduced immunological resilience and an increase in allergic conditions in humans. The effects are not limited to physical health, but also include mental-health problems such as an increase in eco-anxiety, or fear of environmental damage due to ongoing ecosystem degradation.

Conversely, restoring natural ecosystems could provide pathways for reversing some of the effects of climate change and ease the global chronic-disease burden, thus improving human health and well-being. One recent study showed that soil restoration and the reintroduction of native plant species led to a reduction in physical and psychological impacts of certain diseases. In another case, ecological restoration of an urban river in northwest England was linked to psychological benefits for surrounding communities.

There is also evidence that ecological restoration can protect people from extreme climate events and related public-health crises. Finally, using alternative cooking fuels such as biogas in improved stoves, thereby reducing the need for fuelwood and helping to prevent forest degradation, has been shown to improve respiratory health and household diets.

The economic case for ecological restoration is strong. Rising public-health costs and the significant disease burden - exacerbated by the pandemic - strengthen the case further. The World Health Organization estimates that global spending on health rose continuously between 2000 and 2018, to \$8.3 trillion, or

10% of world GDP.

Some prominent international efforts to reap the benefits of ecological restoration to planetary and human health are already underway. The United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, running from 2021 to 2030, and the land degradation neutrality program of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification encourage signatory countries to recognize the central importance of ecological restoration. Likewise, the #HealthyRecovery initiative, signed by over 4,500 health professionals from 90 countries, urged G20 leaders to fund projects that enable ecological restoration as part of their pandemic stimulus packages.

In recent decades, researchers have developed various models - including the Mandala of Health, the Wheel of Fundamental Human Needs, and, more recently, the One Health approach - to capture the interconnected relationship between humans and nature. The challenge now is to develop a unifying framework to maximize the synergy of ecological restoration and human health. Policies designed to address one should not exclude the other.

We therefore need to redefine ecological degradation, understand its far-reaching effects on human health, and recognize that these effects cannot be fully addressed without structured, context-specific ecological restoration plans. Achieving this will require institutionalizing and mainstreaming inter-sectoral collaboration between scientists and practitioners from the ecological, medical, and sustainability domains.

Alliances and a sense of ownership among core governance structures of public health and ecosystem restoration will be crucial. In India, for example, a pioneering effort to mainstream cross-disciplinary initiatives is bringing together the government, scientists, and local partners and practitioners with the aim of improving zoonotic-disease control. Such a framework can generate valuable knowledge and insights for similar collaborative initiatives elsewhere.

Ecological restoration is a clear and identifiable way to tackle the global disease burden and improve public health. As the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration commences, policymakers should encourage collective action to spur inclusive, interdisciplinary activities that demonstrate the positive global benefits of restoration for social, physical, and mental health. We owe it to ourselves and to the planet to mitigate at least some of the threats we have created.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO
MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM, A. D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE AFRICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIBERIA
LIMITED (AICOL).

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, OR HIS\HER DEPUTY:
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S)/RESPON-
DENT(S) IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL ALW
COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM A.D. 2021, ON THE THIRD
MONDAY IN DECEMBER, A.D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO ANSWER TO THE
COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S); THAT UPON
HIS\HER\THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM\HER\THEM.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDENT(S)\RESPONDENT(S) TO FILE
HIS\HER\THEIR FORMAL APPEARANCE AND \OR ANSWER IN MY OFFICE ON\OR BEFORE THE 22ND
DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS WRIT
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ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

COURT'S SEAL:

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 12TH
DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

Victor G. Gailor
ASSISTANT CLERK, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
CIVIL LAW COURT, MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

PETITIONER'S PETITION

AND NOW COMES THE PETITIONER, Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) praying Court's Decree
for Compulsory Liquidation of African Insurance Company of Liberia Limited (AICOL).

Petitioner is the Institution of the Government of Liberia established under the Central Bank of
Liberia Act of 1999 which functions are to license, regulate and supervise the activities of Financial
Institutions operating in Liberia and to suspend, revoke the license of said financial institutions
operation in Liberia (Amended and Restatement of the Act of establishing the Central Bank of
Liberia 1999, Part II, Section 4.6) and to liquidate and de-list same. Petitioner, under said CBL
Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which
includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that AICOL was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it
under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector.
On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized AICOL due to its failure to meet the minimum capital
requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with
Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved AICOL's board and senior management and appointed a
provisional administrator (PA) on the day of seizure, in keeping with Section 10.10 (1) of the
Insurance Act, in order to protect the interest of policyholders, customers, and the entire public.
The PA was mandated to take all necessary action in preserving the business and assets of the
company, protect the interest of the policyholders, and commence a compulsory liquidation
proceeding.

Following the appointment of the PA, the owners and shareholders made several requests asking
Petitioner for enlargement of time to delay the commencement of the compulsory liquidation for
the purpose of allowing them to inject additional capital into the company. As a reasonable and
magnanimous regulator, the CBL granted these requests and extended the time thereby providing
a lifeline to the company but the shareholders were unable to resuscitate the company. Due to their
inability to resuscitate and reorganize the company into a profitable and financially viable
enterprise, the Petitioner instituted an audit which showed that there were no good assets to attract
potential investors to support the company's insolvency. Hence this Petition.

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Petitioner says that FDUIS was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out
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Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved FDUIS' board and senior management and appointed a
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Insurance Act, in order to protect the interest of policyholders, customers, and the entire public.
The PA was mandated to take all necessary action in preserving the business and assets of the
company, protect the interest of the policyholders, and commence a compulsory liquidation
proceeding.

Following the appointment of the PA, the owners and shareholders made several requests asking
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potential investors to support the company's insolvency. Hence this Petition.

