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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CLEARED
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD INSTRUMENTS
MANO RIVER UNION ROAD TRANSPORT AND TRADE FACILITATION
PROGRAMME - PHASE V (MRU V)
COASTAL CORRIDOR PROJECT, LIBERIA**

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) | Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) | Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) | Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP)

The Ministry of Public Works (MPW), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Liberia, hereby informs Project Affected Persons, communities along the project corridor, government institutions, civil society organizations, development partners, the private sector and the general public that the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has cleared for public disclosure the environmental and social safeguard instruments prepared for the Mano River Union Road Transport and Trade Facilitation Programme - Phase V (MRU V): Coastal Corridor Project in Liberia.

The Project forms part of the wider Mano River Union regional transport programme and is intended to improve road connectivity along Liberia's coastal corridor, facilitate the movement of people and goods, strengthen regional integration and trade, reduce travel time and transport costs, improve road safety, and enhance access to markets, health facilities, schools and other essential services. The specific road sections, associated facilities and areas of influence covered by this disclosure are described in the cleared instruments.

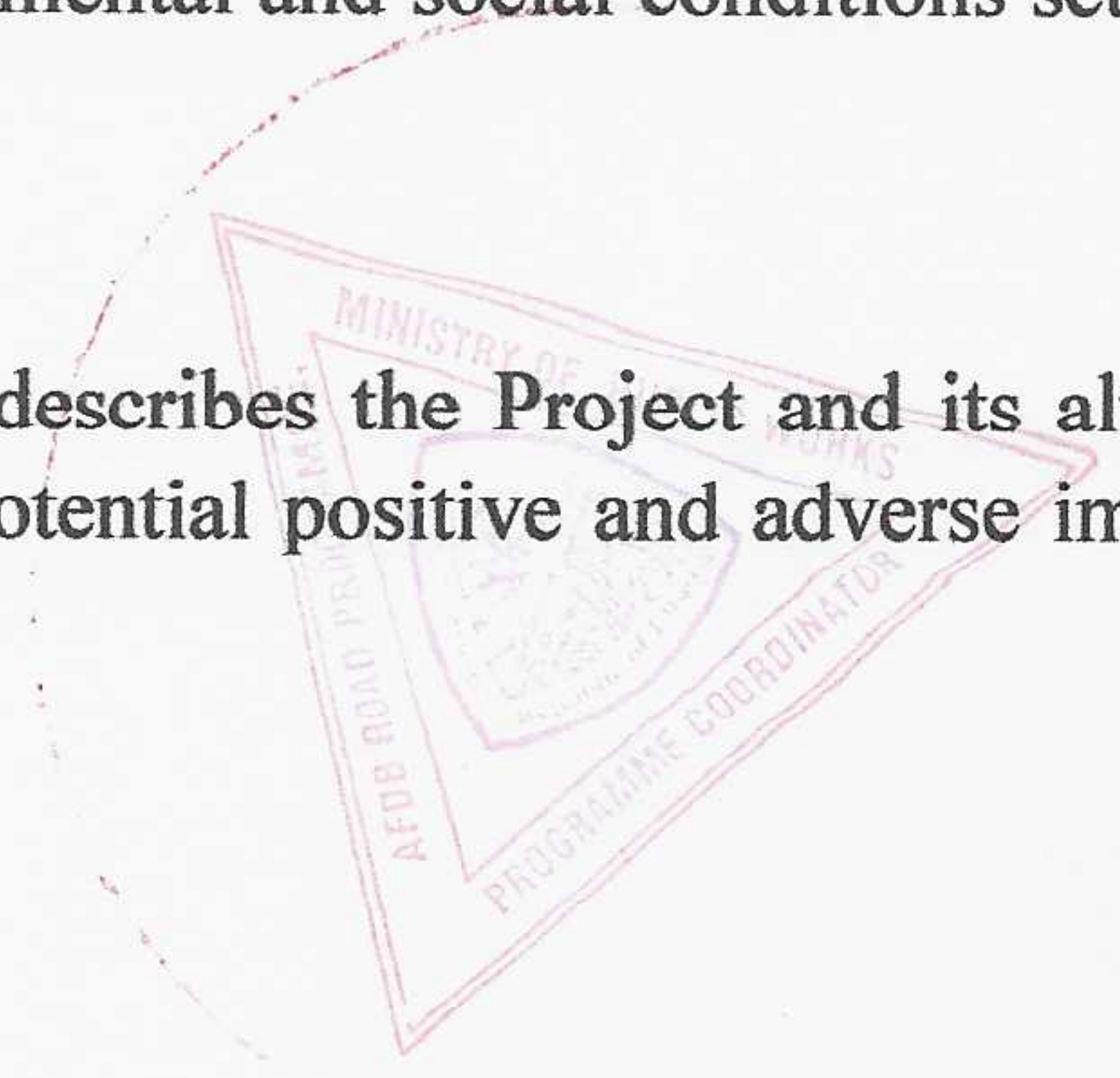
Environmental and Social Requirements

The instruments have been prepared in accordance with the applicable environmental, social, land, labour, public health, cultural heritage and biodiversity laws and regulations of the Republic of Liberia and the African Development Bank Group's Updated Integrated Safeguards System (ISS). Relevant requirements include, among others, Operational Safeguard 1 on the assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts; Operational Safeguard 5 on land acquisition, restrictions on access to land and land use, and involuntary resettlement; Operational Safeguard 6 on habitat and biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of living natural resources; and Operational Safeguard 10 on stakeholder engagement and information disclosure.

