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Thematic Area 1: Transparency

No	Commitment	Activities	Performance Indicators	Responsible Party	Strategic Partners	Possible Funding	Comments	Timeframe
1.	Appointment of Public Information Officers (PIOs) in government agencies and provision of training to fulfill their Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint and train an additional 50 PIOs IIC prepares and shares quarterly reports Conduct capacity building training for staff of IIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of PIOs appointed and trained Number of quarterly reports from CSOs Number of institutions and individuals receiving quarterly reports Number of staff trained 	MICAT, IIC FLY	Carter Center, OSIWA, CEMESP, CENTAL,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL USAID 	This will facilitate request and receipt of information from citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 July–30 January 2016 01 February 2016–30 May 2016
2.	Popularize the Freedom of Information (FoI) Law and ensure access for more Liberians to the law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and build an online FoI requests platform Outreach and awareness for citizens across the country through town hall meetings and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of persons making and receiving feedbacks through the FoI request platform; Number of citizens demonstrating understanding of the FoI Law as a result of awareness 	MICAT, MOF and IIC	iLab Liberia, CEMESP, Carter Center, CENTAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iLab received grant to build out the online platform 	Citizens are aware of their rights and means to seek and access public information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 July – 30 December 2015 On going

		radio talk shows						
3.	Expand Open Budget Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop SMS platform to disseminate budget information through bulk SMS with instant SMS response Decentralize the Open Budget Initiative (OBI) to 15 counties Create awareness through town criers and local radio stations and other media outlets to explain the open budget initiative Print and distribute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of SMS sent out and received by the platform with feedbacks. Number of OBI activities (workshops and stakeholder meetings) in all 15 counties. Number of citizens reached disaggregated by geographical locations. Percentage/number of citizens receiving copies the citizens' guide to the budget. Number of citizens reached through town hall meetings and radio talk shows. 	MOF, MICAT, MIA	LFIC, CEMESP, CENTAL, CUPPADL, LMC All GSM companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL Bank World Bank ACD Bank 	Mobile telecommunications penetration in Liberia is progressively increasing. Mobile users will have access to budget information via SMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 July 2015–30 March 2016 01 July 2015–30 June 2016 01 Sept 2015–30 Sept 2016 15 July 2015–30 December 2015 15 July 2015–30 June 2016

		<p>10,000 copies of the citizens guide to the budget in the 15 countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct 15 town hall meetings and hold 20 radio talk shows to discuss the budget soliciting citizens' feedback on the budget in the 15 counties • Publish in open data portal quarterly budget and all audit reports released by the General Auditing Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of quarterly budget execution reports and GAC reports published in the open data portal 					<p>15 July 2015–30 December 2015</p> <p>10 October 2015–30 December 2017</p>
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4.	Make accessible to the public information on proposed reforms in the Land and Natural Resources sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a broad stakeholders consultations in the county(ies) concerned to increase citizens' understanding about issues of land and natural resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people, companies or agencies whose views were gathered as a result of the consultation 	MIA , Land Commission (or future Land Authority) Sustainable Development Institute, Governance Commission , Law Reform Commission	LMC, TGCI, CENTAL, concerned concession companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID World Bank SIDA UN-Habitat 	Most land and natural resources related conflict have roots to lack of information/awareness; this seeks to help bridge that gap.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 August 2015–20 March 2016
5.	Ensure that material information on commercial land use rights is made publicly available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish information on acres (hectares) for each commercial land use right Publish accurate map of location of each commercial land use right via a map-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of accurate commercial land use maps posted on LEITI website Percentage of new commercial land use allocations which publish this information before the allocation is granted Number of workshops and sensitization activities held 	MIA, LEITI, Land Commission (or future Land Authority), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry Development Authority, Ministry of Mines & Energy, National Investment	TGCI, LMC, CENTAL, CEMESP, concerned concession companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID World Bank GOL 	Commercial use of land has sometimes led to associated conflict situation; this commitment seeks to increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 August 2015–20 May 2016

