



GRANT NUMBER H999-LR

Financing Agreement

(Second Poverty Reduction Support Development Policy Financing)

between

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated November 20, 2014

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated November 20, 2014, entered into between REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Association has decided to provide this financing on the basis, *inter alia*, of: (a) the actions which the Recipient has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I A of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and (b) the Recipient's maintenance of an adequate macroeconomic policy framework. The Recipient and the Association therefore hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equivalent to six million, eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 6,800,000) (variously, "Grant" and "Financing").
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROGRAM

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end:

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- (a) the Recipient and the Association shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework and the progress achieved in carrying out the Program and the actions specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;
- (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Recipient shall furnish to the Association for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request; and
- (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Recipient shall promptly inform the Association of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program including any action specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely that a situation has arisen which shall make it improbable that the Program, or a significant part of it, will be carried out.

ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 5.01. The Additional Condition of Effectiveness consists of the following, namely that the Association is satisfied with the progress achieved by the Recipient in carrying out the Program and with the adequacy of the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework.
- 5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister responsible for finance and development planning.
- 6.02. The Recipient's Address is:

Minister of Finance and Development Planning
Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
P.O. Box 10-9013
Broad Street
Monrovia, Liberia

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6.03. The Association's Address is:

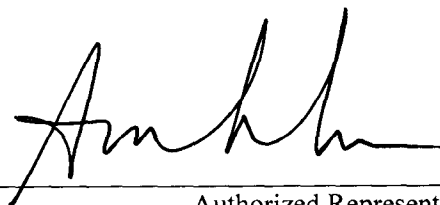
International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable Address:	Telex:	Facsimile:
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AGREED at Ministry of Finance, November 20, 2014, as of the day and
year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

By

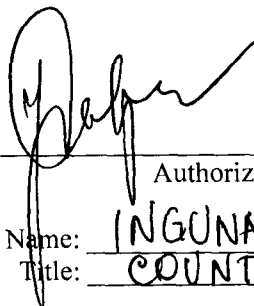


Authorized Representative

Name: Amara M. Konneh
Title: Minister of Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By



Authorized Representative

Name: INGUNA DOBRAJA
Title: COUNTRY MANAGER

SCHEDULE 1

Program Actions; Availability of Financing Proceeds

Section I. Actions under the Program

A. Actions Taken Under the Program. The actions taken by the Recipient under the Program include the following:

1. The Recipient has established a financial intelligence unit whose vocation is to help increase transparency in the Recipient's financial transactions.
2. The Recipient has completed the preparation of a three-year strategy, whose substance is acceptable to the Association, for the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission.
3. The Recipient has prepared and adopted a revised pay reform strategy merging allowances and base pay for civil service cadres, with a view to enhancing transparency and accountability of the Recipient's public service.
4. The Recipient has completed the installation of the civil service management module of the integrated financial management information systems (IFMIS), with a view to strengthening fiscal discipline and budget transparency.
5. The Recipient has completed the roll-out of the IFMIS to eleven (11) additional ministries and agencies, for a total of nineteen (19) and brought five (5) donor-financed projects onto pilot tested mode in IFMIS, with a view to facilitating management of public systems.
6. The Recipient has submitted its IPSAS-based financial statements for FY 2012/2013 to its General Auditing Commission for audit, with a view to improving internal budget controls.
7. The Recipient has structured, within its civil service, a career track for procurement specialists, with a view to improving budget execution.
8. The Recipient has completed the technical review of draft implementing regulations, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Recipient's Public Procurement and Concession Commission, with a view to strengthening the Recipient's procurement systems.
9. The Recipient has established a collateral registry with a view to improving credit and expanding the rural economy.

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10. The Recipient has adopted a comprehensive, fully costed implementation plan for teacher recruitment, training and deployment across all levels of the education system with a view to improving incentives for school attendance.

Section II. Availability of Financing Proceeds

- A. General.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of this Section and such additional instructions as the Association may specify by notice to the Recipient.
- B. Allocation of Financing Amounts.** The Financing is allocated in a single withdrawal tranche, from which the Recipient may make withdrawals of the Financing. The allocation of the amounts of the Financing to this end is set out in the table below:

Allocations	Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)
Single Withdrawal Tranche	6,800,000
TOTAL AMOUNT	6,800,000

C. Withdrawal Tranche Release Conditions

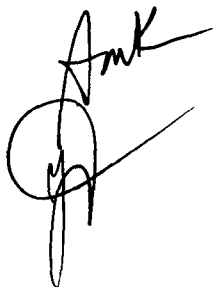
No withdrawal shall be made of the Single Withdrawal Tranche unless the Association is satisfied (a) with the Program being carried out by the Recipient, and (b) with the adequacy of the Recipient's macroeconomic policy framework.

