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Continental News

18 Killed During Latest Mali Insurgent Attacks

BAMAKO, MALI — Mali's military government says coordinated insurgent attacks on Wednesday killed 15 troops and three civilians, while leaving scores of militants dead. Analysts say the attacks

targets in Mopti, a city in central Mali, as well as in Sokolo and Kalumba, also in central Mali. The Malian army issued a statement saying it "neutralized" 48 militants.

In it, the chief of staff of the armed forces reassured Malians and called on observers not to be

identified by the army, show the final throes of armed terrorist groups on Malian territory.

Fodie Tandjigora, a sociology professor at the University of Bamako and researcher on security in Mali for several organizations, said from Bamako that despite such assurances, the situation in Mali is getting worse, and has entered a new phase in which Islamist militants are able to better organize and carry out simultaneous, planned attacks.

Militants also launched a series of attacks last week in several localities, before attacking Kati, a town just 15 kilometers from Bamako and home to the army's main military base.

Tandjigora says these attacks are meant to send a message.

It's a message, he said, not only towards public opinion, but also and especially to the international community, to say that ultimately the Malian army, contrary to the impression which has been conveyed by them, does not have the ability to maintain security on Malian territory.

Insecurity has been mounting in Mali in recent

months, as the French army completes the process of withdrawing from the country.

French President Emmanuel Macron is currently visiting several countries in West Africa, where France continues to send military support to some of them in the fight against extremism.

The French army was primarily active in Mali's north. Macron announced the withdrawal of troops in February, following increasing tensions with Mali's military government, and concerns about the government working with Russian mercenaries.

Reports of mercenaries committing human rights

abuses have been published by Human Rights Watch and several international media outlets since March.

Tandjigora said that public opinion in Mali is widely in favor of a Russian intervention, which many hope can end the country's rampant insecurity. He said that though Mali maintains that it only works with official Russian instructors, whether official soldiers or mercenaries, the presence of these soldiers has had little effect on the security situation. Tandjigora also said that the state is failing to address widespread misinformation circulating on social networks, which has contributed to increasing tensions in the country.

VOA



A young man, who survived an attack by Islamic extremists, is treated at Somine Dolo hospital in Mopti

show increasing insecurity in the West African country following the withdrawal of French forces.

The attacks were launched Wednesday against military

deceived by the recent acts of an adversary losing momentum. According to the analysis of the chief of staff, the recent attacks, which confirm signals and clues previously detected and

"Our brave soldiers foiled a plan al-Shabab was working on for at least a year and defeated the fighters they sent to Ethiopia within three days," Mustafe Omer, the president of Ethiopia's Somali region, told reporters.

Omar also said that Ethiopia is planning to create a "security buffer zone" aimed at countering al-Shabab attacks.

"We cannot merely watch an open border where the militants mobilize themselves on the other side [Somalia] to attack

us," he said. "We must prevent such a threat and not wait until they come to our border."

Why Did Al-Shabab Attack Inside Ethiopia? AFRICOM's Townsend agreed al-Shabab will try again.

"This is not a fluke. ... I don't believe this is a one-off," he added in response to a question from VOA.

"It's only been less than a year ago that al-Shabab emir [Ahmed] Diriye called for an increased emphasis on external attacks and increased emphasis on



Islamist fighters loyal to al-Shabab perform military drills at a village in the Lower Shabelle region

Kenyan running mate loses \$1.7m to state over fraud



Rigathi Gachagua says he will appeal the judgement

The running mate of leading Kenyan presidential candidate William Ruto has lost \$1.7m (£1.4m) after a court ruled that the money held in four accounts at a local bank came from proceeds of corruption.

Justice Esther Maina ruled that Rigathi Gachagua received the money from government agencies but there was no evidence that he had supplied anything. In a response on Twitter, Mr Gachagua said the judgement "did not come as a surprise" and was "meant to undermine my candidature in

attacking Western targets in the Horn of Africa," Townsend said. "This is a response." According to intelligence shared by U.N. member states, al-Shabab currently commands between 7,000 and 12,000 fighters and is spending approximately \$24 million a year - a quarter of its budget - on weapons, explosives and increasingly on drones.

Townsend further warned Thursday that al-Shabab has

the coming elections".

"The judge was biased against us from the word go and threw caution to the wind by conducting a sham trial," he said.

He added: "I have instructed my lawyers to immediately file an appeal... to stay the orders and set aside the judgement."

The lawsuit was initiated by the Assets Recovery Agency - a state body mandated to confiscate proceeds of crime.

Kenyans will be electing a new president on 9 August.

Deputy President William Ruto and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga are the two leading candidates. BBC

been emboldened by recent political turmoil in Somalia, which consumed the attention of Somali officials and politicians for much of the last 18 months, as well as by the December 2020 decision by then-U.S. President Donald Trump to end a U.S. troop presence in Somalia.

That decision has since been reversed, and the AFRICOM commander said Somalia's new president, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, has also taken positive steps. VOA

US Warns Al-Shabab Attack on Ethiopia 'Not a Fluke'

WASHINGTON — A concerted push by al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab to expand from Somalia into Ethiopia appears to have been "largely contained," according to a senior U.S. military official, though he cautioned that the terror group was likely planning more such attacks in coming months. Almost 500 al-Shabab fighters first crossed into eastern Ethiopia last week, clashing with Ethiopian forces along the border. U.S. assessments suggest they may have penetrated as much as 150 kilometers into Ethiopia before being stopped.

"It appears that the Ethiopians have largely contained and defeated this incursion," General Stephen Townsend, the outgoing commander of U.S. Africa Command, said Thursday during a call with the Washington-based Defense Writers Group.

Ethiopian officials Thursday likewise confirmed the al-Shabab attack had been repulsed.

EDITORIAL

The death of LACC

RECENT AMENDMENT OF the Act creating the Liberia Ant-Corruption Commission by the 54th Legislature with a clause seeking to dissolve the current leadership at the LACC is a calculated attempt by the Weah administration to render the vital anti-graft commission a toothless bull dog.

ANY STRUCTURE EMERGING from the current ploy would amount to nothing less than an empty frame that would exist only on paper without any power to fight corruption in the public sector, judging from how Capitol Hill is proceeding.

IT IS HIGHLY incomprehensible that while the current LACC, headed by Executive Chairperson Cllr. Edwin Klar Martin, is exerting efforts in fighting corruption with recent audit reports indicting officials of three government institutions, the Legislature would embark on a process to dissolve the current leadership of the Commission.

WHILE THE EXECUTIVE says it seeks to grant the LACC prosecutorial power to move against corrupt officials, we think the scheme on Capitol Hill is cleverly designed to render this important integrity institution powerless in order to allow corruption to flourish instead, under this government with no remorse.

LACC EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON Cllr. Edwin Klar Martin, who has alarmed of insecurity, said that he will challenge the amendment by the Legislature in court.

SUSPICIONS OF ATTEMPTS to remove Cllr. Martin and his corps of commissioners would not have gone wide if the LACC hadn't just released audit reports on the National Road Fund, National Census Fund and the Ministry of Agriculture, respectively, which indict officials of these entities.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that this government would pay lip-service to corruption that is eating up the very existence of this country with no regard whatsoever, for the thousands of poverty-stricken citizens who go to bed hungry daily, while schools and hospitals across the country lack essential support.

BY THEIR SINGULAR move, members of the 54th Legislature are creating room for corrupt officials to compile more wealth for themselves while the national coffer is stripped naked.

CORRUPTION UNDERMINES DEMOCRATIC governance and President George Weah would have to explain at the upcoming African Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, that is, if he goes to America, how has his governance of Liberia promoted accountability and transparency in the usage of public funds when integrity institutions are being butchered under his watch.

MORE BABIES, WOMEN giving births and elderly persons would continue to die across this country, as State funds that should be directed at improving our health system, training and paying doctors and teachers better salaries are being diverted to pockets of corrupt officials, while funeral for key institution such as the LACC are being held for its eventual burial

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COMMENTARY

By Gordon Brown

Prosecuting Putin Starts Now

EDINBURGH - The world has responded to Russia's invasion of Ukraine with sanctions, travel bans, and deliveries of humanitarian and military aid, all of which have been stepped up as Russian President Vladimir Putin's war crimes claim more lives every day. Now, with the Ukrainian people's courage and solidarity having stirred the collective conscience of Europe and much of the world, pressure is growing to complement these measures with criminal indictments of Putin and his closest associates.

