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AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT OF THE MANO RIVER UNION ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT FACILITY PROGRAMME (MRU/RDTFP-II) PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024.

May 2025

P. Garswa Jackson, Sr. FCCA, CFIP, CFC
Auditor General, R.L.

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Acronyms

Acronyms/Abbreviations/Symbol	Meaning
A/C#	Account Number
AG	Auditor General
MRU/RDTFP	Mano River Union Road Development & Transport Facilitation Programme
EIB	European Investment Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank
EU	European Union
CRSG	China Railway Seventh Group
CHICO	China Henan International Cooperation Group Co. LTD
CGMA	Certified Global Management Accountant
FAR	Fixed Asset Register
CFC	Certified Financial Consultant
CFIP	Certified Forensic Investigation Professional
FCCA	Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
FS	Financial Statements
FY	Fiscal Year
GAC	General Auditing Commission
GOL	Government of Liberia
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
ISSIAs	International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions
ML	Management Letter
MPW	Ministry of Public Work
NCB	National Competitive Bidding
OFM	Office of Financial Management
PFM	Public Financial Management
PPCA	Public Procurement & Concession Commission Act
PPCC	Public Procurement & Concession Commission
PV#	Payment Voucher Number
RFQ	Request for quotation
TOR	Term of Reference
US$	United state Dollars

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

June 25, 2025

Hon. Roland Layfette Giddings
Minister
Ministry of Public Works
South Lynch Street
Monrovia, Liberia

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT OF THE MANO RIVER UNION ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT FACILITY PROGRAMME (MRU/RDTFP-II) PROJECT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Mano River Union Road Development and Transport Facility Programme (MRU/RDTFP-II) Project for the year ended December 31, 2024, which comprises the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Fund Balance and Cash Status, Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts, Statement of Financial Position and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Statement of Receipts and Payments as of December 31, 2024, the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts, and a summary of other accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the year ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) Cash Basis of Accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements Section of our report. We are independent of the MRU II Management in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Supreme Audit Institutions together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual (PIM) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IPSAS Cash Basis, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing its ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concerned and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU) is responsible for overseeing the Project's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibilities are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

GENERAL AUDITING OFFICE
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P. Garswa Jackson Sr., FCCA, CFIP, CFC
Auditor General, R.L.

Monrovia, Liberia
June 2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

In United States Dollars	Notes	**December 2024**	December 2023	Cummulative
Receipt				
AfDB Grant & Loan	4	504,280	184,895	1,527,775
Total Receipt		**504,280**	**184,895**	**1,527,775**
Payment				
Road Dev't & Mitigation of negative environmental impacts	5	**-**	-	-
Programme Management	6	**464,764**	292,643	1,481,299
Total Payments		**464,764**	**292,643**	**1,481,299**
Excess of receipts over payments (payments over receipts)		**39,516**	(107,748)	46,476
Fund Balance as at beginning		**6,960**	**114,707**	**-**
Cummulative fund balance		**46,476**	**6,960**	**46,476**

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STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCEAND CASH STATUS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	In United States Dollars	**December 2024**	December 2023
A	**Fund Balance**		
	Balance of Project Fund	**6,960**	114,707
	Add: Total Receipts during the period	**504,280**	184,895
	Total Fund available for operations	**511,240**	299,602
	Less: Total Payments during the period	**464,764**	292,643
	Balance of project fund at the end of the year	**46,476**	**6,960**
B	**Cash Status:**		
	Cash at Bank	**46,476**	6,960
	Total Cash on hand and in bank	**46,476**	**6,960**
	Difference between A and B	-	0

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STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

14. Ananlysis of Variance

Activities Within Components	Project Allocation	Annual	Actual Expenditure	Variance
	US$	US$	US$	US$
Road Development & Mitigation of Negative Envitronmental Impacts	70,900,600	39,501,295	-	39,501,295
Social Infrastructure Measures & Instutional Support	1,377,400	606,664	-	606,664
Transport & Trade Facilitation	4,260,000	2,698,000	-	2,698,000
Project Management	11,331,600	1,856,306	464,764	1,391,543
Total	**87,869,600**	**44,662,265**	**464,764**	**44,197,502**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

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In United States Dollars	**December 2024**	December 2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalent	**46,476**	6,960
Total Assets	**46,476**	**6,960**
Fund Balance		
Grants	**46,476**	6,960
Accumulated Fund Balance	**46,476**	**6,960**

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Feb 7, 2025
Papin Daniels, Jr.
Director, Donor Financed Projects
PFMU, MFDP

Feb 7, 2025
Rawlings Baco Kesselly
Project Coordinator-MRU II
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*continued*)