- D. Deposits of Financing Amounts.** Except as the Association may otherwise agree:
1. all withdrawals from the Financing Account shall be deposited by the Association into an account designated by the Recipient and acceptable to the Association; and
 2. the Recipient shall ensure that upon each deposit of an amount of the Financing into this account, an equivalent amount is accounted for in the Recipient's budget management system, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
- E. Excluded Expenditures.** The Recipient undertakes that the proceeds of the Financing shall not be used to finance Excluded Expenditures. If the Association

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determines at any time that an amount of the Financing was used to make a payment for an Excluded Expenditure, the Recipient shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund an amount equal to the amount of such payment to the Association. Amounts refunded to the Association upon such request shall be cancelled.

F. Closing Date. The Closing Date is June 30, 2015.

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APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. "Excluded Expenditure" means any expenditure:
- (a) for goods or services supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Association or the Bank has financed or agreed to finance, or which the Association or the Bank has financed or agreed to finance under another credit, grant or loan;
 - (b) for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev.3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986) (the SITC), or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Association by notice to the Recipient:

Group	Sub-group	Description of Item
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, un-manufactured, tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitutes)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof; fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971		Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

- (c) for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;



- (d) for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Recipient or international agreements to which the Recipient is a party, and any other goods designated as environmentally hazardous by agreement between the Recipient and the Association;
 - (e) on account of any payment prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and
 - (f) with respect to which the Association determines that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient or other recipient of the Financing proceeds, without the Recipient (or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Association to address such practices when they occur.
- 2. "Fiscal Year" or "FY" means the fiscal year of the Recipient beginning on July 1 and ending June 30 of each year.
 - 3. "General Conditions" means the "International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants", dated July 31, 2010, with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.
 - 4. "IPSAS" means the cash basis international public sector accounting standards.
 - 5. "Program" means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reductions in poverty and set forth or referred to in the letter dated October 30, 2014, from the Recipient to the Association declaring the Recipient's commitment to the execution of the Program, and requesting assistance from the Association in support of the Program during its execution.
 - 6. "Single Withdrawal Tranche" means the amount of the Financing allocated to the category entitled "Single Withdrawal Tranche" in the table set forth in Part B of Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions

The modifications to the General Conditions are as follows:

- 1. The last sentence of paragraph (a) of Section 2.03 (relating to Applications for Withdrawal) is deleted in its entirety.

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2. Sections 2.04 (*Designated Accounts*) and 2.05 (*Eligible Expenditures*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article II are renumbered accordingly.
3. Sections 4.01 (*Project Execution Generally*), and 4.09 (*Financial Management; Financial Statements; Audits*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article IV are renumbered accordingly.
4. Paragraph (a) of Section 4.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above and relating to *Use of Goods, Works and Services*) is deleted in its entirety.
5. Paragraph (c) of Section 4.06 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 4.06. *Plans; Documents; Records*

... (c) The Recipient shall retain all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing expenditures under the Financing until two years after the Closing Date. The Recipient shall enable the Association’s representatives to examine such records.”

6. Section 4.07 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

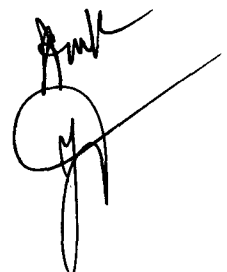
“Section 4.07. *Program Monitoring and Evaluation*

... (c) The Recipient shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and furnish to the Association not later than six months after the Closing Date, a report of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program, the performance by the Recipient and the Association of their respective obligations under the Legal Agreements and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Financing.”

7. The following terms and definitions set forth in the Appendix are modified or deleted as follows, and the following new terms and definitions are added in alphabetical order to the Appendix as follows, with the terms being renumbered accordingly:

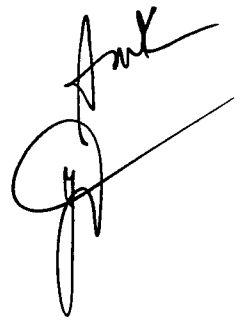
- (a) The definition of the term “Eligible Expenditure” is modified to read as follows:

“‘Eligible Expenditure’ means any use to which the Financing is put in support of the Program, other than to finance expenditures excluded pursuant to the Financing Agreement.”

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- (b) The term “Financial Statements” and its definition as set forth in the Appendix are deleted in their entirety.
- (c) The term “Project” is modified to read “Program” and its definition is modified to read as follows:

“‘Program’ means the program referred to in the Financing Agreement in support of which the Financing is made.” All references to “Project” throughout these General Conditions are deemed to be references to “Program”.

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