Honorable Amara Konneh  
Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Broad Street  
Monrovia  
Republic of Liberia

Dear Honorable Konneh:

Re: Liberia Health System Strengthening Project IDA Cr. 5244-LR
Amendment to the Financing Agreement

1. We refer to the Financing Agreement ("Agreement") between the Republic of Liberia (the "Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") for the Liberia Health System Strengthening Project (Credit No. 5244-LR), dated July 3, 2013.

2. We also refer to your request dated August 1, 2014, requesting the Association to revise the Agreement to address the current Ebola epidemic. We are pleased to inform you that the Association concurs to your request. Therefore, the Agreement is amended as follows:

A. Article III

Section 3.01 of Article III to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out Parts 1, 3 and 4 of the Project through the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and cause the Postgraduate Medical Council to carry out Part 2 of the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions."

B. Project Development Objective

The objective of the Project in Schedule 1 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"The objective of the Project is to improve the quality of maternal health, child health, and infectious disease services in selected secondary-level health facilities;"
and to support the emergency response needed to contain and control the Ebola outbreak.”

C. Part 4

The Project description in Schedule 1 to the Agreement is amended to include the following:

“Part 4: Support to the Emergency Response to the Ebola Epidemic

Providing support for the Recipient’s emergency response to the Ebola crisis, including:

(a) coordination, financing and logistics;
(b) epidemiology, surveillance and diagnostics;
(c) case management, infection prevention, control and psychosocial support;
(d) social mobilization/communication;
(e) acquisition of required equipment and supplies;
(f) hiring of international medical doctors and medical workers; and
(e) support to the functioning of the overall health system.

D. Section II. A. 1. of Schedule 2 (Project Implementation Manual)

The Recipient shall, no later than one (1) month after the countersignature of this letter, update the Project Implementation Manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, containing, inter alia, the administrative, organizational, procurement, financial management, safeguards, and monitoring and evaluation procedures as shall be required for the Project, including Part 4.

E. Section II. G. of Schedule 2 (Safeguards)

(a) The Recipient shall, no later than one (1) month after the countersignature of this letter update the Health Care Waste Management Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, to include an annex on the World Health Organization’s guidelines on the handling of Ebola.

(b) Section II. G of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to include the following paragraph:

“5. The Recipient shall update the Health Care Waste Management Plan to include an annex on the World Health Organization’s guidelines on the handling of Ebola, and thereafter apply such plan in implementing Part 4 of the Project.”

F. Procurement
(a) the first paragraph of Section IV. B. 2. of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"2. Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services. The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Shopping; (b) Direct Contracting; (c) Limited International Bidding; (d) Procurement from UN Agencies; and (e) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the following additional provisions:"

(b) Section IV.B.2 of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"2. Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services. The following methods, other than Quality and Cost-based Selection, may be used for procurement of consultants’ services for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Quality-based Selection; (b) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (c) Least Cost Selection; (d) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (e) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (f) Procedures set forth in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines for the Selection of Individual Consultants; (g) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants; and (h) Selection of UN Agencies."

G. Reallocation

The table in Section V of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to reallocate the proceeds as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants’ services, Training and Operating Costs, PBF Grants under Part 1 of the Project</td>
<td>696,919</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods, non-consulting services, consultant’s services, Operating Costs and Training under Part 2 of the Project</td>
<td>1,467,449</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Goods, non-consulting services, consultant’s services, and Operating Costs under Part 3 of</td>
<td></td>
<td>100%</td>
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the Project  
533,618  
(4) Goods, Training, non-consulting services, consultant’s services, and Operating Costs under Part 4 of the Project  
4,002,014  
100%  
TOTAL AMOUNT  
6,700,000.00  

3. The capitalized terms used in this letter ("Amendment Letter") and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Agreement.

4. Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment by signing and dating this Amendment Letter in the spaces provided below. Henceforward, all other provisions of the Agreement not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect. This Amendment Letter shall be executed in two counterparts, each of which shall be an original.

5. The provisions set forth in this Amendment Letter shall become effective as of the date of countersignature upon receipt by the World Bank of the countersigned original of this Amendment Letter.

Very truly yours,

Yusupha B. Crookes  
Country Director for Liberia, Ghana and Sierra Leone  
Africa Region

Confirmed:  
Republic of Liberia  
By:  
Date: 16/8/14