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MONTERRADO COUNTY) MONTERRADO COUNTY

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL) PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE AFRICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIBERIA
LIMITED (AICOL)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace, for and
in County of Monterrado, Republic of Liberia, at my Office in the City of Monrovia, County and
Republic aforesaid, R. Esther H. Barclay, Counselor-At-Law, ONE OF COUNSELS for Petitioner in the
above entitled cause of action and made OATH according to law that all and singular the allegations
of law and facts as are set forth and contained in the foregoing and annexed PETITIONER'S PETITION
are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that as to those other matters of
information, she verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, at my office in
the City of Monrovia, Monterrado County, R. L., this
31ST day of December, A.D. 2021.



R. Esther H. Barclay
Counselor-At-Law and
One of Counsel for Petitioner..... DEPOSITION

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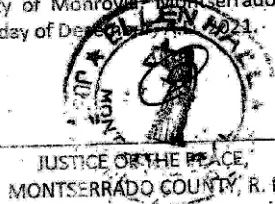
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IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL) PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR
COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE FAMILY DOLLAR UNIVERSAL INSURANCE SERVICES
INC. (FDUIS)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTERRADO MONTERRADO COUNTY) COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM, A. D. 2021.

BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF GLOBAL TRUST ASSURANCE COMPANY (GTAC)

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WRIT OF SUMMONS

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; TO: THE SHERIFF FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, OR HIS\HER DEPUTY:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S)/RESPONDENT(S) IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL ALW COURT FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY, SITTING IN ITS DECEMBER TERM A.D. 2021, ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN DECEMBER, A.D. 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M., TO ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT/PETITION/ OF THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S)/PETITIONER(S); THAT UPON HIS/HER/THEIR FAILURE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST HIM/HER/THEM.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDENT(S)\RESPONDENT(S) TO FILE HIS\HER\THEIR FORMAL APPEARANCE AND \OR ANSWER IN MY OFFICE ON\OR BEFORE THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON THE BACK OF THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS ON/OR BEFORE THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 2022, AS TO THE MANNER/FORM OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU THERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF COURT, THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022.

COURT'S SEAL:

Victor G. Gailor
ASSISTANT CLERK, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
CIVIL LAW COURT, MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

PETITIONER'S PETITION

AND NOW COMES THE PETITIONER, Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) praying Court's Decree for Compulsory Liquidation of Global Trust Assurance Company (GTAC).

Petitioner is the Institution of the Government of Liberia established under the Central Bank of Liberia Act of 1999 which functions are to license, regulate and supervise the activities of Financial Institutions operating in Liberia and to suspend, revoke the license of said financial institutions operation in Liberia (Amended and Restatement of the Act of establishing the Central Bank of Liberia 1999, Part II, Section 4.6) and to liquidate and de-list same. Petitioner, under said CBL Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that GTAC was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector. On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized GTAC due to GTAC's failure to meet the minimum capital requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

Subsequently, the Petitioner dissolved GTAC's board and senior management and appointed a provisional administrator (PA) on the day of seizure, in keeping with Section 10.10 (1) of the Insurance Act, in order to protect the interest of policyholders, customers, and the entire public. The PA was mandated to take all necessary action in preserving the business and assets of the company, protect the interest of the policyholders, and commence a compulsory liquidation proceeding.

Following the appointment of the PA, the owners and shareholders made several requests asking Petitioner for enlargement of time to delay the commencement of the compulsory liquidation for the purpose of allowing them to inject additional capital into the company. As a reasonable and magnanimous regulator, the CBL granted these requests and extended the time thereby providing a lifeline to the company but the shareholders were unable to resuscitate the company. Due to their inability resuscitate and reorganize the company into a profitable and financially viable enterprise, the Petitioner instituted an audit which showed that there were no good assets to attract potential investors to support the company's insolvency. Hence this Petition.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY) MONTERRADO COUNTY

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL) PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE GLOBAL TRUST ASSURANCE COMPANY (GTAC)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified and commissioned Justice of the Peace, for and in County of Montserrado, Republic of Liberia, at my Office in the City of Monrovia, County and Republic aforesaid, R, Esther H. Barclay, Counselor-At-Law, ONE OF COUNSELS for Petitioner in the above entitled cause of action and made OATH according to law that all and singular the allegations of law and facts as are set forth and contained in the foregoing and annexed PETITIONER'S PETITION are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that as to those other matters of information, she verily believes them to be true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, at my office in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, R. L., this 31ST day of December, A.D. 2021.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.

R. Esther H. Barclay
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BEFORE HIS HONOR: J. KENNEDY PEABODY.....RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL); PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF CAPITAL EXPRESS ASSURANCE COMPANY (CEAC)

SUBJECT: SERVING OF WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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PETITIONER'S PETITION

AND NOW COMES THE PETITIONER, Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) praying Court's Decree for Compulsory Liquidation of Capital Express Assurance Company (CEAC).

Petitioner is the Institution of the Government of Liberia established under the Central Bank of Liberia Act of 1999 which functions are to license, regulate and supervise the activities of Financial Institutions operating in Liberia and to suspend, revoke the license of said financial institutions operation in Liberia (Amended and Restatement of the Act of establishing the Central Bank of Liberia 1999, Part II, Section 4.6) and to liquidate and de-list same. Petitioner, under said CBL Act is authorized to administer the New Financial Institutions Act of 1999 (Ibid, Part 4.5) which includes banking and non-banking financial institutions such as insurance companies.

