## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE**

of the

Gender Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Exploitation & Abuse (SEA), Sexual Harassment (SH) Action Plan for the

The Liberia COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (P169641/P177050)

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In compliance with the World Bank policy on disclosure of information, the Ministry of Health (MoH) is pleased to announce to the public and all stakeholders that the GBV, SEA/SH Action Plan for the Liberia Institutional Foundations to Improve Services for Health-Additional Financing (IFISH-AF) Project is now available. The IFISH-AF Project will impact all counties in Liberia but particularly targets eight counties for implementation of performance-based financing (PBF) and community health assistant (CHA) programs.

## **Brief Project Description**

The Project Development Objective (PDO) for the project is to improve health service delivery to women, children, and adolescents in Liberia. The project was originally approved on May 21, 2020 and became effective on February 2, 2021. The Additional Financing for the project was approved on September 28, 2022. The project has five components, namely: (i) Component 1 - Improve health infrastructure; (ii) Component 2 - Improve health services delivery; (iii) Component 3 - Strategic purchasing and equity in health financing; (iv) Component 4 - Project management, and monitoring and evaluation; and (v) Component 5 - Contingent emergency response component (CERC). The project is expected to facilitate health systems strengthening, improve service delivery, and achievement of better health and nutrition outcomes in the country. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Health.

The GBV, SEA/SH Action Plan has been prepared in line with best practices on GBV and SEA/SH and draws from the World Bank's Good Practice Note on GBV, SEA/SH for Bank Projects. The action plan details measures that will be put in place to prevent and respond to project related GBV, SEA/SH issues. This includes prevention and management of GBV-related grievances, code of conduct for project workers, and other measures to prevent GBV risks. Funds to support the implementation of the GBV, SEA/SH Action Plan will be provided through the project. The Social Safeguard Officer under the project will serve as the GBV, SEA/SH focal person and she is expected to oversee the implementation of activities.

## **Display Centers**

The GBV, SEA/SH Action Plan will be published on MoH, NPHIL and World Bank websites. Hard copies will be made available to key stakeholders and other parties on request.

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