The momentum is global. Some 140 prominent jurists and former leaders have issued a declaration of support for a "special tribunal for the punishment of the crime of aggression against Ukraine" - an idea first proposed by Philippe Sands of University College London. Indeed, Ukraine's lead prosecutor has announced that she is already compiling evidence of war crimes committed by Putin and his forces, and legal authorities in Germany and Poland are launching investigations of their own. In Spain, a magistrate has been building a case upon which to issue international arrest warrants for Putin's inner circle, as was done 20 years ago to arraign Chile's former dictator, Augusto Pinochet.

Moreover, following requests from at least 39 countries, the lead prosecutor of the International Criminal Court is opening an investigation into war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine (though the ICC cannot prosecute Russia for the specific crime of aggression). And Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, has announced that a UN Human Rights Council commission of inquiry will compile a dossier documenting crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression.

Meanwhile, Russia's own hired legal gun at the International Court of Justice has resigned, saying, "Enough is enough. It's become impossible for me to represent a country that so cynically despises the law."

Putin's crimes are so grave that all investigations are both essential and welcome. But the priority now is to move fast. The world needs to send a message to the people of Ukraine that the world will act, and to Russia's current leadership that anyone helping to sustain Putin's war of aggression will not escape with impunity and would do well to distance themselves from the regime and start turning over evidence.

A decision on a special international tribunal has been requested by Ukraine, and we need European governments to support that call. But we could already

establish an interim office to investigate all incidents that may constitute the crime of aggression. An interim prosecutor could be appointed to compile the evidence and consider the basic questions - the nature of prosecution, the issue of immunity, and the rules of procedure. This operation would preferably be based in The Hague, and it need not involve more than ten staff members. With financial support from one or two governments, it could work closely with the ICC in their respective but complementary investigations.

The crime of aggression is a relatively straightforward offense to investigate and prosecute. It applies to all those who plan, initiate, influence, or shape an overall policy of aggression. A group of American lawyers has already done impressive work documenting what they consider to be acts of aggression committed by Putin, starting with his 2014 decisions to seize Crimea and to deploy troops in Ukraine's Donbas region.

Putin's crime of aggression against Ukraine does not end with the invasion that began on February 24. It has continued with each deliberate attack on Ukrainian cities and towns, with his targeting of innocent civilians, with his refusal to honor humanitarian corridors and ceasefires, and with his use of nuclear power stations to extort the Ukrainian government.

When war crimes committed in Yugoslavia and Rwanda were on the agenda 30 years ago, US President Bill Clinton led a bold initiative to create special tribunals that were eventually endorsed by the UN Security Council. The justifications given then are no less relevant today. The Americans saw a need for moral leadership. A tribunal was not there to favor any one race, religion, or ethnic group, Clinton explained. But it would, as he said then, draw a line between those who had decided to wield a clenched fist and those who were willing to extend an open hand. That, he said, is ultimately the one dividing line that really matters.

Our task today is the same. We must draw a line between those who see the world as a never-ending struggle between "us" and "them," and those who would embrace our common humanity. By beginning the process of investigating, documenting, and prosecuting Russia's international crimes, we can give the people of Ukraine - and the world - a realistic hope that justice will be done and our common humanity acknowledged.

Gordon Brown, a former prime minister of the United Kingdom, is United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education and Chair of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity.

O-PED

by Daniel Gros

An Inflation-Adjusted Social Contract for Europe

DUBROVNIK - With energy prices high and rising, and inflation soaring, it is starting to look like the late 1970s all over again. But appearances can be deceiving.

The similarities are obvious. In 2022, like in the 1970s, an energy-price shock has led to a sustained increase in the prices of many other goods. The so-called core inflation rate, which strips out volatile energy and food prices, is now approaching 6% in the United States and 4% in the eurozone. And fears are mounting that, as in the 1970s, this trend will prove persistent.

But we are hardly living through a repeat of the 1970s. One key difference lies in labor markets. Back then, widespread wage indexation meant that higher energy and other prices led automatically to an equivalent increase in wages. Where wage indexation was less important, unions achieved the same outcome, as they refused to accept any deterioration in their members' living standards.

This is not the case today, at least in the eurozone. According to the European Central Bank's new wage tracker, eurozone wages have increased by only 3% so far - far less than the 8.6% inflation recorded in June. In other words, there is no sign of the wage-price spiral of the 1970s.

Another difference today is that European producers have been able to increase their prices enough to offset a significant portion of the energy-cost rise. Based on June 2022 prices, the eurozone's energy import bill is set to increase by over 4% of GDP this year. Over the last year, surging energy prices have fueled a 24% increase in the European Union's import prices, after more than a decade of stability.

But the prices charged by EU exporters also rose, by over 12% - and the EU exports more than it imports. European producers have thus been able to offset slightly more than half of the income loss from higher energy prices, keeping it to just under 2% of GDP. This is a hefty price to pay, but it is also a manageable one.

The challenge will be to distribute income losses across economic sectors. With real wages having fallen by about 5%, European workers have so far borne all the costs of inflation. Given that the wage share amounts to about 62% of GDP in the eurozone, a 5% fall in real wages would make available to other sectors about 3.1% of GDP, more than the income loss of 2%, allowing profits to increase. That is more than sufficient to offset the terms-of-trade losses suffered so far.

The situation is very different in the US. As the world's biggest oil and natural-gas producer, it exports as much energy as it imports. America's terms of trade thus have not suffered at all, with import and export prices increasing by the same amount. But wages have increased by over 6%, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's wage tracker, meaning that the US is much closer to a wage-price spiral than Europe.

How reliable is Europe's wage moderation? As it stands, the EU is experiencing more inflation in profits than in wages, despite the overall income loss. And falling real wages are particularly difficult to accept when profits are soaring. In fact, wage demands are already creeping up across the eurozone. Germany's influential IG Metall union, for example, is calling for an 8% wage hike for workers in the metal industry, which currently is enjoying high profits. To keep social peace, several countries, including Germany, have introduced double-digit increases in minimum wages.

Nonetheless, negotiated wage increases have so far remained modest, at around 4%, according to the ECB. Actual wages might climb further, as employers in sectors experiencing shortages decide that it is worth paying workers a premium. Still, there is little indication that wages are set to catch up with inflation any time soon.

The main reason for this is that governments all over Europe are delivering direct transfers to households, in order to offset higher energy costs. For example, Germany's government has unveiled a relief package that includes a lump-sum payment for employees and a heating-cost subsidy for households on housing benefits.

The Spanish government, for its part, is subsidizing the cost of natural gas for power producers. This approach to holding down electricity prices is flawed, as it encourages gas use at a time when Russian President Vladimir Putin is threatening to cut supplies. But such schemes reflect a new social contract that is emerging in Europe: governments protect workers from the bulk of higher energy costs, in exchange for workers moderating their wage demands.

In the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis, a recurrent criticism of the eurozone framework was that the absence of a fiscal authority meant that the ECB was "the only game in town." This time seems different. By stepping in to provide income support, governments are helping to prevent a 1970s-style wage-price spiral - and making the ECB's job much easier.



Lord, I smelling big trouble oo

Dear Father,

I say, I smelling big trouble in our village oo. De way the Country Giant children them handle those children from da big school on de Hill there de olor day, me, I getting scary oo.

My son, wha kina big thin you talkin here so?

Father, de thin even make me so scary da I don even know wat to say. De way de pepo na start putting their sojar them on de street sef, da na small trouble coming so oo.

Um, to tell you de truth Father, de video from de thin sef can make you to wan to run away from our village. Da na small thin. Really son?

Father, I say jus like de way de pepo wor behaving here during de war- they tiebay de other student. Can you imagine? Bor, my son you jus talkin oo, wha really happened?

Oh, Father, you na hear dis thin here ye. Ehn you know da big school on de hill there, weh all de big, boys and girls can go, even old men and old women sef in da school. Uh um.