Petitioner says that CEAC was incorporated and licensed as an insurance company to carry out non-banking services including life and non-life insurance businesses in Liberia; thus, bringing it under the Petitioner's regulatory and supervisory authority which it has over the insurance sector. On June 15, 2018, the Petitioner seized CEAC due to its failure to meet the minimum capital requirement as specified in the CBL Regulation NO. CBL/RSD/INS/009/2016 and in keeping with Section 11.3 of the Insurance Act of 2013.

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REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA) IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN AND FOR MONTERRADO COUNTY) MONTERRADO COUNTY

IN RE: PETITION OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA (CBL) PRAYING COURT'S DECREE FOR COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION OF THE CAPITAL EXPRESS ASSURANCE COMPANY (CEAC)

PETITIONER'S AFFIDAVIT



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
MONTERRADO COUNTY, R. L.



R. Esther H. Barclay
Counselor-At-Law and
One of Counsel for Petitioner..... DEPONENT

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The Government of Liberia has received loan and grant facilities from the International Development Association /World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these facilities to eligible payments under the contract for the following positions. This Request for Expression of Interest for Individual Consultancy Services is for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP).

The Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) is led by the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and financed by the World Bank (WB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The proposed development objective is to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods and to improve urban infrastructure planning and management in Liberia.



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
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P. O. BOX 9011
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MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Request for Expressions of Interest

Date: April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment: Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Senior Procurement Specialist

REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288661-CS-INDV
Project ID.: P169718
Country: Liberia

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Government of Liberia has received a loan and grant facilities from the International Development Association /World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these facilities to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Expression of Interest for Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Senior Procurement Specialist has been published.

The Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) is led by the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and financed by the World Bank (WB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The proposed development objective is to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods and to improve urban infrastructure planning and management in Liberia.

The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the Senior Procurement Specialist who will work in close consultation with the Project Coordinator (PC) and the Procurement Specialist of the PMU, other departments and stakeholders, to ensure that all procurement activities under the project are carried out efficiently and in accordance with the guidelines and policies of the Project Management Framework and Financing Agreement. S/he shall be responsible to develop and update procurement strategy for various project activities and the development and publishing of the periodic procurement plans adopting the appropriate procurement method and approaches to maximize the effectiveness of the procurement process.

The duration of this service will be for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service are indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

The Ministry of Public Works now invites eligible interested individuals to indicate their interest in providing this service. Interested individuals must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services in accordance with the requirements set forth in the TOR including copies of their CV, attach photocopies of relevant applicable certificates/documents, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.

This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the recruitment of Individual Consultant procurement/method contained in the World Bank Regulation for IPF Borrowers July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020, and the procedures described herein. The scope required is described in detail in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR). Copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded at www.emasion.gov.lr www.mpw.gov.lr and iumpw.org.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by hand, mail, courier or email on or before May 16, 2022 at 4:30 pm:

Attn: Ministry of Public Works
Hon. James J. Reynolds
Assistant Minister Planning & Programming
Ministry of Public Works
South Lynch Street
1000 Monrovia, Liberia
Tel: 0777-004004 / 0880523691
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Request for Expressions of Interest

Date: April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment: Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Social Safeguards & Gender Specialist

REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288656-CS-INDV
Project ID.: P169718
Country: Liberia

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Government of Liberia has received a loan and grant facilities from the International Development Association /World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these facilities to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Expression of Interest for Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Social Safeguards & Gender Specialist has been published.

The Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) is led by the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and financed by the World Bank (WB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The proposed development objective is to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods and to improve urban infrastructure planning and management in Liberia.

The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the Social Safeguards & Gender Specialist shall work closely with the Environmental Specialist to design and implement social safeguards and other standards including gender inclusion activities. Other responsibilities shall be to advise on mitigation measures for risks related to sexual exploitation and Sexual Harassment & Abuse and ensure improvement where necessary as well as ensuring the prioritization of gender issues including female participation and representation and inclusion of other vulnerable groups including people with disability. S/he shall be primarily responsible to ensure the adoption, adherence and implementation of adequate safeguards measures throughout the project cycle and in tandem with all the Environmental and Social legal and regulatory frameworks of Liberia, as well as the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), Environmental and Social Standards (ESS), the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and the Labor Management Plan (LMP) of the project. The Specialist shall also ensure that the project complies and fully implements all the social obligations and guidelines developed for this project with The duration of this service will be for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service are indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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Request for Expressions of Interest

Date: April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment: Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Environmental Specialist

REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288618-CS-INDV
Project ID.: P169718
Country: Liberia

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Government of Liberia has received a loan and grant facilities from the International Development Association /World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these facilities to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Expression of Interest for Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Environmental Specialist has been published.

The Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) is led by the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and financed by the World Bank (WB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The proposed development objective is to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods and to improve urban infrastructure planning and management in Liberia.

The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the Environmental Specialist who shall work closely with the Social Safeguards & Gender Specialist to design and implement relevant environmental and social documents and tools according to the Environmental and Social legal and regulatory frameworks of Liberia, as well as the to the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and its Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) policies and safeguards under this project. S/he shall be primarily responsible to ensure adequate environmental policies and programs are adopted and implemented through the project cycle in tandem with all the Environmental and Social Mitigation Framework policies of the donors and stakeholders of the project. The Specialist shall also ensure that the project complies and fully implements all the environmental obligations and guidelines developed for this project and support the engineers of the PMU engaged in all elements of the project to address, during the designs and execution stages, issues of environmental concerns including promotion of an eco-system-based design approach that supports conservation of natural systems, climate resilient and sustainable infrastructure. S/he shall also be responsible to ensure regular review, monitoring and updating of the ESCP by all stakeholders of the project and ensure the project obtains all the necessary E&S permits and authorizations for its implementation.



