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September 30, 2015

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

Re: ERRTF Grant No.TF0A1017
Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction Project

Honorable Konneh:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Liberia ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors ("Donor(s)") under the Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction Trust Fund, proposes to extend to the Recipient, a grant in an amount not to exceed one million United States Dollars (U.S.$1,000,000) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Indena Dobrana
Country Manager for Liberia
Authorized Representative
AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

By ____________________________
Authorized Representative

Name: James F. Kolie
Title: Acting Minister
Date: 10-6-2015

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement and the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Paragraph 3.01 of Article 3 to this Agreement.

(b) "Deworming Protocol" means the Recipient’s National Worm Control in School-Age Children Guide for County and District Managers and Teacher Training Kit issued in August 2011.

(c) "EVD" means Ebola Virus Disease.

(d) "Ministry of Education" means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for education and any successor thereto.

(e) "Ministry of Finance and Development Planning" means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for finance and any successor thereto.

(f) "Project Financial Management Unit" or "PFMU" mean the unit within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning established pursuant to the Recipient’s Financial Management (PFM) ACT of 2009 which authorizes the PFMU to provide financial management services and fiduciary assurance to donors providing project funds to Liberia.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to support implementation of key elements of the Liberian education sector’s short-term Ebola response plan to minimize the impact of the epidemic on school-age children by safely reopening schools, motivating students and teachers to return to the classroom, and enhancing the quality of learning.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Health and Hygiene

Carrying out transportation and distribution of deworming medicines to public and private schools under a Deworming Protocol.
Part 2: Information Dissemination

Strengthening community EVD awareness through creation of a public information campaign on local and national radio.

Part 3: Support to Students, Families and Schools

Carrying out distribution of learning materials to students in grades 1-9 and providing training for public school teachers.

Part 4: Project Coordination and Operating Costs

Carrying out the management, coordination, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation as well as financing of Operating Costs.

2.02. Project Execution Generally. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. Institutional and Other Arrangements. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.02 of this Agreement, the Recipient shall, for the purposes of the implementation of the Project:

(a) coordinate the Project through its Ministry of Education; and

(b) maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU) within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning or any successor acceptable to the World Bank, with staff in numbers and with functions and qualifications acceptable to the World Bank, for the purpose of carrying out the financial management functions of the Project.

2.04. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six months, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than 30 days after the end of the period covered by such report.

(b) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than three months. In order to assist the Recipient in preparing the Completion Report, the Recipient shall employ consultants in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of this Agreement.

2.05. Financial Management. (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.
(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. **Procurement**

(a) **General.** All goods, and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:


(ii) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

(iii) The provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the Procurement Plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).

(b) **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Shopping; (B) Direct Contracting and; (C) Procurement from UNESCO.

(d) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications and; (B) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.
(e) **Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions.** The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

### Article III
#### Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (i) the Standard Conditions; (ii) this Section; and (iii) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, Consultants’ Services, Training and Operating Costs under the Project</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,000,000</strong></td>
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For the purpose of this Section the terms:

(a) “Training” means the following expenditures incurred in providing training or workshops: (i) travel by participants and presenters to the training or workshop site; (ii) per diem allowances of such persons during the training or workshop; (iii) honoraria for the presenters; (iv) rental of facilities; (v) materials, supplies; and (vi) translation and interpretation services.

(b) “Operating Costs” means the operating expenses incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, including office supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, videoconferencing equipment, rental charges, communication and insurance costs, special account banking charges, office maintenance costs, utilities, travel cost for Project staff and salaries of support contractual staff for the Project (other than consultants’ services), but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service.

3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $400,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after January 1, 2015, for Eligible Expenditures.
3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is December 31, 2016.

**Article IV**  
**Recipient’s Representative; Addresses**

4.01. **Recipient’s Representative.** The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister of Finance and Development Planning.

4.02. **Recipient’s Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

    Minister of Finance and Development Planning  
    Ministry of Finance and Development Planning  
    P.O. Box 10-9013  
    Broad Street  
    Monrovia, Liberia  
    **Email:** akonneh@mopea.gov.lr.

4.03. **World Bank’s Address.** The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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    United States of America

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