Yes, de children from there say they go do demonstration on July 26. Da na small flogging they flog-kay them. De Country Giant children na play with them. They say why they mot cause their pa for-de Country Giant. Da na small thin. Ehn, you say whatin?

Father, da na small thin happened in our village oo. Right na everything outside down. Pepo jus putting mouth on our Village Council. I say de thin too bad and shameful mehn. You joking!

Joking weh play Father. De way we talkin na, na some mot de pepo children still in de hospital takin treatment. Da lie!

Father, da true thin I telling you here so oo. I say everybody feeling bad. Mm and not jus da oo Father, pepo na start gettin scary already for 2023. Wha happening in 2023?

Oh Father, you na know da de time our village will go do voting. And de noise da will be in dis village- it na for fun. Already, de Country Giant Camp pepo na start training their own sojar them, pepo say it will na be easy here. Hmm, then it will na be easy oo.

Da it you talkin slow like da Father? Jus for pepo to say they wan demonstration and it wor like then da voting time owner noise you talkin slow like da. And wha made me more scarry is the Blue Unifrom be weh there laughing at de way de Country Giant children weh flogging de student them. Hmm, da only God we depending on na,na oo.

Ehn, they say wha happened to da olor man from de Corruption House there?

Father, de man is in hidden right, right na. De man say his life in danger. He say de pepo wan do him work becuz he say they stealing plenty from our village and making themself rich.

Hmm, ay, dis village. Some mot de knews da can come from ther can jus make you wan cry.

Father da de thin I san da only God there for us oo.



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SOLICITATION NO: VA-669-22-000012

2. ISSUANCE DATE: July 27, 2022

3. CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS: August 25, 2022, 11:59 pm Local Time, Monrovia, Liberia

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

5. POSITION TITLE: PMS (HIV) Technical Specialist

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 US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) represents the US government response to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and is the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history. Thanks to American leadership and generosity, alongside the work of many partners, PEPFAR has saved millions of lives, averted millions of infections, and changed the course of the epidemic. As countries progress towards HIV/AIDS epidemic control, the point at which new HIV infections have decreased and fall below the total number of deaths among HIV-infected individuals, PEPFAR is now undertaking the challenge of controlling the pandemic.

The Project Management Specialist (HIV) will support planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects. S/He will provide programmatic and technical guidance and assist in the development and management of HIV-related programs. The jobholder will work collaboratively with other staff in the Health Office, other offices in the Mission, the Ministry of Health, and other development partners to support a coordinated, strategic approach to various HIV-related programming. S/He will serve as a Contract Officer's Representative/Agreement Officer's Representative (COR/AOR) or Activity Manager. The jobholder will support the implementation of the planning of new activities design; help Project Design Teams in drafting acquisition and assistance-related documents; develop project financial documents, revisions, and/or amendments; and generate reports on the status of project activities and finances including projection of expenditures, quarterly accrual of expenditures, and status reports. S/He will also Review project expense vouchers for completeness and accuracy.

The position is located in the USAID Office of Health. The jobholder reports to the HIV/AIDS Team Lead and has no supervisory responsibility.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Technical Guidance and Program Planning

- Provide technical guidance on a broad range of HIV/AIDS-related interventions, including providing guidance in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluations of HIV/AIDS programs.
- Provide technical guidance in quality and performance improvement, working with key stakeholders to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS-related interventions, by applying evidence-based guidelines, approaches, and tools.
- Through literature review, research and regular communication with local and international stakeholders, stay abreast of emerging developments in the national and global HIV/AIDS landscape, and advise accordingly on how policies, strategies, and technical guidelines can most effectively be incorporated to enable the Mission to maintain fidelity and relevance in its HIV/AIDS programs.
- Provide technical guidance to other PEPFAR agencies, technical counterparts in Ministry of Health, and to other national stakeholders to advance USAID, USG and PEPFAR strategic objectives related to key HIV/AIDS interventions.
- Provide on-going technical assistance to USAID local partners to ensure that activities are evidence-based and that services are transparent, equitable, of high quality and responsive to client needs; that partners practice sound management and robust accounting; and that local partners are prepared to assume and sustain leadership. Work closely with other staff in the
- Health Office and across the Mission to optimize opportunities for cross-sectoral integration and leverage resources across the different program components.
- Effectively communicate and demonstrate technical leadership in interagency PEPFAR technical working groups to ensure USAID strategic priorities are represented, including participation in routine interagency technical discussions, presenting relevant sections of the
- quarterly PEPFAR country performance reviews, and annual PEPFAR COP strategic planning meetings.
- Ensure that the required audits, reports and evaluations and close-out actions are completed.
- Participate in technical evaluation committees, analyzing applications and evaluating offeror's proposals to develop recommendations on the selection of applicants or institutions based on their suitability and responsiveness of their proposed technical intervention, and their ability to successfully implement a particular project. S/he will facilitate site visits, public meetings, and discussions with officials as needed and will track overall team budget progress and funding priorities.
- Support in drafting technical documentation such as performance reports, scopes of work, briefing papers, concept papers and conduct analyses to develop strategies, monitor ongoing programs, and report on project achievements and interventions.

Project Management

- Serve as an AOR/COR or Activity Manager on designated HIV/AIDS programs.
- Work with IPs to develop strategic work plans with realistic and measurable targets to support effective implementation of the Mission's and PEPFAR HIV/AIDS programs.
- Review and approve annual work plans, monitoring and evaluation plans, quarterly reports and other key documents of assigned projects. Monitor program resources allocated for HIV/AIDS activities to ensure that they are being used rationally and that there are no cost overruns.
- Ensure quality of HIV/AIDS programs by monitoring compliance to national and international guidelines, approaches and tools and provision of supportive supervisions to IPs.
- Provide technical and organizational development guidance to local organizations entailing transfer of knowledge and skills in HIV/AIDS programming, implementation, monitoring and reporting, and quality improvement.
- Participate in project design for new activities, including drafting and obtaining approval for concept papers, writing scopes of work, evaluating applications/proposals, and starting up new projects.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation

- In collaboration with Strategic Information staff, regularly analyze and interpret HIV/AIDS data to generate key results and trends to assist the Mission maintain a highly nimble program with proven achievement across PEPFAR indicators.
- Contribute to data quality assessments to ensure the quality and reliability of program data.
- Participate in site visits to USAID supported programs to assess the quality of services, provide guidance to implementing partners on newly emerging and highly efficacious approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment interventions.

- Monitor project activities and make recommendations to resolve implementation obstacles to ensure judicious use of USG funds and effective implementation of HIV/AIDS interventions.

IV. SUBMITTING AN OFFER

- Contribute to and participate in HIV/AIDS-related program evaluations to document and scale up proven best practices.

REPRESENTATION AND REPORTING:

- Contribute to key annual and mid-term planning and reporting documents including the Country Operational Plan, Operational Plan, Congressional Budget Justifications, Technical Notifications, Quarterly, Semi-Annual and Annual Progress Reports, among others.
- Prepare reports and responses to a wide range of requirements including responding to requests for information from USAID/Washington, Congress and OGAC.
- Ensure that USAID successes, best practices and approaches are shared widely with partner country officials, private sector, civil society and other donors.
- Represent USAID and PEPFAR as needed at designated national, regional and international meetings that relate to HIV/AIDS.
- Prepare briefing papers, presentations and assist with site preparations for visits by delegations of high-level USG officials.

Supervision controls: This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

Supervisory Relationship: Works under the general supervision of the HIV/AIDS Team Lead. Assignments are made orally and in writing, with a discussion of overall objectives and expected results to be achieved. The supervisor assigns specific tasks, provides suggested approaches to consider and reviews completed reports and assignments. Achievements are regularly reviewed, and feedback provided.

V. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work requested does not involve undue physical demands.