The duration of this service will be for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service is indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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Request for Expressions of Interest

Date: April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment: Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – Communications & Community Engagement Specialist

REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288659-CS-INDV
Project ID.: P169718
Country: Liberia

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Government of Liberia has received loan and grant facilities from the International Development Association /World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of these facilities to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Expression of Interest for Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP)- Communications & Community Engagement Specialist.

The Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) is led by the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and financed by the World Bank (WB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The proposed development objective is to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods and to improve urban infrastructure planning and management in Liberia.

The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the Communications & Community Engagement Specialist who shall work in close consultation with and report to the Project Coordinator of the PMU and carry out the communication and knowledge management activities of the project with an aim to strengthen the awareness and acceptance of project interventions in communities, municipalities and townships, raise awareness and information sharing among general population using innovative and most suitable communication tools. The Communications and Community Engagement Specialist shall also engage in daily collaboration with community leaders, local and national government officials as well as PMU colleagues for the sharing, promoting and sensitization of project activities and achievements.


The duration of this service will be for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service are indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the recruitment of Individual Consultant procurement/method contained in the World Bank Regulation for IPF Borrowers July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020, and the procedures described herein. The scope required is described in detail in the attached Terms of Reference (TOR). Copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded at www.emasion.gov.lr www.mpw.gov.lr and iumpw.org.

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Request for Expressions of Interest

Date:April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment:Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – **Civil Engineer**

REOI Reference No.:LR-MPW-288665-CS-INDV
Project ID.:P169718
Country:Liberia

Dear Sir/ Madam:

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The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Civil Engineer** who shall assist the Lead Project Engineer with responsibilities of scheduling, planning, forecasting, resourcing, and managing technical activities to ensure project accuracy and quality. The Civil Engineer shall perform task assigned to him/her by the Lead Project Engineer related to the engineering and technical disciplines of ongoing projects. The Civil Engineer reports to the Project Coordinator (PC) through the Lead Project Engineer.


The duration of this service will be for **12 months** but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service are indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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Date:April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment:Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – **Junior ICT/Digital Communications Specialist**

REOI Reference No.:LR-MPW-288666-CS-INDV
Project ID.:P169718
Country:Liberia

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- The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Junior ICT/ Digital Communications Specialist**who shall work closely with the Project Coordinator to provide ICT support and maintenance during the implementation of the project. S/he shall be responsible for all ICT equipment, software and internet services maintenance and management of the ICT facilities of the PMU and provide regular maintenance and updating services. In addition, the Specialist will support teams with various applications related to their work needs associated with GIS and data management, as well as in terms of online communications of project activities and results. The duration of this service will be for **12 months**but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service is indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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Date:April 18, 2022

Name of Assignment:Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – **Lead Civil Engineer / Hydraulic Engineer**

REOI Reference No.:LR-MPW-288664-CS-INDV
Project ID.:P169718
Country:Liberia

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The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Lead Civil Engineer / Deputy Head of the PMU**to assist with the scheduling, planning, forecasting, resourcing, and managing technical activities to ensure project accuracy and quality. The **Lead Project Engineer**will be particularly responsible for the engineering and technical disciplines of all project activities and will establish inspection criteria and monitoring for the proper implementation of all the elements of the project for the Project Management Unit. He shall assist the Project Coordinator in the management of the PMU and reports to the Project Coordinator.


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REOI Reference No.:LR-MPW-288662-CS-INDV
Project ID.:P169718
Country:Liberia

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The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Procurement Specialist**who shall work in close consultation with the **Senior Procurement Specialist** of the PMU, other departments and stakeholders to ensure that all procurement activities under the project are carried out efficiently and in accordance with the guidelines and policies of the Project Management Framework and Financing Agreement The duration of this service will be for **12 months**but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service is indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288612 -CS-INDV

Project ID.: P169718

Country: Liberia

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- The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Project Coordinator / Head of PMU** who shall be particularly responsible for supervising, planning, coordinating and implementing all the activities of the Project Management Unit. S/He shall lead in the full implementation of the project and shall report directly to the Deputy Minister for Technical Services of the Ministry of Public Works. Additionally, s/he shall supervise, plan and coordinate the overall project activities; prepare the annual work plan; manage PMU staff and oversee the day-to-day activities of the PMU related to procurement, project monitoring and evaluation, financial management, progress and financial reporting, of the project. The duration of this service will be for **12 months** but renewable on an annual basis for a period up to six (6) years based upon satisfactory performance, project needs and available budget. Further details of this service is indicated in the attached Term of Reference. (TOR).

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Name of Assignment: Individual Consultancy Services for the Project Management Unit of the Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP) – **Finance Officer.**

REOI Reference No.: LR-MPW-288663 -CS-INDV

Project ID.: P169718

Country: Liberia

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The scope of service for this position requires an experienced consultant to be the **Finance Officer.** who shall be responsible for the daily financial operations of the project including the review, development and execution of the full project budget in close consultation with the Project Coordinator. S/he shall assist the Project Coordinator in providing full project accounting and financial management of all project funds in line with the guidelines and regulations of the partners and stakeholders of this project. The Project Finance Officer will work closely with the Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU) on all accounting and financial management issues.

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ERERA Delegation Visits LERC



Caption: LERC and visiting ERERA Delegation at the Commission's Office

An ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) delegation led by Mr. Yawovi Negbegble has met with members of the Board of Commissioners (BoC) and staff members of the Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC) to gather first-hand information on the work of the Commission and identity capacity building needs.

Mr. Negbegble, is the Principal Power Regulatory Officer at ERERA and was joined by Mr. Nutofefa K. Fiasorgbor, Junior Power Expert. The two-man delegation is in the country on a two-day mission to conduct a “twinning needs assessment” at the Commission.