AfDB clearance for disclosure does not replace any permit, license, approval or other statutory requirement under Liberian law. Project implementation and the commencement of civil works remain subject to completion of all applicable national approvals and the environmental and social conditions set out in the cleared instruments.

Documents Available for Public Review

- 1. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA):** describes the Project and its alternatives; presents the environmental and social baseline; assesses potential positive and adverse impacts and



cumulative risks; and sets out mitigation, monitoring, institutional, budgetary and reporting measures, including the Environmental and Social Management Plan.

- 2. Resettlement Action Plan (RAP):** identifies Project Affected Persons and affected assets; establishes eligibility and entitlement provisions; explains compensation valuation and payment arrangements; provides livelihood-restoration and vulnerable-person assistance measures, where applicable; and defines the implementation, grievance-management, monitoring and completion-audit arrangements.
- 3. Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP):** identifies affected and interested stakeholders; documents previous consultations; establishes methods, responsibilities and schedules for continued engagement and information disclosure; provides measures for the inclusion of women, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable or disadvantaged groups; and describes the Project Grievance Redress Mechanism.
- 4. Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP):** sets out measures to avoid, minimize, restore and, where required, offset impacts on sensitive habitats, species and ecosystem services; identifies biodiversity-sensitive areas and management controls; and provides monitoring indicators, responsibilities, reporting requirements and adaptive-management measures.

Consultation and Project Commitments

The instruments were informed by consultations with Project Affected Persons, corridor communities, county and district authorities, traditional and community leaders, women, youth, persons with disabilities, vulnerable groups, businesses, transport users, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders. The issues raised during consultation have been considered in the Project design and in the proposed environmental, social, resettlement, biodiversity, stakeholder-engagement and grievance-management measures.

- No civil works will commence in any area requiring land acquisition, asset removal or displacement until eligible Project Affected Persons have received compensation and assistance in accordance with the approved RAP and applicable requirements.
- Environmental and social mitigation measures will be incorporated into procurement documents, contracts, contractor environmental and social management plans, method statements, supervision arrangements and monitoring reports, as applicable.
- Biodiversity-sensitive locations, avoidance areas and other restrictions identified in the ESIA and BMP will be communicated to contractors and monitored throughout implementation.
- The SEP and Project Grievance Redress Mechanism will remain operational throughout preparation, construction and the applicable post-construction period.

Availability of the Cleared Instruments

The ESIA, RAP, SEP and BMP are available for public inspection during normal working hours and through the physical and electronic disclosure channels listed below:

- Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure Implementation Unit / Programme Implementation Unit, P. O. Box 9011, South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia;
- the relevant county administrative buildings, district administrative offices and designated community disclosure points along the Coastal Corridor Project area, as specified in the cleared SEP;
- Ministry of Public Works website: www.mpw.gov.lr;
- Executive Mansion website: www.emansion.gov.lr; and
- African Development Bank website: www.afdb.org

Printed copies may be reviewed without charge. Reasonable assistance will be provided to persons who require help to access, read or understand the documents, including persons with limited literacy, language, mobility or other accessibility needs. Publicly disclosed versions will protect personal data, confidential information and sensitive biodiversity information, where required by law or good practice.

Public Disclosure and Comment Period

The public disclosure and comment period will run for three (3) weeks, from 3 August 2026 through 24 August 2026. All interested and affected persons are encouraged to review the instruments and submit comments, observations, questions, recommendations or concerns. Comments received during the disclosure period will be registered, reviewed and considered, where appropriate, before the relevant instruments are implemented and before the commencement of activities to which the comments relate.

Submission of Comments, Questions, Concerns and Grievances

Comments, questions, concerns and grievances may be submitted verbally or in writing through any of the following channels:

- Email: rawlings.kesselly@mpw.gov.lr and tgonwokay@mpw.gov.lr;
- Hand delivery or written correspondence to the Programme Implementation Unit, Ministry of Public Works, P. O. Box 9011, South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia;
- Hand delivery to a designated county, district or community disclosure location identified in the cleared SEP;
- Telephone, SMS or WhatsApp through any of the safeguards focal persons listed below; or
- Direct submission to an authorized community-level grievance focal point or through another official Project grievance channel communicated by the PIU.

The Project Grievance Redress Mechanism is free of charge. Assistance will be provided to persons who are unable to submit a complaint in writing. Complaints may be submitted confidentially or anonymously, where requested, and no person will be subjected to retaliation, intimidation, discrimination or loss of entitlement for raising a concern. Sensitive complaints, including allegations of sexual exploitation, abuse or sexual harassment, will be handled through confidential, survivor-centered referral procedures and will not be processed through open community grievance discussions.

Safeguards Contact Information

1. **Georget Yarngo** - Social Safeguards Officer; Email: georgeyarngo@gmail.com ;
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The Ministry of Public Works appreciates the cooperation and participation of all stakeholders in the disclosure and review process. Meaningful public participation is essential to ensuring that the Coastal Corridor Project is implemented transparently, responsibly and in a manner that protects affected people, communities and the environment.

Signed : 
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