MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The Government of Liberia on July 19, 2019 signed a US$47 Million Grant agreement with the World Bank for the project titled: **Improving Results in Secondary Education (IRISE) Project.** The project became effective on October 15, 2019 and has since been under implementation. The project is supporting implementation of the Government’s Education Sector Plan 2017-2021, as well as the strategic roadmap for education transformation outlined in the National Education Summit, over five years (2019-2023) with the overall intention of removing barriers that are impeding access to education services and quality learning outcomes at the secondary level. It aims to improve student learning outcomes by addressing the main challenges facing particularly senior secondary education in teacher quality, girls’ transition and completion, accessibility to learning materials and digital skills.

In line with the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Safeguards requirements, specifically OP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment) and OP 4.12 (involuntary Resettlement), the Government of Liberia developed and disclosed on April 26, 2019 an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) which outline, among others, procedures to ensure that project activities are screened for their potential environmental and social impacts, and that correct procedures are followed to avoid or mitigate and minimize any potential negative impacts arising from the project. The ESMP and RPF also guide the preparation of site-specific instruments such as ESMPs and RAP/ARAP during project implementation when required.
To support the MoE’s emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project’s Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) is being activated. This triggers the need for updating of the existing ESMF previously disclosed. The sole purpose of this notice is for the disclosure of the updated ESMF.

The updated ESMF is now being disclosed to the public and can be accessed at the following locations:

1. World Bank Education Portfolio Project Delivery Team Office
   Ministry of Education, Ministerial Complex, Congo Town, First Floor, Room #306


3. It will be published in major local dailies

This updated ESMF document will also be disclosed at the World Bank’s website once the in-country disclosure is finalized.

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