ERERA’S twinning program is a framework for capacity building of “professional staff members of regulatory institutions in ECOWAS Member States in which more experienced ECOWAS regulators can assist new ECOWAS regulators through exchange of work experience”, Mr. Negbegble asserted.

The delegation held several separate working sessions with the various units at the Commission that included the Legal, Licensing and Public Affairs (LLPA), Economic Regulations (ERU) and Technical Regulations (TRU).

The LLPA Unit at the Commission is responsible for legal services including dispute resolution, the licensing of operators and monitoring of license conditions as well as the communications and public affairs, including customer relations. The ERU has the responsibility for electricity pricing as well as monitoring the financial and economic performance of the licensees.

While the TRU is responsible for the establishment, monitoring and enforcing technical performance and safety standards, as well as the relevant electricity industry codes.

Dr. Lawrence D. Sekajipo, Chairman of the BoC, thanked ERERA for its continuous support to the work of LERC since its creation. He recounted that ERERA over the years continued to provide training for its staff members at the Commission including the BoC.

Dr. Sekajipo told the delegation that the Commission is open to training opportunities for members of its professional staff since electricity regulation is new to Liberia. “LERC is striving to be the best regulator it can in the region”, he asserted during the working session.

Currently, the European Union (EU) is providing technical support to the work of the Commission through a Long-Term Technical Assistance program with the embedment of experts at the Commission, Dr. Sekajipo told the visiting delegation.

LERC is the newest regulator in the region. Statutorily, the Commission was created in 2015 under the 2015 Electricity Law of Liberia (ELL) to oversee and regulate the electricity sector in Liberia and began its operation in 2018.

The Commission is the lead entity responsible for facilitating the transformation of the electricity sector to attract investment, improve availability and adequacy as well as quicken the pace of access to electricity in a liberalized sector.

ERERA is the regulator of regional cross-border trade of electricity in West Africa and a commitment of ECOWAS Member States to achieve electricity interconnections for the pooling and sharing energy resources in the region is translated into action through the adoption of several provisions to establish appropriate legal and institutional framework for the development of the electricity sector in West Africa.

Development Superintendent

everything to have burnt to ashes, including extension to nearby houses.

"Let me say we fought hard to stop the fire but it was very difficult, and the only thing we did was to just manage or avoid the fire from getting on other houses that are near the place", one tenant said.

Fredrick Bortue, another tenant from the affected premises, described the incident as ‘painful.’

Tenant Bortue regretted the situation urged the National Fire Service to equip the Maryland County Fire Service Detachment so that it become effective.

He was joined by several residents in urging the Liberia Electricity Cooperation to fully monitor all connections daily to ensure they are properly done to avoid intermittent fire outbreaks that are leading to destruction of properties in the county.

"And so we regret the incident and hope that victims whose belongings were destroyed in the fire to take courage as we join to call on humanitarian organizations, Liberia National Red Cross Society, UN and philanthropists to come to the aid of the victims."

Français

Toga McIntosh trace son propre chemin, quoique délicat

L'ancien ministre des Affaires étrangères du Libéria, le Dr Toga Gayewea McIntosh, semble emprunter une voie délicate de avant les élections présidentielle et législatives de 2023.

Après avoir récemment refusé sa nomination par le président George Manneh Weah en tant que président de la Commission de la bonne gouvernance, des rumeurs de la volonté de Dr McIntosh de retourner dans son ancien

parti, le Parti de l'unité (UP), pour affronter l'actuel leader politique et ancien vice-président libérien, Joseph Nyumah Boakai.

Les rumeurs se sont intensifiées lorsque le Dr McIntosh, qui fut en 2017 directeur de campagne nationale de la Coalition pour le changement démocratique (CDC) au pouvoir, a récemment écrit au président Weah pour exprimer son intention de participer pleinement aux élections présidentielle et

législatives de 2023.

Lors d'une émission sur la radio d'État ELBC le mercredi 11 mai 2022, le Dr McIntosh a déclaré que retourner dans son ancien parti ou joindre un nouveau parti n'a rien à voir avec la présidentielle.

Utilisant une parabole de l'ethnie Bassa pour expliquer sa position, le Dr McIntosh a dit que lorsqu'on mange, la bouche ne s'ouvre que lorsque la cuillère ou la main atteint un certain niveau vers la bouche.

Il a toutefois promis de faire connaître son intention quand il aura terminé de consulter ses proches.

Dans un développement connexe, le Dr McIntosh a affirmé qu'il n'avait pas eu l'occasion d'avoir un tête-à-tête autour de sa nomination en tant que président de la bonne gouvernance avec le président Weah.

«Lorsque le président a fait la nomination, tout d'abord, j'étais hors du pays. Deuxièmement, il n'y a pas eu de consultation, car avec la technologie moderne, je peux être contacté n'importe où dans le monde », a déclaré le Dr McIntosh.



Former Foreign Minister Dr. McIntosh

Exploitation des terres au Libéria : des Burkinabè, entre conflits et coups bas

L'ambassadeur du Burkina Faso au Libéria avec résidence à Abidjan, Mahamadou Zongo, a échangé, le mercredi 4 mai 2022 à Soubré, avec les compatriotes travaillant dans les plantations dans des comtés libériens de Grand Gedeh et Nimba.

