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OF
Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and Environmental & Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) for the
INSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATIONS TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR HEALTH (IFISH) Project Additional Financing
(P177050)

In line with the Environmental Management Laws and Regulations of the Republic of Liberia, and in compliance with the World Bank policy on disclosure of information, the Ministry of Health is pleased to announce to the general public and all stakeholders that an updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and an Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) for the Additional Financing (AF-1) of the Institutional Foundation to Improve Services for Health (IFISH) project are now available.

Brief Project Description

The Additional Financing of the IFISH project will provide support and restructured to facilitate systems strengthening, improved service delivery, and achievement of better health and nutrition outcomes in the country. The restructured Project will finance an integrated design of the New Redemption Hospital by integrating Phases 1 and 2 into one multi-purpose unit. This means that all the departments, utilities, staff accommodation and other amenities envisaged under Phases I and II will be undertaken at the same time.

Other sub-components of the project aim to improve functionality and physical access to healthcare by supporting the rehabilitation and extension of health infrastructure at existing primary health facilities. The support will be targeted at the six counties implementing PBF under the project, namely: Gbarpolu, Rivercess, Sinoe, Bomi, Grand Kru, and Maryland.

The project will also support activities to enhance consultation and collaboration with community members (including trained traditional midwives) through health facility development committee (HFDC) meetings. These activities are expected to empower citizens, especially women and young girls, to make informed decisions on RMNCAH-N. Details of the full project components and restructuring alignments are found in the project appraisal document (PAD) at the World Bank portal.

The SEP is designed to establish an effective platform for productive interactions with potentially affected parties and persons with interest in the implementation and outcomes of the IFISH project in the health sector. Effective stakeholder engagement is a necessary aspect of any good project, and the SEP will help solicit feedback to inform project design and implementation while simultaneously managing expectations of beneficiaries and project affected persons (PAPs).

The ESCP sets out material measures and actions to be carried out by the Government of Liberia, including timeframes, institutional system strengthening, workforce capacity development, monitoring & evaluation and reporting arrangements, grievance management, environmental and social safeguard instruments to be prepared or updated and disclosed and implemented in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

There have been key stakeholders' consultation meetings with the community, government agencies, civil society, NGO women and youth. The outcome of said meetings is captured in the updated ESMP.

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Copies of the full SEP will be available at the MOH/NPHIL website, World Bank portal and in selected widely read Newspaper in Liberia.

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