		<p>web platform, in addition to providing hard copies of proposed land-use allocations to affected populations who don't have access to the internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose whether a commercial operator has the right to expand their area of operations and whether that right is being exercised and where • All material information publicly disclosed before a commercial use right is 		<p>Commission , Ministry of Justice, National Bureau of Concessions , Local tradition council</p>			<p>citizens' understanding of land use and tenure</p>	
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		awarded by the government						
6.	<p>Expand transparency of development assistance in Liberia through open data portal of aid activities, including access to raw data in machine readable formats.</p> <p>Encourage development partners to expand their own transparency by publishing timely, comprehensive, and disaggregated data on a quarterly basis in line with the International</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure public online access to Liberia's Aid Management Platform and identify ways to improve accessibility, functionality and awareness of the platform • Hold [annual/bi annual] development cooperation meetings with donors to assess donor commitments to providing timely and comprehensive data on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberia's AMP is functional and publicly accessible • Development Cooperation Reports, including data and visualizations on official development assistance, published on a [bi annual and annual] basis and available online • Regular development partner coordination meetings led by MOF • Use of data from AMP in annual portfolio reviews with development partners • Number of development partners reporting 	MOF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Gateway • Publish What You Fund • CEMESP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing multi-donor trust fund for AMP • World Bank (Open Aid Partnership) 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01 July – 28 February 2016

	<p>Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) Standard.</p>	<p>development assistance to the Government on a [quarterly basis]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with development partners to improve the availability of data by identifying the gaps of the information available • Work with development partners to make the information accessible to users and develop programs for capacity building 	<p>information in line with IATI Standard to Aid Management Unit on a [quarterly basis]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw data on development assistance is downloadable from the Aid Management Platform, as well as the yet to be established Open Data Portal and other Government websites • Workshops/public events carried out for Donors, Government agencies, CSOs & media groups to raise awareness of the AMP 					
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7.	Strengthen development planning by identifying ways to link Liberia's Financial Management System with the Aid Management Platform to monitor expenditures and plan more predictably over the medium to long-term.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of how AMP and financial and expenditure management systems could be linked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMP begins tracking necessary information (e.g. Budget Head Codes from the Chart of Accounts) for future budget integration Alignment of AMP and IFMIS data management plans and data standards Link established between the country's financial, expenditure and aid management systems 	MOF	CEMESP CENTAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 July 2015–15 February 2016
8.	Facilitate tracking of EVD funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track financial resources spent and map financial resources committed or allocated from government and partners, including the private 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on EVD funds, including funding agency, project, commitment and disbursement amounts, and target location, are updated [on a monthly basis] and made available on Government websites 	MOH, Liberia Ebola Financial Tracking group LACC	Ilab, Accountability lab,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 August 2015–15 June 2016

		<p>sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disseminate data and reports on Government websites, including the yet to be established Open Data Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly progress reports delivered and available online						<p>15 Jan 2016–30 June 2016</p>
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Thematic Area 2: Citizen Participation								
No	Commitment	Activities	Performance Indicators	Responsible Party	Strategic Partners	Possible Funding	Remarks	Time frame
1.	Implementation of the new jury law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve budget for the jury management office Set up, recruit and train staff of the jury management central office Awareness raising around the role of juries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget approved and transfers made A functional jury office set up with trained staff Number of workshops/outreach sessions 	MICAT, LACC, GC, Judiciary, MIA, MFDP	UNMIL, PBF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL 		15 July 2015– 30 June 2016
2.	Enhance citizen monitoring of the justice system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish quarterly analysis of court returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and frequency of publication of quarterly analysis of court returns 	MOJ, Judiciary, JPC	PUL, CENTAL, CEMESP, LMC, UNMIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL 	To enhance citizens' understanding about the workings of the justice system to promote confidence in the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 October 2015– 30 June 2017

3.	Civic education and citizen engagement around offline tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative tools for citizen outreach (interactive murals, citizen journalism, accountability film school, “conversation kekes”, “kick out corruption” program, radio shows etc • Annual perception survey of citizens on government accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number/proportion of citizens accessing and utilizing outreach tools • Survey report • Number of participants at the end of year meeting. 	MIA, MICAT, MOS, President’s office	Accountability Lab, iLab,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoL 	This is a roll out of the online version of citizens’ feedbacks on for information they request;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Sept 2015– 15 Sept 2016
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4.	Liberia National Police (LNP) 'Know Your Rights' Policing Campaign/Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish laws and protocols on enforcement powers, filing of complaints and whistle blowing procedures • Promote citizens' awareness of the existence, roles and actions of LNP Professional Standards Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of information to the public on these issues using all current information outlets • Number of citizens knowledgeable of and; seeking and receiving redress to police actions through the Professional Standards Division 	LNP, MOJ, MICAT, MIA	CENTAL, UNPOL, PUL, Community Watch Forum, TGCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoL (LNP might have some funding suggestions) 	To increase citizens' understanding of the work of the police and strengthen their confidence level in the police. This also helps to reduce police-citizens tension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 July 2015–30 June 2016
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Thematic Area 3: Accountability and Integrity								
No	Commitment	Activities	Performance Indicators	Responsible Party	Strategic Partners	Possible Funding	Remarks	Timeframe
1.	Passage of Whistleblower Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby and engaged policy makers for the passage of the Whistleblower Protection act and undertake awareness raising on citizens' understanding of the act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passage of act Number or proportion of citizens reached through awareness raising; 	National Legislature, LRC, MICAT, GC, LACC, NIF	CENTAL, CUPPADL, CEMESP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL 	This will provide convenience and safety for individuals wanting to expose ills in the country, especially public offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 July 2015– 30 May 2016
2.	Community building for accountability organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of an OpenGov Hub in Monrovia a co working and community space for accountability Setting up and staffing of "accountability incubators" within the 15 counties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A functioning and accessible hub with three (3) organizations; number of events Number of functioning accountability incubator set up across the country. 	MICAT, MIA, LACC, GC	Accountability Lab, CENTAL, OSIWA, Medica Mondiale, GAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 July - 30 December 2015