Les conditions de vie des compatriotes exploitant des champs de cacao au Libéria, précisément dans les comtés de Grand Gedeh et de Nimba, n'ont plus de secret pour l'ambassadeur du Burkina auprès de ce pays, Mahamadou Zongo. Les planteurs, embarqués dans l'aventure libérienne, ont porté leurs préoccupations à sa connaissance, le mercredi 4 mai 2022, au cours d'une rencontre tenue au consulat général du Burkina à Soubré. La plupart d'entre eux viennent de ce département du Sud-Ouest de la Côte d'Ivoire, à partir duquel ils vont au Libéria. Le premier problème soulevé est relatif aux querelles de leadership et autour de la gestion des terres louées généralement

auprès des autochtones libériens. Des Burkinabè installés à Grand Gedeh et à Nimba se déchirent, au point de corrompre des agents de l'immigration pour qu'ils maltraitent leurs compatriotes, les emprisonnent ou les dépossèdent de leurs plantations. Plusieurs témoignages pathétiques ont permis de cerner cette triste réalité.

L'ambassadeur du Burkina Faso, Mahamadou Zongo, a promis que l'Etat travaillera à faciliter les conditions de séjour des compatriotes au Libéria.

« J'ai acquis un terrain auprès des Libériens pour cultiver du cacao. Quand mon champ a commencé à produire, un frère, de mèche avec d'autres compatriotes et les autorités locales ont chassé mes employés pour occuper impunément une partie de mon périmètre », a raconté André Kaboré. Rodrigue Ouédraogo, un autre Burkinabè provenant de Guiglo, a aussi conté ses misères. « J'ai mené des démarches auprès des autorités libériennes, qui m'ont accordé 3 000 hectares pour une entreprise agricole.



Éditorial

Le passeport diplomatique libérien aux mains des criminels

La manière dont l'on traite les passeports diplomatiques libériens officiels sous l'administration Weah laisse à désirer à tous égards.

Ce document officiel qui est sensé être sacré a maintenant l'air d'un papier hygiénique. Pire, on le trouve entre les mains des criminels et des fraudeurs purs et durs, au point de ternir l'image de notre chère République.

Un homme d'affaires libérien proche de la vice-présidente Taylor aurait été interpellé aux États-Unis pour blanchiment d'argent.

Ce qui est plus honteux, c'est que le suspect, quoi qu'il ne travaille pas pour le gouvernement libérien, dispose d'un passeport diplomatique libérien, ce qui lui permet de se livrer aisément à ses activités criminelles en se faisant passer pour un diplomate.

Cette situation suscite plus de questions sans réponses : Comment a-t-il obtenu le passeport diplomatique libérien ? Qui le lui a délivré ? La vice-présidente Taylor est-elle au courant et depuis combien de temps a-t-il de manière douteuse ce passeport diplomatique, exerçant son métier de criminel ? Voilà des questions auxquelles l'on devra répondre.

De toutes les façons ce n'est pas la première fois que le passeport diplomatique libérien tombe aux mains d'un criminel. En septembre 2020, l'ancien secrétaire d'État américain Michael R. Pompeo sous l'administration Trump a interdit à l'ancien directeur libérien des passeports Andrew Wonplo et à sa famille immédiate de se rendre en Amérique "pour son implication dans une affaire de corruption importante". Cela a réduit la confiance du public libérien dans la gestion des documents d'identité et de voyage par le gouvernement actuel et compromis l'intégrité et la politique d'immigration.

L'enquête sur le scandale à l'époque a abouti à l'inculpation de Wonplo et d'un nigérian nommé Adedoyin Emmanuel Atiro qui s'était fait passer pour une autorité du ministère libérien des Affaires étrangères et offrait des opportunités de voyage moyennant des sommes d'argent importantes.

Dans l'affaire récente, selon FrontPageAfrica, Sheik Kante, communément connu au Libéria sous le nom de Royal Gold, a été arrêté à son domicile aux États-Unis le 20 avril et par la suite accusé de complot de blanchiment d'argent quelques heures avant son départ prévu de l'aéroport international de Dulles à Washington pour les Emirats Arabes Unis. Ce qui est encore plus dégoûtant, c'est que ceux qui détiennent illégalement des passeports diplomatiques libériens ont généralement des liens avec de hauts responsables du gouvernement libérien, comme dans ce cas, avec la vice-présidente Taylor, ce qui laisse place aux soupçons.

Pendant que le suspect Kante est en garde à vue aux États-Unis, la vice-présidente du Libéria doit tout faire dès maintenant pour se disculper en disant ce qu'elle sait sur le passeport diplomatique que détient un homme d'affaires libérien ordinaire avec lequel elle aurait des liens.

C'est important non seulement pour l'intégrité personnelle de la vice-présidente que les Libériens tiennent en très haute estime, mais aussi pour l'image du régime actuel et du pays tout entier.

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NAREMOL frowns on scarcity of LRD 5, 10 and 20 banknotes

By: Naneka Hoffman

A group identified as National Revolutionary Movement of Liberia or NAREMOL, calls on the Central Bank of Liberia and the Ministry of Finance to address the scarcity of 5, 10 & 20 Liberian Dollars Banknotes on the market.

Speaking on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in Central Monrovia, Chairman Siaffa



Kanneh said the national legislature authorized the Central Bank of Liberia to print over 48 billion Liberian dollars banknotes with most of the money in higher denominations of LRD100 and LRD500, respectively. There are also reports of LR1,000 printed and placed in the bank.

But Kanneh notes that the actual essence of the government printing new family of Liberian Banknotes was to reduce excess liquidity

of mutilated legacy banknotes in the market.

He laments that the intent of the printing of the money has not been met because the Liberian market is currently flooded with mutilated banknotes, while the newly printed family of banknotes is scare, adding that the legislature has also been unable to adequately exercise its oversight responsibility by inviting and questioning the Central Bank authorities about the current

government officials and not for the ordinary people. Peace-loving Liberians, as you may be cognizant, local trade and business transactions are done in small demonstrations; and if so, what is the rationale behind printing 48 billion Liberian Dollars in 500, 100 Banknotes and leaving out the \$5, \$10, \$20 & 50LD? We feel that this is a strategy to rob our people and the state or keep monies for their respective positions comes 2023 elections.”