VI. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

1. **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Medicine, Public Health, Health, Social Work, International Development, Social or Behavioral Sciences, Epidemiology, Biology, Infectious Disease, Organizational Development, Political Science or Business Administration.
2. **Prior Work Experience:** At least three (3) years of progressively responsible, professional experience in international development or global health. Of that experience, at least one (1) year with the USG, other multilateral or bi-lateral organizations, and/or NGOs is required. Increasingly responsible experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health-related initiatives in developing countries. Experience in analyzing epidemiological data and translating data into practice.
3. **Work/Residency Permits:** Applicants must have valid work and/or residency permits allowing work in Liberia.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Fluent (Level IV). Excellent English writing, editing and speaking skills, as well as an excellent ability to process information from a wide variety of sources into cohesive, polished documents are required.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION FACTORS

The Evaluation Factor 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 interviewed. 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 300 words or less, describe how you have demonstrated your knowledge and skills in HIV testing, care, and treatment services, as well as in efforts to reach the UNAIDS 95-95-95 global targets. Provide examples by describing your experience in providing, managing or overseeing approaches toward HIV case finding and index testing, linkage to care, treatment retention, preventing treatment interruption, and achieving virological suppression among HIV positive individuals.

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 Factors 20 points

Factor #1 20 points

Timed writing sample exercise: 30 points

The writing sample will demonstrate the candidate's understanding of technical HIV-related issues, as well as ability to manage and communicate, in writing, information about HIV-related activities to the appropriate audience.

Interview Performance 50 points

Interview questions will revolve around the candidate's 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-669-22-000012– PMS (HIV) Technical Specialist 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, 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.

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Rep. Mensah seeks ancestors' connection

Bong County Electoral District #6 Representative Mioma Briggs-Mensah has expressed desire to reconnect with ancestry from Virginia, United States of America.

Representative Mensah said the acceptance and passage of the Dual Citizenship Bill on July 22, 2022 by the 54th Legislature has allowed Liberians of negro decent, who were born in the diaspora, to obtain Liberian passport, making them Liberian citizens.

The Bong County

Quioughcohannocks of the Powhatan Confederacy in the greater Surry County, Virginia communities to the United States of America for federal assistance also known as federal acknowledgment as Native American indigenous peoples.

"In the spirit of our collective ancestors, we support Sovereign Nation status for Quioughcohannock sister tribe in Liberia known as the Via Tribe who contributed to the survival, life and times of Native Americans and Native

of the Via tribe in Liberia. According to her, the formation of Liberia came in part from the efforts of some American citizens, including the American Colonization Society (ACS) originally known as the Society for the Colonization of Free People of Color of America until 1837, founded in 1816 by Robert Finley to encourage and support the migration of free African-Americans to Africa.

She said the Quioughcohannocks and the Via tribe pledged to help enhance a more tolerant society based on diverse culture and individualism, as both groups seek seat at the United Nations to join the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Representative Mensah said when the 54th Legislature returns from break, she will proffer a bill to seek dual citizenship for the VIA tribe in Liberia and VIA tribe in Virginia, United States known as Quioughcohannock to foster trade link.

Meanwhile, Bishop Dr. Otis B. Young of City of Light Harvest International church said research shows that the descendants of the Via tribe in Virginia have their root to the Via tribe in Liberia.

Bishop Young stated that the proclamation endorsing and uncovering further connections of Liberians will go a long way to benefit Liberia in many aspects in its developmental drive.

He noted that descendants of the via ancestors in Virginia have been engaging research scientifically to discover their origin in Africa over the years.

Editing by Jonathan Browne

American Blacks of the 1800s from the United States until today in the forming of the Country Liberia."

She wants the Government of Liberia to immediately declare a provision of citizenship in Liberia for United States Emigrant families both Native Americans and Native American Blacks, who remain in America and are ancestors and descendants

administration for the level of unity they continue to demonstrate.

Mr. Nyapue urged the end users to ensure sustainability of hand pumps being provided for them in their various communities and towns by the charity.

He urged the citizens to

take good care of the various hand pumps, including fencing of the water points to help clean the pumps.

He disclosed that the Christian organization's goal is to increase water access across the district by moving into 19 administrative districts in the

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Gender and partners host women and girls

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and with support from Partners has launched a three-day National Young Women and Girls Conference in Sinje, Grand Cape Mount County, aimed at addressing challenges confronting young women and girls in Liberia.

According to a press release, the conference which began on Wednesday, July 27, is a yearly program designed by the Ministry and partners to provide young women and girls a platform to discuss issues affecting them and find remedies.

This year's conference is tagged, "Elevating the minds

and boys, to break common stereotypes and enhance female participation in discussion and also have males serving as advocates and supporting girls in their quest.

In a special statement, Madam Ina Williams Christensen, National Child Protection Officer, UNICEF-Liberia delivered a written statement on behalf of UNICEF Country Representative Laila O. Gad.

The statement quoted Liberia's Demographic Health Survey (2019-2020) report which asserts that 60% of women have ever experienced physical violence since the age of 15.

"Despite a slight reduction of 1%, teenage pregnancy rate stands at 30% and is still of



and sights of Young Women and Girls for a brighter Future."

Education and Leadership Development, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Cultural and Traditional Practices are thematic areas under discussion by the girls.

In 2016 the Liberian Girls in partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, and National Stakeholders developed an implementation strategy that highlights interventions to be implemented for Liberian girls.

Speaking at the indoor opening session on Thursday, July 28, 2022, Deputy Gender Minister Alice Johnson Howard emphasized that this year's event objectives are to elevate the minds and sights of 200 young women, boys, and girls between the ages of 10-24 years from across all 15 counties. She stressed that the conference will hold a panel discussion with different stakeholders on issues affecting young women, girls,

concern in Liberia while access to sexual and reproductive health information and services is low. Girls, in particular, are affected by harmful traditional practices, especially early marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). The report noted.

"There are also inequitable gender norms that create barriers to girls' social and economic advancement. The above tells us the extent to which we must use our collective efforts including adolescent girls and young women themselves strategically to create pathways through which girls and young women can thrive, survive and live their full potential. One way to do this is to create the enabling environment and platforms where young people can be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and capacity to stand up for their rights and protect themselves against the vices facing them". The Country Rep statement expressed. *Press release*

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APM Terminals Liberia disburses second leg of scholarship package

APM Terminals Liberia through its Corporate Social Responsibility has disbursed another set of scholarship funds to students within Districts 13 and 14.

This is the second leg in the company's educational

county.

At a mini event held at the Jimmy Jolocon Jr. and Sr. High school last week, a total of 100 hundred students more have been enrolled onto the scheme. These students were selected based on merit

School, Mother Kebbeh Academy, and God's Glory Primary School who all met a needs assessment test conducted in close consultation with APM Terminal Liberia's stakeholders.

This set amounted to a total of 2 million Liberian dollars in fees and school supplies and is expected to empower these brilliant but needy school children to make the best out of their education.

Speaking at the presentation event, Managing Director of APM Terminals Liberia Mr. Jonathan Graham reiterated the company's goal for these social investments

"It is our fervent hope to see these partnerships continue to grow and that the scholarship recipients use the opportunity to be agents of positive change in the society. The passion continues to grow because we want to develop the youth of this country through education. As stated earlier, we are committed to

scholarship scheme disbursement series which has already seen 120 students receive scholarship from six institutions across the

from six schools; Jimmy Jolocon Jr. and Sr. High School, Rev. Peter Amos, George Memorial Academy, Boikai Konneh Foundation School, Freeway Baptist

Investigators head for Maryland County

-Superintendent Prowd reveals

By Patrick N. Mensah,
Maryland county

A team of government investigators, including pathologists is expected to leave Monrovia today, Friday, July 29, for Maryland county, Southeast Liberia, to probe two recent mysterious deaths in the county, Superintendent George A. Prowd, discloses.

Reinforcement from the Police Support Unit (PSU) in Monrovia had arrived there earlier to quell protests by aggrieved citizens demanding justice over the mysterious deaths of a student of the Tubman University in Harper City, Anthony Tiaka, and an eight-year-old boy Levi Koffa, in Plebo, Maryland county, respectively.

Student Anthony Tiaka was found dead in his bedroom on July 3, 2022 with bruises and gashes on his forehead, penis pierced with a sharp instrument, and bled profusely from other parts of his body, while Little Levi Koffa, who reportedly left his parents' home for school on Monday, July 18, 2022 in Harper but never returned, lifeless body was discovered drowned in Lake Shepherd on Wednesday, July 20th.