3.	Improve integrity within government systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train at least 20 middle, junior and senior levels GoL officials on building a culture of integrity and promote network building of reformers within government sector • Creation of an innovation fund (\$2-5,000) for small, creative ideas for integrity within government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number/percentage of officials trained and demonstrating understanding of issues of integrity and reform • Number and quality of ideas receiving support under this fund; Frequency of score cards publication and number of awards given 	MICAT, GC, LIPA, CSA, NIF	Accountability Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoL 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Sept 2015 – 20 Sept 2016
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Thematic Area 4: Technology and Innovation

No.	Commitment	Activities	Performance Indicators	Responsible Party	Strategic Partners	Possible Funding	Remarks	Timeframe
1.	Encourage citizens' feedback on national development outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build out online/SMS platform for receiving and gathering feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number/proportion of citizens accessing and utilizing platform to request and receive feedbacks; 	MICAT, LISGIS, MOF, MOPT, MIA	GSM companies, iLab, CENTAL, All local radio stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSM companies • GoL 	This will help further demonstrate the commitment of the Government to keep citizens in the know of the implementation status of decisions they have made; this reduces misinterpretation of Government undertakings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 August 2015– 15 February 2016

2.	Improve GoLs online provision of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardize government websites with gov.lr standards and policies and train requisite staff for updates and maintenance Develop “Knowmore LIB” open data and citizen navigation system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of functioning standardized websites of GoL institutions Frequency at which GoL websites are updated by trained staff Knowmore LIB functional and receiving requests Number of staff trained 	MICAT , * MOPT, LTA	Accountabil ity Lab, iLab, LMC, IBM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accoun tability Lab and iLab support ed by OSIW A for Knowm ore LIB 	Keep Liberians both home and abroad as well as foreigners alike informed about the programs and policies of Governme nt. It will also provide point of reference and reduce misinform ation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 July 2015– 30 June 2016
3.	Expand Integration of financial management systems (IFMIS) to make the provision of public financial information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend coverage of IFMIS to an additional 17 Ministries & Agencies and provide functional/technical support (hardware & software to 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of additional M&As rolling out IFMIS as well as technical and functional support (skills and hardware) Frequency of publication of financial data and number of persons accessing the data 	MoF	CEMESP, CUPPADL, CENTAL, LMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoL World Bank 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 July 2015– 30 June 2016

	easier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to ensure that this financial data is shared publicly • Create public awareness on the IFMIS program 						
4.	Establish LNP Online Informatics (Digitize Community Policing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create online crime/policing maps with visualization options and interactivity and link it up with police official website; • Push current police nationwide data to this platform in real time • Make this platform available via LNP official website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System built, functioning, accessible and regularly updated • Number of persons/users accessing police information on this platform. • Live data available on LNP website • Police dataset on Liberia's Open Data Portal 	MICAT, MOPT, LNP, LISGIS	CENTAL, iLab, UNPOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GoL (LNP might have some funding suggestions) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Sept 2015– 20 February 2016
5.	Establish and launch an Open Data portal to provide the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine portal specifications and ensure the setting up and launch of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Data portal up and running • Number of persons accessing information on the 	MICAT, MOF, MOS, PMU/	iLab, CENTAL, Accountability Lab,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOL • World Bank 	Provide factual information to Liberians	20 July 2015– 30 December 2015

	public access to all relevant information on Liberia	Open Data Portal	portal on a periodic basis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of persons trained and regularly updating the portal.	MOPT	IBM		home and abroad and foreigners alike on the activities and policies of the Government and provide a credible point of reference	
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