NAREMOL notes that the absence of 5 and 10LRD Banknotes and the gradual disappearance of 20LRD from the Liberian market are creating serious embarrassment for the balance of local trade on the market, adding that due to the absence of these small banknotes on the market, passengers, drivers, riders of kekeh and their passengers are getting into fight daily because of change issue.

Kanneh says failure on the part of the Central Bank and the Economic Management Team of the President to act in addressing the situation, the group would be left with no option but to stage an unannounced action at both the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Liberia.

Meanwhile, NAREMOL says issue of the disappearance of the

Legacy Banknotes from the Liberian market is far beyond politics therefore, it calls on well-meaning Liberians to sincerely join this patriotic struggle in having the CBL and the Finance Ministry to swiftly address the cogent issues raised for the stability of the state. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

‘Liberia not for sale’ -CENTAL warns government over Passport scandal

By Lewis S Teh

The Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) has urged President George Manneh Weah and the ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) to maintain the integrity and sanity of the Liberian passport for the good of the country, warning the government that "Liberia [is] not for sale."

"Liberia not for sale, and we caution the Weah administration to desist from



despicable acts that rob Liberians of their heritage because of a few pieces of silver," Mr. Anderson Miamen, Executive Director of CENTAL, said during a press conference in Sinkor Thursday, 12 May 2022.

Quoting a local daily's report in Monrovia, Mr. Miamen said Liberian businessman Sheik Bassirou Kante is undergoing trial in the U.S. for money laundering conspiracy and was denied bail over several concerns, including possession of a Liberian diplomatic passport.

He said there have been multiple cases reported about the alleged continuous sale of Liberian Passports (ordinary, official, and diplomatic) to undeserving and unscrupulous individuals for probable dubious business dealings and other clandestine purposes.

Miamen indicated that the U.S. also denied Mr. Kante bail, citing his 'deep personal relationship' with the Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, Madam Jewel Howard - Taylor.

He said it was reported that Mr. Kante, alias Royal Gold, who is being tried for wire fraud amounting to US\$ 7 Million, admitted to occupying no formal diplomatic position in the Liberian Government.

The CENTAL Executive Director said the latest passport scandal speaks to many things including gross vulnerability of the system and the process for awarding passports - ordinary, official, and diplomatic.

Miamen narrated that the level of commitment required from the Presidency and the Legislature to thoroughly and independently investigate these matters as well as fully support institutions statutorily mandated to do so are very limited.

He also blamed the situation on weak leadership and oversight of the Legislature for its alleged failure to effectively and independently oversee the work of the Executive, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the passport granting process in this instant case.

The CENTAL Executive Director said his institution is deeply concerned about the unceasing trends of these incidents, especially this latest passport scandal, which adds to multiple similar cases reported here.

Miamen recalled that the situation is no different from the Andrew Wonploe saga of 2020, the Danish Journalist saga of 2012, and other scandals

previously uncovered.

He warned that this undermines the rule of law, national security, and the integrity and sanity of the country's passport granting process.

Additionally, Miamen believes that it exposes the vulnerability of Liberia's systems and processes and devalues the country's priceless identity.

"It is extremely painful that while ordinary citizens queue during early morning hours and for several days to get passports, to which they are entitled, others have found it rewarding to deny their own citizens in favor of a passport black market," Miamen lamented.

He said this is a disgraceful act that has the tendency to place Liberia as a pariah in the comity of nations, since they have the propensity to undermine international peace and security.

"CENTAL is very disappointed that the unorthodox dealings of public officials and their accomplices have become commonplace in Liberia," he said.

He alleged that government officials and their collaborators orchestrate plans to defraud the country and fatten their own pockets at the expense of ordinary Liberians and voters who continue to be grossly mistreated by their leaders.

He also alleged limited political will and the culture of impunity for corruption and other related offenses, especially those perpetrated by high-ranking public officials.

Meanwhile, Mr. Miamen on behalf of CENTAL, has thanked President Weah for launching an investigation into the passport matter.

"While the move by the President to instantly probe into the matter is welcoming, we strongly believe that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is conflicted and cannot be trusted to independently and robustly interrogate said scandal," said Miamen.

He called on the President to constitute an independent committee composed of credible and reputable individuals from the religious community, civil society, the Press as well as the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission to thoroughly oversee the matter.

"We call on our development partners to be more vigilant and unwavering in standing by the Liberian People by exposing individuals who continue to collude to defraud the Country and keep ordinary Liberians trapped in poverty-stricken conditions," he added.

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Executive uses judiciary as straw

The Alternative National Congress (ANC) Political Leader, Mr. Alexander Cummings says the Liberian Presidency has weaponized the country's Judiciary into submission and it's using the courts to suppress and witch hunt opposition politicians for political gains.

Mr. Cummings said such undue political influence by the Executive on both the country's Judiciary and the Legislature has rendered them ineffective, made mockery of the governance system in the fair and transparent discharge of their constitutional duties to the citizenry.

The ANC Political Leader who spoke Thursday, May 12 on Truth FM, said while he respects

allegation of alleged alteration of the Collaborating Political Parties CPP framework document.

The ANC Political Leader said admission by state prosecutors of prosecutorial misconduct that they inadvertently extracted evidence crucial to his innocence, and the publicized conflicting exchanges between the Solicitor General and the Justice Minister allude to the facts that charges of forgery and criminal conspiracy are bogus and politically orchestrated by the All-Liberian Party of Mr. Benoni Urey and the Unity Party in cohort with President Weah to thwart his Presidential bid in 2023.