Superintendent Prowd

reveals that an initial team of investigators has arrived in Maryland to help in determining the causes of the deaths of the two persons.

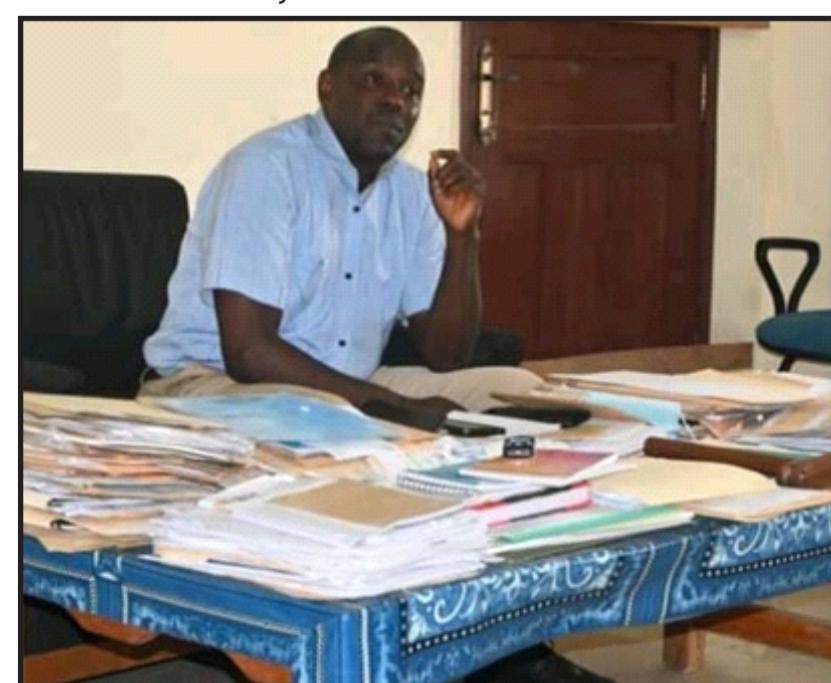
Speaking during a press briefing on Wednesday, July 27, he said the arrival of the Police Support Unit is in response to calls to national government to beef up security forces in the county.

He calls on Marylanders to cooperate with investigators in helping to establish whether there was foul play in separate incidents.

Mr. Prowd hopes the arrival of investigators will end continued mysterious

"Let's encourage all of our citizens to remain calm, because the presence of the Police Support Unit is not to intimidate anyone but rather to buttress the efforts of our current security in the county. So, they need every one of us cooperation, if they called on anyone for further information, please adhere and cooperate", says the Superintendent.

He had appeared on a community radio station on Thursday, July 21, 2022, and urged residents to remain calm, as efforts are underway to probe the deaths. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



this partnership for the betterment of the economy and the citizenry at large" Mr. Graham remarked.

In response to these remarks, the Honorable Representative, District #13, Hon. Edward Papay Flomo expressed appreciation to the company and promised to continuously collaborate with the company through its corporate social responsibility

program to improve education in the area.

"We are grateful to APM Terminals Liberia family for this great initiative, and we will continue to work with them for further growth. It is our hope that you will improve your initiative to benefit more students when the requirement is met." Hon Flomo said.

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Liberia, Japan sign US\$3m

and all of the utilization of said fund generated is subject to the approval of the Government of Japan.

The Government of Liberia has to propose a project, which will be approved by the Japanese Government, before its implementation, upon which the Japanese government will further do the dedication.

Remarking at the signing ceremony, Liberian Foreign Minister Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah said he was very pleased that Liberia had maintained the monetization of the project.

"I am very much pleased to say that Liberia has maintained the monetization of the Kennedy Round Rice and we will continue to do so to the fullest, accelerating our national development agenda," said Minister Kemayah.

"Mr. Ambassador, I am pleased to inform [you] that the Government of Liberia has undertaken numerous and tangible development projects using the proceeds of these sales from the grant commodity," Minister Kemayah stated.

In close consultation with the Japanese Counterpart Value Funded Secretarial, Minister Kemayah said Liberia has identified key future funding projects for the utilization of the proceeds of sales from the Japanese KR food aid 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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Living Water-Liberia

helping his people.

Commissioner Gbatu said since the Christian organization entered the district, water bone diseases have reduced, compared to prior to their coming.

Nimba County Development Superintendent Raily Myers and the Ministry of Public Works staff at the program Mr. Patrick W. Paye and Mr. Alfred D. Jardiah Director for NGOs Coordination Unit at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning joined the district commissioner in thanking Living Water International-Liberia for helping to impact the lives of Nimbaians.

According to them, the presence of the Christian organization in Liberia continues to bring pride to the government. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*

Français

Weah va rencontrer Joe Biden à Washington en décembre

Le président George M. Weah devrait rencontrer officiellement le président américain Joe Biden pour la première fois à Washington DC, près de 5 ans après son arrivée au pouvoir.

Le Libéria est considéré comme l'un des alliés proches des États-Unis. Ainsi la visite de la Maison Blanche par un président libérien en exercice reflète cette relation, mais cela reste à voir dans le cas de l'administration Weah.

Par conséquent, l'acceptation par le président Weah de l'invitation du gouvernement américain à assister au Sommet spécial des dirigeants africains à Washington, DC, en décembre, a été considérée comme un début de progrès.

« Mon bon ami ambassadeur Michael McCarthy, veuillez dire au président Biden que j'ai officiellement accepté son invitation et que, de bonne foi, je serai aux États-Unis pour représenter mon pays, le Libéria en décembre », a dit le président Weah à

l'ambassadeur américain McCarthy, en réponse à l'invitation du président Biden.

Le président Weah a répondu le mardi 26 juillet 2022, lors de la cérémonie marquant la célébration du 175e anniversaire de l'indépendance du Libéria, peu de temps après que l'ambassadeur des États-Unis au Libéria lui ait fait part de l'invitation officielle du président Joe Biden pour assister à un sommet africain spécial à Washington, DC.

Lorsqu'il a dit à l'ambassadeur

des États-Unis de dire au président Biden qu'il avait officiellement accepté sa demande, le gens qui assistaient à la cérémonie au Centennial Memorial Pavilion dans le centre de Monrovia se sont levés et ont applaudi le président Weah pour sa décision.

Selon un rapport, le sommet des dirigeants africains se tiendra à Washington, DC, du 13 au 15 décembre 2022, dans le but de

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Le Liberia légalise la double nationalité

Le Liberia a officiellement légalisé la double nationalité, mettant fin à une interdiction de longue date que certains jugeaient hypocrite car contournée secrètement par des élites détenant la nationalité américaine.

Le projet de loi, promulgué vendredi par le président George Weah et confirmé dimanche par l'AFP, a été adopté mardi à la Chambre des représentants et au Sénat.

Le Liberia, plus ancienne république d'Afrique sub-

saharienne fondée au XIXe siècle sous l'impulsion des Etats-Unis pour des esclaves noirs affranchis, compte une importante diaspora vivant en Amérique.

Quelque 100.000 personnes nées au Liberia ont vécu aux Etats-Unis de 2008 à 2012, selon les services américains de recensement.

Selon la nouvelle loi, les citoyens ayant la double nationalité ne pourront pas exercer les fonctions de président, de ministre des Finances ou de gouverneur de la

Banque centrale, ni occuper des postes de haut niveau dans la sécurité nationale ou l'application des lois.

« Si une personne souhaite participer (aux élections), elle doit renoncer à la citoyenneté de l'autre pays au moins un an avant de présenter sa candidature à la Commission électorale nationale », stipule la nouvelle loi.

Le président George Weah avait déjà demandé la levée de cette interdiction lors

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Editorial

La mort de la LACC

La dissolution de la direction actuelle de la Commission anti-corruption du Libéria par le parlement est une tentative calculée de l'administration Weah de faire de la commission un bulldog édenté.

La structure qui émergera du stratagème actuel ne sera rien d'autre qu'une agence sans aucun pouvoir pour lutter contre la corruption dans le secteur public, à en juger par la manière dont le parlement procède.