	In United States Dollars	December 2024	December 2023	Adjustment	Adjusted Closing Balance as at December 2023	Cummulative
4	**Grant/Loan Receipt in SA**					
	ADF -Loan - 2100150040093-P-Z1-DBO-172	**504,280**	184,895	-	184,895	1,527,775
	ADF -Grant - 2100155038066-P-Z1-DBO-172	**-**	-	-	-	-
	TSF -Grant- 5900155014201-P-Z1-DBO-172	**-**	-	-	-	-
	TSF - Loan- 5900150002201-P-Z1-DBO-172	**-**	-	-	-	-
	Total Funds received in DA	**504,280**	184,895	-	184,895	1,527,775
	Third Party Payment					
	ADF -Loan - 2100150040093-P-Z1-DBO-172	**1,509,277**	11,698,323	-	11,698,323	16,039,797
	ADF -Grant - 2100155038066-P-Z1-DBO-172	**-**	-		-	-
	TSF -Grant- 5900155014201-P-Z1-DBO-172	**-**	47,825	-	47,825	2,970,822
	TSF - Loan- 5900150002201-P-Z1-DBO-172	**5,597,804**	-		-	5,597,804
	EU - Loan- 5110155000258-P-Z1-DBO-172	**722,378**	8,775,514	-	8,775,514	21,197,735
	EU - Loan- 5900155016199-P-Z1-DBO-172	**715,066**	872,666	-	872,666	4,257,735
	Total Third Party Payment	**8,544,525**	21,394,328	-	21,394,328	50,063,893
5	**Road Development & Mitigation of Negative Envitronmental Impacts**					
	Civil Works (Construction of Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1)	**-**	-	-	-	-
	Civil Works (Construction of Sanquelle to Loguato Lot 2)	**-**	-	-	-	-
	Consultancy Services for the supervision of civil construction works (Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1)	**-**	-	-	-	-
	Consultancy Services for the supervision of civil construction	**-**	-	-	-	-

	works (Saniquelle to Loguato Lot 2)					
	Compensation of PAPs	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
6	**Social Infrastructure Measures & Instutional Support**					
	Construction of Road side markets(including boreholes & Latrine)	-	-	-	-	-
	Ebola virus Disease (EVD), HIV/AIDS, Malaria & Gender Sensitization (Construction of Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1 & Saniqelle to Loguato Lot 2)	-	-	-	-	-
	Urban Mobility Study	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
7	**Transport & Trade Facilitation**					
	Undertaking a Study to Examine the procedures, processes and capacities of border authorities & Raising Awareness of road users & border contro officers	-	-	-	-	-
	Construction of one stop border post with weigh & Offloading Station Loguato Border	-	-	-	-	-
	Transport & Trade facilitation soft aspect	-	-	-	-	-
	Coordination of regional component of the programme		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
8	**Project Management**					
	M & E Services (Construction of Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1 & Saniquelle to Loguato Lot 2)	-	12,900	(12,900)	-	-
	Financial Audit (Construction of Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1 & Saniquelle to Loquato Lot 2)	**9,900**	3,900	-	3,900	13,800.00
	Technical & Road Safety Audit (Construction of Fish Town to Kelipo Lot 1 & Saniquelle to Loguato Lot 2)	-	-	-	-	-
	Procurement Specialist/Consultant	-	16,500	(16,500)	-	-
	Environmental & Safeguard Specialist/Consultant	-	27,900	(27,900)	-	-
	Feasibility & Communication Plan	-	316	(316)	-	-

	Provision of Material & Logistical Support to Executing Agency	**454,864**	231,126	57,616	288,743	1,467,499
	Provision of Support to Project Financial Management		-	-	-	-
	Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-
		464,764	292,643	-	292,643	1,481,299
9	**Cash receipts through grant and other Sources**					
	AfDB grant & Loan	**504,280**	184,895	-	184,895	1,527,775
10	**Cash paid**					
	Road Dev't & Mitigation of negative environmental impacts		-	-	-	-
	Social Infrastructure Measures & Instutional Support	-	-	-	-	-
	Transport & Trade Facilitation	-	-	-	-	-
	Project Management	**464,764**	292,643	-	292,643	1,481,299
	Total Payments	**464,764**	292,643	-	292,643	1,481,299

Note:

The third party payments of US$8,544,525.18 which are direct payments have been extracted from the total funds receipt and the total payments made.These are payments made on behalf of the project by the African Development Bank and thus required disclosures. These payments are available for review upon request by the auditors

PROJECT DESIGNATED ACCOUNT STATEMENT **11**

Account Number:	001USD21320509429
Account Type:	Current Account
Depository Bank (s):	LBDI
Address:	9th Street, Sinkor Monrovia, Liberia

Currency: United States Dollar

	December 2024	December 2023
Total Grant Received	**504,280**	184,895
Total grant income reported	**504,280**	184,895
Amount spent	**464,764**	292,643
Balance as at beginning	**6,960**	114,707
4Balance as at December 31, 2023	**46,476**	6,960
Closing Balance Consist of:		
ADF Account No. 2100150032544	**45,426**	5,910
Petty Cash	**1,050**	1,050
	46,476	6,960