Cummings said a trial which should be legally dispense within 30 days by the Magisterial Court has far exceeded the statutory limitations to nearly five months, without making any significant progress.

Mr. Cummings such unlawful acts by state prosecutors intended to delay and deny Justice, demands that he seeks

intended to damage his hard-earned reputation.

He also referred to state prosecutors subpoenaed list of 34 State witnesses.

Mr. Cummings considering other options to salvage his reputation, has hired a London based internationally reputable law firm, headed by the former British Prime Minister's wife, Chiere Blair, along with Alaco, a leading business intelligence and investigations firm, based in London and operating globally, to conduct an independent forensic investigation into the CPP framework document alteration accusation.

ANC Political Leader, Mr. Cummings, its National Chairman, Gbarpolu Senator Daniel Naatehn, and Secretary General, Counsellor Aloysius Toe are being tried for alleged alterations of the Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) framework document. The three accused ANC stalwarts have adamantly denied the charges and described



the authority of the court, by regularly attending court trial, it was also within the preview of his right to hire the two London based international firms to conduct forensic investigation to further establish the fact in the

alternative action to protect and defend his hard-earned reputation.

The ANC Political Leader said the hiring of the two London based internationally reputable firms to conduct forensic investigation are aimed at further establishing the facts that the charges are unwarranted and only

the protracted trial as bogus and politically motivated by the All-Liberian Party of Mr. Benoni Urey in cahoots with Unity Party Political Leader Joseph N. Boakai and President George Weah to thwart Mr. Cummings Presidential bid in 2023.

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a role in fixing our world. Even as I lament the situation in many communities, religious organizations, countries, or even my office, I want you to ask yourself, "Am I

one of those enabling dysfunction and mediocrity by showering my leader with unearned leadership praises? Do I disregard the truth in search of self-aggrandizement?"

Unearned praise is a drug that

we administer to our leaders, giving them our full permission to abuse, misuse, and plunder power. Let's be wise with our words, choosing truth over inflating egos.

River Gee lawmaker welcomes 400 solar lights from Weah



By Bridgett Milton

The Chairman of the River Gee County Legislative Caucus Representative Francis Saidu Dopoh thanks President George Weah for the provision of about 400 solar lights to the county.

Speaking in a news conference Thursday, May 12, 2022, Rep. Dopoh recalled that in February 2021, President Weah during his Presidential tour promised the people of River Gee that government is committed to the construction of 200 housing units and construction of a Presidential lodge for the county.

Dopoh adds that the President also promised to construct vocational and technical training institute (that is already being enacted by law), construction of the Kanweakan City Hall, and the construction of the Fish Town city hall, respectively.

"President Weah also committed to the provision of solar lights for River Gee

County and today he has fulfilled his promise, and this is the beginning of the fulfillment of the promises that were made to the people of River Gee County", he notes.

He says as chairman of the Caucus, he has been engaging the government and the President's office for the fulfillment of those promises, but calls on the Office of the President to do all in ensuring that the people of River County see the construction of those buildings as promised.

The River Gee district#3 Representative continues that the people of River Gee are inclined to believe that when these things are done, they could also feel being part of this government, as they are the nucleus of the Southeast, should be given attention.

At the same time Rep. Dopoh is calling the President's attention to the bad road condition in the county.

"We are also happy that bid rounds are going on for some construction and we want to urge the Ministry of Public Works to focus on critical areas while we wait for future pavement of the road", he adds.

Development Superintendent losses house to fire

By Patrick N. Mensah, Maryland County

Weeks after fire gutted a five-bedroom house in Pleebo, Electoral District#2, Maryland County, southeast Liberia, the development superintendent of the county Robin Scott, has lost his house to another fire incident in the district.

The worrisome situation occurred recently, leaving several tenants displaced and properties damaged.

Speaking to this paper during the incident, several residents around the damaged house regretted the situation, which they attributed to electrical shocks or negligence, though actual cause of the fire is yet to be established.

Sources noted that there might have been some electrification works done in rooms of some tenants, who were out with their doors locked when smoke emitted



from the rear of the house.

The smoke subsequently resulted to blazing flames that community dwellers tried offing but couldn't, until the entire four-bedroom house, including personal effects burnt to ashes.

Residents said though others may have termed the situation as a witch-haunt, the actual cause of the fire could likely be a result of poor wiring. They said although the owner (Robin Scott) of the damaged house haven't spoken, the situation is worrisome and regretting.

They expressed that despite efforts applied to off the fire, it didn't materialize, leaving nearly

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Leymah R. Gbowee

By: Leymah R. Gbowee

During a recent ceremony celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Vartan Gregorian, a friend of his spoke about him getting a job and sitting with Vartan for advice. Vartan told him, "You have been given an excellent opportunity to head one of the most prominent philanthropic organizations. Remember, it is not your

money, so don't be intoxicated by unearned praise.

In today's world, I have come to observe how people who are fortunate to serve sometimes get caught up in the dangerous trap of being intoxicated by power and the need to fuel that intoxication daily with undeserved praises.

It is not uncommon of late for politicians to elevate

individuals with little to no competence to high offices in our part of the world. If one were to search deeper, one might find that these elevated individuals acquire their positions by showering their bosses with unearned and unrealistic praises.

It is worth noting that this trend is operational in the political. This trend is even more prevalent in our religious organizations; spiritual leaders thrive on members who will massage their egos and tell them all is well even when they know all is not well.

We live in the age of the rise of the naked emperor syndrome, and anyone who points out the glaring nakedness gets shunned, isolated, ostracized, and in some extreme cases, killed.

We are then left asking, 'How do we fix a world slowly descending into chaos on every front? How do we transform humanity? What future are we preparing for the next generation?'

I firmly believe that we all have

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