Il est tout à fait incompréhensible que l'Assemblée législative entame un processus qui vise à dissoudre la direction actuelle de la Commission alors que celle-ci déploie des efforts dans la lutte contre la corruption en publiant récemment un rapport d'audit qui inculpe des responsables de trois institutions gouvernementales.

Pendant que l'exécutif dit qu'il cherche à accorder à la LACC le pouvoir de poursuivre les fonctionnaires corrompus, il l'affaiblit. Nous pensons que le stratagème est intelligemment orchestré pour rendre cette importante institution d'intégrité impuissante afin de permettre à la corruption de prospérer en toute impunité.

Le président exécutif de LACC a dit qu'il contesterait l'amendement de l'Assemblée législative devant les tribunaux.

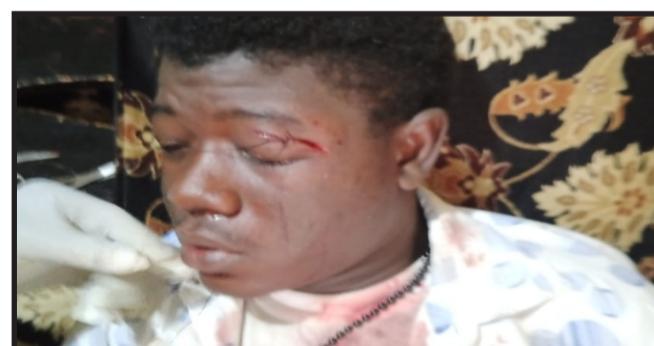
Si Me Edwin Klar Martin et son corps de commissaires n'avaient pas publié des rapports d'audit sur le National Road Fund, le National Census Fund et le ministère de l'Agriculture, qui inculpent les responsables de ces institutions, il ne serait jamais question d'amendement.

Il est regrettable que ce gouvernement fasse semblant de parler de lutte contre la corruption qui dévore l'existence même de ce pays sans aucune considération pour les milliers de citoyens pauvres qui se couchent chaque jour le ventre vide, alors que les écoles et les hôpitaux de tout le pays manquent de soutien essentiel.

Par leur geste singulier, les membres du parlement veulent permettre aux fonctionnaires corrompus de se remplir les poches en dépouillant les caisses de l'État.

La corruption sape la gouvernance démocratique et le président George Weah devrait expliquer lors du prochain sommet du leadership africain à Washington, DC, c'est-à-dire, s'il se rend en Amérique, comment sa gouvernance du Libéria a-t-elle promu la responsabilité et la transparence dans l'utilisation des fonds publics lorsque les institutions d'intégrité sont massacrées sous sa surveillance.

Davantage de bébés, de femmes enceinte et de personnes âgées continuent de mourir dans tout le pays, tandis que les fonds publics qui devraient être affectés à l'amélioration de notre système de santé, à la formation et au paiement de meilleurs salaires aux médecins et aux enseignants sont détournés.



Français

Weah va rencontrer Joe Biden

promouvoir une croissance et un développement économiques inclusifs et durables à travers le continent, d'accroître les flux de capitaux et de promouvoir l'esprit dynamique de l'entrepreneuriat et l'innovation si répandus en Afrique.

Les analystes disent que l'invitation a mis fin à l'affirmation de l'opposition selon laquelle le dirigeant libérien ne peut pas se rendre aux États-Unis pour diverses raisons.

Pendant ce temps, le 175e orateur national du Libéria, Mawine G. Diggs, a remercié le président Weah de veiller continuellement à ce que les femmes participent à la prise des décisions pour transformer la nation.

Selon Madame Diggs, le président Weah a créé un espace sûr pour les femmes dans divers secteurs du pays.

« Aujourd'hui, alors que je me tiens à la place de personnes formidables qui m'ont précédé, je me souviens également que je me tiens à la place de toutes les femmes et filles du Libéria, qui aspirent à atteindre la grandeur dans l'intérêt de Mama Liberia. " Femmes o-o-oh Femmes ; Femmes o-o-oh Femmes ; Notre temps est venu ", a-t-elle dit.

L'oratrice de l'indépendance a poursuivi en disant que le président George Manneh Weah disait souvent que « sans la paix, notre monde serait difficile », notant que pour elle, la déclaration sert toujours de rappel fort de l'importance de protéger la paix en tant que nation, étant donné que plus de vingt ans après la fin de la guerre civile, "nous en subissons encore les séquelles en termes de déficits sociaux et infrastructurels persistants".

Elle a présenté et renforcé

le fait que le Libéria a fait d'énormes progrès au fil des ans, ajoutant : « Nous avons maintenant progressé et réussi à surmonter les périls de la guerre et la destruction qu'elle a laissée sur son passage. Je suis sûr que certains d'entre nous se souviennent encore de l'éthnie et les clivages politiques de la nation polarisée que nous avions autrefois ; une nation qui valorisait l'identité au détriment du patriotisme ; et engagée dans l'exclusion et les malversations systémiques. »

Elle a cependant appelé les dirigeants de tous les secteurs, en particulier les collègues du gouvernement, à s'abstenir de romantiser les véritables défis auxquels le pays est confronté.

« C'est un fait connu qu'il s'agit de défis hérités du passé, mais en assumant les rôles que nous avons aujourd'hui, nous avons chacun fait un choix conscient de nous engager à atténuer ces défis à l'appui de l'Agenda en faveur des pauvres pour la prospérité et le développement (PAPD) du président. »

« Renonçons donc aux tentatives souhaitées de montrer notre génie littéraire et agissons plutôt. Travaillons pour le peuple du Libéria », a plaidé Madame Diggs auprès de ses compatriotes.

Selon elle, de telles actions se manifestent dans tous les secteurs, y compris le respect des droits des femmes. Elle a en outre noté que le Libéria est actuellement acclamé pour avoir brisé le plafond de verre, par conséquent, les Libériens doivent continuer à aller de l'avant et ne pas payer du bout des lèvres ou reléguer.

Faisant une déclaration spéciale lors de la célébration du 175e jour de l'indépendance du Libéria, le président George Weah a exhorté tous les citoyens

à supprimer l'illusion du désaccord et de la division, et embrasser l'unité, l'amour, la réconciliation, la paix, la stabilité et le nationalisme.

procédure légale ». Auparavant, la citoyenneté était automatiquement retirée aux titulaires d'un autre passeport.

Selon la loi sur la naturalisation, seules les personnes de couleur noire peuvent être citoyens libériens. Dans la nouvelle législation, toute personne de couleur noire peut désormais acquérir la citoyenneté libérienne par mariage, adoption ou si elle est née dans le pays ou de parents libériens.

COMMENTAIRE

Par Gordon Brown

Le procès de Poutine commence dès aujourd'hui

EDIMBOURG - Le monde a répondu à l'invasion russe de l'Ukraine par des sanctions, interdictions de voyage, et fournitures d'aide humanitaire et militaire, autant de démarches intensifiées à mesure que les crimes de guerre commis par le président russe Vladimir Poutine fauchent toujours plus de vies chaque jour. Aujourd'hui, le courage et la solidarité du peuple ukrainien éveillent la conscience collective de l'Europe et d'une grande partie du monde, la pression s'accroît en faveur d'une approche consistante à accompagner ces mesures de poursuites criminelles à l'encontre de Poutine et ses plus proches collaborateurs.

Cette dynamique est planétaire. Pas moins de 140 éminents juristes et anciens dirigeants politiques ont publié ensemble une déclaration en faveur de la création d'un « tribunal spécial pour la poursuite du crime d'agression commis contre l'Ukraine » - une idée proposée pour la première fois par Philippe Sands, de l'University College de Londres. La procureure générale de l'Ukraine a d'ores et déjà annoncé qu'elle réunissait les preuves des crimes de guerre commis par Poutine et ses troupes, les autorités judiciaires d'Allemagne et de Pologne débutant également leurs propres enquêtes. En Espagne, un magistrat constitue actuellement un dossier pour l'émission de mandats d'arrêts internationaux à l'encontre de l'entourage de Poutine, comme le firent les juges il y a 20 ans pour traduire en justice Augusto Pinochet, ancien dictateur du Chili.

