

## LIBERIA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (LWEP)



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## GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of Libera has applied for financing in the amount of US\$ 44.6 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Liberian Women Empowerment Project (LWEP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be financed by the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank.

The project will include the following components, **Component 1, Fostering Positive Social Norms and Community Mobilization.** This component will finance implementation of the SASA! Methodology, a community mobilization and social and behavioural change communication (SBCC) approach use in Sub-Saharan Africa (including Liberia) to address Gender based violence (GBV) prevention specifically intimate partner violence (IPV), and more recently adapted to influence social change regarding gender dynamics and power relations between women and men.

Component 2, Enhancing Basic Services in Health and Education. This component will finance activities to address key barriers to health and education for women and girls, specifically local gender-based violence (GBV) response and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) services, School driven community engagement on adolescent pregnancy, early marriage and keeping girls in school, studies to develop approaches in each sector which will then be piloted study findings may lead to recommendation for further investment.

Component 3, Resilient Livelihoods Through Community-Led Approaches. This component will finance climate-resilient livelihood support to different categories of women groups and entrepreneurs by carrying out a program of activities for economic and social empowerment of women using livelihood group platform to deliver life skills and gender training and dialogue to build agency and strengthen resilience of women's livelihood. By addressing community level norms (Component 1) alongside support to individual women though improved services

(Component 2) and resilient livelihoods (Component 3), the project will increase the likelihood that women will be able to exercise agency and control over the assets they generate through the projects.

Component 4, Strengthening Public institutions to Advance Gender Equality. This component will finance activities to build the capacity of Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MGCSP) and Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), generate data and address gender gaps by building the gender infrastructure, and a platform for policy dialogue and coordination with other ministries with a mandate on gender inclusion.

Component 5, Project Management, Monitoring, Evaluation, knowledge Management and Communication. This component will finance activities to overall project coordination and implementation arrangements at the national and sub-national levels including financial management (FM), procurement, soral and environmental safeguards under the environmental and social framework (ESF) and the overall monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system, communication and outreach to stakeholders at community, county and national level to enhance their engagement, support and ownership of the project and its objectives, knowledge generation and dissemination and effective monitoring and evaluation.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers dated July 2016 revised November2017, August 2018 and November 2020 for the procurement of Goods, Non-Consulting and *Consulting* services (J) (Procurement Regulations), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in <a href="UN Development Business"><u>UN Development Business</u></a> online, on the World Bank's external website and The Libera executive mansion's <a href="www.emansion.gov.lr">website (www.emansion.gov.lr</a>), the Ministry of gender Children and Social Protection (<a href="www.emansion.gov.lr">www.emansion.gov.lr</a>) and local dallies (Frontpage Africa, News and Inquirer Newspapers) <a href="mailto:and-official-gazette">and-official-gazette</a> (if required under national legislation)

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below

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