De même, suite à la demande d'au moins 39 États, le procureur de la Cour pénale internationale ouvre une enquête pour crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité en Ukraine (la CPI n'étant pas en mesure de poursuivre la Russie pour le crime spécifique d'agression). La Haute-Commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Michelle Bachelet, a annoncé que la commission d'enquête du Conseil des droits de l'homme de l'ONU constituerait un dossier documentant ces crimes contre l'humanité, ces crimes de guerre, et cette agression.

Dans le même temps, le propre bras droit juridique de la Russie devant la Cour internationale de justice a démissionné, déclarant « Trop c'est trop. Il devient pour moi impossible de représenter un pays qui méprise le droit avec autant de cynisme ».

Les crimes de Poutine sont si graves que toutes les enquêtes possibles s'avèrent à la fois essentielles et bienvenues. La priorité consiste néanmoins aujourd'hui à procéder rapidement. Il est nécessaire que le monde adresse à la population ukrainienne un message selon lequel il entend agir, et aux dirigeants russes actuels un message selon lequel quiconque aidera Poutine à poursuivre sa guerre d'agression n'en sortira pas impuni, et ferait bien de prendre ses distances avec le régime, ainsi que de commencer à livrer des preuves.

L'Ukraine demande que soit prise une décision sur la création d'un tribunal international spécial, et nous autres gouvernements européens devons répondre à cet appel. Nous

pourrions toutefois mettre en place dès aujourd'hui un bureau provisoire d'enquête autour de tous les incidents susceptibles de qualifier le crime d'agression. Un procureur intérimaire pourrait être nommé et chargé de réunir les preuves ainsi que de réfléchir aux interrogations préalables - nature du procès, question de l'immunité, et règles de procédure. Il serait préférable que cette démarche soit menée depuis La Haye, et qu'elle ne fasse intervenir qu'une équipe de dix personnes tout au plus. Avec le soutien financier d'un ou deux gouvernements, cette équipe pourrait travailler en étroite collaboration avec la CPI, dans le cadre de leurs enquêtes respectives mais complémentaires.

Le crime d'agression est un acte relativement simple à poursuivre et sur lequel enquêter. Il concerne tous ceux qui planifient, entreprennent, influencent ou élaborent une politique globale d'agression. Un groupe de juristes américains a d'ores et déjà fourni un impressionnant travail de documentation de ce qu'il considère comme des actes d'agression commis par Poutine, à commencer par ses décisions de 2014 ayant consisté à annexer la Crimée ainsi qu'à déployer des troupes dans la région ukrainienne du Donbass.

Le crime d'agression commis par Poutine contre l'Ukraine ne s'arrête pas à l'invasion ordonnée le 24 février. Ce crime se poursuit à travers chaque attaque délibérée contre des villes et villages ukrainiens, chaque tir contre des civils innocents, à travers le refus d'honorer les cessez-le-feu et les couloirs humanitaires, et via l'emploi des centrales nucléaires comme moyen de pression contre le gouvernement ukrainien.

Face aux crimes de guerre commis il y a 30 ans en Yougoslavie et au Rwanda, le président américain Bill Clinton avait mené une initiative audacieuse pour la création de tribunaux spéciaux, qui avaient été en fin de compte approuvés par le Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU. Les faits l'avaient justifié à l'époque, et le justifient tout autant aujourd'hui. Les Américains avaient éprouvé la nécessité d'un leadership moral. Il ne s'agissait pas pour le tribunal de favoriser quelque appartenance raciale, religieuse ou ethnique, avait expliqué Clinton, précisant que l'enjeu consistait davantage à tracer une ligne entre ceux qui avaient décidé d'user de la brutalité, et ceux qui préféraient tendre la main. Telle était en fin de compte la ligne de démarcation la plus importante, avait-il déclaré.

Notre tâche est aujourd'hui la même. Nous devons tracer une ligne entre d'un côté ceux qui voient le monde comme un éternel champ de bataille entre « eux » et « les autres », et de l'autre ceux qui aspirent à une humanité commune. En débutant sans tarder le processus d'enquête, de documentation et de poursuite en justice des crimes internationaux perpétrés par la Russie, nous pouvons offrir au peuple d'Ukraine - et au monde - l'espoir réaliste que justice sera rendue, et notre humanité commune reconnue.

Traduit de l'anglais par Martin Morel

Gordon Brown, ancien Premier ministre du Royaume-Uni, est envoyé spécial des Nations Unies pour l'éducation mondiale, et président de la Commission internationale sur le financement des opportunités d'éducation à travers le monde.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Republic of Liberia

**Project: Integrated Public Financial Management Reform
Project Phase II (IPFMRP II)**

Project ID: P-LR-K00-014

Date: 29 July 2022

EOI Reference No. IPFMRP II/C/IC/2.1.1.1-AfDB

Title: Consulting services to carry out an End of Project Evaluation for the African Development Bank assisted Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project Phase II (IPFMRP II).

1. The Government of the Republic of Liberia has received a grant from The African Development Fund to finance Phase II of the Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP II) and intends to apply part of the funding towards the hiring of an individual consultant to carry out an End of Project Evaluation.

The aim of the Project is to strengthen transparency and accountability in public financial management and enhance revenue mobilization from the natural resources sector. The Project has three main components: (i) Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Public Financial Management; (ii) Revenue Mobilization and Administration, and (iii) Project Management Support.

2. The main objective of this assignment is to effectively support the Government of Liberia with the preparation of a comprehensive End of Project Evaluation report of IPFMRP II project that will feed into the Project Completion Report for the project, guided by the best practices and modelled around the African Development Bank reporting format and guidelines for a Project Completion Report.

3. The specific assignment shall culminate into the preparation of a Project Completion Report on the overall project activities, in preparation for the joint evaluation, Project Completion mission and final report by the Bank and the Republic of Liberia (GoL). Through consultations with all stakeholders, desk reviews and field visits, the consultant shall primarily lead in the preparation of IPFMRP II Project Completion Report and exit strategy, and also monitor implementation of the outstanding activities before project closure.

Carry out the following tasks, working in consultation, collaboration and cooperation with Project Management Unit staff and other IPFMRP II stakeholders:

I. In consultation with various stakeholders, desk reviews and field visits collect necessary information to inform the evaluation and the completion report.

II. Review, assess and address, inter alia: project design, project development objectives and their relevance, quality at entry, implementation efficiency, effectiveness outputs, outcomes, factors affecting implementation, challenges and lessons learnt, performance of the stakeholders, progress towards achievement of development objectives (development effectiveness) etc.

III. Lead the project evaluation process in preparation for final joint end-of-project evaluation by the Bank and relevant MACs from GoL, to assess attainment of project objectives and development effectiveness.

IV. In line with the project Results Framework and Project Completion Report framework, lead the PMU to produce a project completion report with lessons learnt, a way forward and exit strategy for the project at closure. This report shall serve as an input into the final joint completion report by the Bank and GoL.

4. Deliverables - The following deliverables are expected from the Consultant.

- i. An inception report;
- ii. An approved work plan;
- iii. A draft project completion report;
- iv. The End of project Evaluation report
- v. A Project Completion Report (PCR)

5. MFDP/PMU Input

The Client will provide the following support to the consultants:

- i. Provide all relevant documentation to the consultant, such as the Project Appraisal Document, Periodic reports, Implementation Manual, etc.;
- ii. Provide the Consultant with a list and contacts of key stakeholders and introductory letters to key stakeholders to facilitate communication;
- iii. Office and field communication,
- iv. Production and submission of reports

6. Consultants Inputs:

The Consultant will be responsible to provide the following inputs:

- a. Personal laptop for the assignment duration
- b. Personal phone

7. Experience and Qualifications Required by the Consultant

The Government of the Republic of Liberia through the Project Management Unit at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning now invites qualified Individual Consultant (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide CVs demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform this assignment:

- Preferably advanced degree in one or more of the following disciplines: Development Studies, Economics, Monitoring and Evaluation, or other relevant fields to the assignment.
- At least ten (10) years of relevant experience in developing/designing, managing and/or monitoring and evaluating similar development projects in an environment similar to Liberia.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in the fields of corporate governance, state enterprises reforms and integrated results-based management.
- Relevant experience in working for governments and/or international organisations on consultancy assignments, especially in project evaluation and completion report preparation.
- Minimum of five years' experience in conducting evaluations of development projects;
- Demonstrated relevant experience working on at least two similar assignments especially in externally-funded projects, not less than US\$7.0 million each;
- Sound knowledge of developing and working with questionnaires, survey formats, studies, and impact assessments and sound knowledge of conducting field surveys at national (macro) level;
- Proven experience with quantitative and qualitative data collection; ability to analyze and interpret field survey data and write clear and concise reports; and
- Highly proficient in key computer software programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, etc.)

8. The evaluation is expected to be completed within 30 working days.

9. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) process as contained in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers of July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.

10. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 hours to 16:30hours. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the below address or by email by 12th August 2022 at 10:00 hours and mention “**Consulting services to carry out an End of Project Evaluation for the African Development Bank assisted Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project Phase II (IPFMRP II).**”

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Gongloe to sue government

By Kruah Thompson

Renowned Liberian human rights lawyer and 2023 presidential hopeful Cllr. Tiawan Saye Gongloe has threatened a legal action against those who have brutalized protesting students of the University of Liberia (UL) on

and law-abiding students of the University of Liberia," a statement quotes Cllr. Gongloe as saying. Liberia's 175th Independence Day celebration turned bloody on Tuesday, 26 July when government supporters countered student protesters outside the United States Embassy near Monrovia.

the State-run University of Liberia.

Government is yet to make any arrest despite videos and photos of the perpetrators flooding social media, in addition to the suspects holding a press conference to justify their action.

Cllr. Gongloe who is currently exploring diaspora support for his presidential

Duvalier, Papa Doc. "As a former Acting Chairman of the Student Unification Party (1981) and a past victim of state sponsored brutality, I cannot sit by idly, and allow the gallant men and women of the Vanguard Student Unification Party, to be victims of state sponsored terrorism," said Cll. Gongloe.

He called on President George Manneh Weah not only to condemn this act of savagery, but to take the appropriate steps to bring to justice those responsible for the crimes committed against these peaceful citizens.

"President Weah has no other choice in this matter, because the first and most important function of any government is to protect its citizens," Gongloe argued. He also called on all citizens of Liberia, irrespective of their political differences to speak with one voice in condemning the violence committed against members of SUP. Following the attack outside the United States Embassy on Tuesday, social media was flooded with terrible images of wounded students and a video of one of them that was stripped naked for protesting against the government.

Some students narrowly escaped death at the hands of the CDC supporters.

Protester Christopher Walter Sisulu, who was seen being mobbed and humiliated by the CDC-Council of Patriots during Tuesday before the U.S.

Embassy is currently receiving medication at a local hospital.

Anti-government protesters and pro-government supporters clashed here Tuesday when University of Liberia-based Student Unification Party staged a peaceful "fix the State" campaign.

But the protest turned bloody when the pro-government faction of the Council of Patriots violently engaged the protesting students.

The bloody violence has received public outcry with calls for suspected perpetrators to be brought to justice.

The opposition Alternative National Congress (ANC) in a release on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, called on the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Cllr. Frank Musa Dean, Jr., to immediately order a full investigation of the incident.

In a letter to Minister Dean, with copies to the U.S. Embassy, AU, and ECOWAS, the ANC vehemently frowns on what it says appears to be a persistent pattern of grooming and institutionalizing domestic terror by the State to instill fear in the opposition community and silence dissenting voices. The Liberia National Police is yet to make any arrest. Police Spokesman Moses Carter, who had earlier said a full investigation has been launched into the incident, calls on the public to help the Police with information. *Editing by Jonathan Browne*



Independence Day, 26 July 2022.

"Upon our return to Liberia, we will institute the appropriate legal action to hold accountable those responsible for this mindless display of such a devilish force against the peaceful

The ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) supporters calling themselves CDC Council of Patriots (CDC-COP) attacked and wounded several students of the campus-based Vanguard Students Unification Party (SUP) of

bid, has said in the dispatch that neither do Liberians want to live under government created atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

He recalled that this was experienced through the brute force of the Tonton Macoute of Haiti under the rule of General

Cummings gets more women support

The presidential ambition of former Coca-Cola Executive, Alexander B. Cummings received a boost on Thursday July 28, when over one thousand women from the Cotton Tree Community in Margibi County endorsed his 2023 presidential bid.

The women under the banner, Successful Determined Women, mainly a daily saving club of market women said they believe the Alternative National Congress Political Leader is the right person to lead the country out of its economic woes.

Established in 2019 with members, scattered across several Divisions in the Firestone area, the group also gowned the ANC Political Leader during the impressive event, which attracted hundreds of other well wishers at the Cotton Tree Town Hall.

A group of young people, the Youth for Better Liberia with membership of over 100, established 2019, was in attendance at the program and also pledged support to the Alternative National

Congress, quest for the Presidency in 2023.

The Chair lady of the Successful Determined Women Madame Cecelia Sammey spoke of Mr. Cummings' enviable unmatched humanitarian and educational assistance programs for women and youth groups as well as support to learning institutions in Liberia.

Madame Sammey described the ANC Political Leader as the best alternative, possessing the needed qualifications and

competency, capable of pulling Liberia out of the dungeon of economic stagnation to a prosperous nation.

She spoke against continuous neglect of women by the current government and the dire need for economic empowerment and protection of women against gender-based violence and rape.

In his acceptance remarks, the ANC Political Leader, Mr. Cummings thanked the women for gowing him, as well as their recognition and pledged of support to his Presidential bid in the 2023 general



Successful Determine Women reading their petition statement

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Senators Saah Joseph and Abraham Dillion who were part of the dignitaries expected on the day but were unable to attend the function due to legislative business, sent messages of solidarity and support to the company and beneficiary students.

Elated beneficiaries from the schools gave various speeches on how the scholarship will transform their lives and thanked APM Terminals Liberia and its management for the investment in their lives.

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elections.

Mr Cummings spoke of the important role of women in accelerating national development, vowing to support women achieve economic empowerment through loan scheme and business opportunities.

He assured the women that under an ANC leadership, the country will experience massive improvement in basic social services including health care delivery service and education, as well as

improvement in the living standards of Liberians.

This is the third women group in recent times, who have pledged their unflinching support to the Presidential bid of the ANC Political Leader also, the standard bearer of Collaborating Political Parties (CPP).

The Lofa Women United Group in Mount Barclay, the Successful Women group in King Gray Community, Paynesville have since pledged support to the ANC.

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Liberia, Japan sign US\$3m economic recovery project



By Lincoln G. Peters

Liberia and Japan on Wednesday evening, 27 July 2022 signed the ninth round of the Kennedy Round Food Aid 2022 project which values US\$3m. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Monrovia and Japan's Embassy near the Liberian capital signed the project.

In 2008, the Government of Liberia entered into a bilateral agreement with the Government of Japan to address food security challenges here.

During the signing ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japanese Ambassador to Liberia

Mochizuki Hisanobu signed on behalf of his government. Foreign Minister Dee-Maxwell Saah Kemayah, Sr. signed for the Government and people of Liberia.

The Food Assistance Kennedy Round (KR), is a grant aid provided to developing countries with food shortages for the purpose of buying rice, wheat, maize or other grains.

Based on the food aid rules of the International Grain Agreement which came into effect as part of the KR at GATT in 1967, it began in 1968 and is referred to as "KR" because it came

out of the Kennedy Round.

Since 2001, JICS, in accordance with contracts with developing countries' governments, has been serving as a procurement management agent helping ensure the fair and rapid procurement of food.

It also acts as the secretariat for intergovernmental committees following up on how the food procured was distributed and monitoring accumulation of counterpart funds.

The aid is a commodity grant intended to raise money for the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) for the implementation of economic recovery projects, not in the national budget.

The purpose of these commodity grants is to support Liberia's social economic budget that was not captured in the fiscal budget.

Then proceeds of the KR will be reported in an extra account at CBL

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