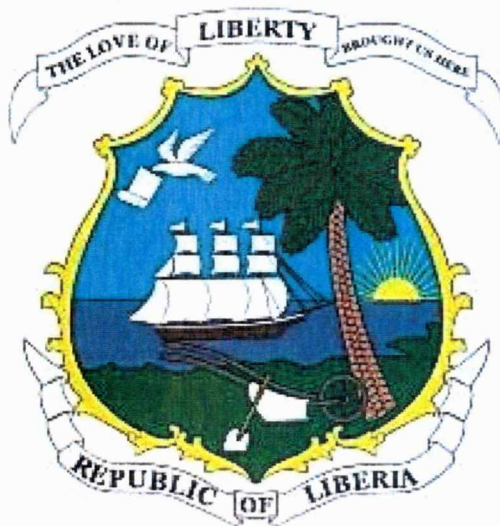




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AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT



**On the Financial Statements Audit of the
Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberia
Informal Sector Employment (REALISE) Project**

**REALISE Project: P174417:
Credit Number: IDA D7830 & DA 68480**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

June 2026

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

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ACRONYMS USED

Acronyms/Abbreviations/Symbol	Meaning
AFP	Audit Focal Person
AG	Auditor General
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organization
GOL	Government of Liberia
IAU	Internal Audit Unit
IFRs	Interim Financial Reports
INTOSAI	International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
IPSASs	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
ISSAIs	International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions
OFM	Office of Financial Management
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PCO	Project Coordination Office
REALISE	Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberia Informal Sector Employment (REALISE) Project
ToR	Term of Reference

Republic of Liberia



AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

June 25, 2026

Hon. Cornelia W. Kruah

Minister

Ministry of Youth and Sports

Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex

Monrovia, Liberia

**RE: AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT OF THE
RECOVERY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR LIBERIA INFORMAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT
(REALISE) PROJECT.**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberia Informal Sector Employment (REALISE) Project for the year ended December 31, 2025 financed through REALISE Project: P174417; Credit Number: IDA D7830 & DA 68480 which comprise the statements of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts and a Summary of significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements (REALISE Project: P174417; Credit Number: IDA D7830 & DA 68480) present fairly, in all material respects, the Statement of Receipts and Payments as at December 31, 2025, Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts and a summary of other accounting policies and explanatory notes for the period ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) Cash Basis of Accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions. 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 entity 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 World Bank guideline 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 concern 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 REALISE Project Management is responsible for overseeing the Project's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives 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.

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

Monrovia, Liberia
June 2026

Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberia Informal Sector Employment Project Financial Statements



Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment Project (REALISEP)

Financial Statements of World Bank
Funded Project

For the year ended December 31,
2025.

REALISE: PI 74417:
Credit No. IDA D7830 & DA 68480

Ministry of Finance & Dev't Planning
Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU)

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Statement of Project Management Responsibility

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The Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU) of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the Project Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Project's financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Project for and as at the end of the financial year ended on December 31, 2025.

This responsibility includes (i) maintaining adequate financial management arrangement and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period, (ii) maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project, (iii) designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud, (iv) safeguarding the assets of the project, (v) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and (v) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The PFMU and the Project Coordinator for Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project accept responsibility for the Project's financial statements, which have been prepared on the Cash Basis Method of Financial Reporting, using appropriate accounting policies in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The PFMU and the Project Coordinator for Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project are of the opinion that the Project's financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of Project's transactions during the financial year ended December 31, 2025, and of the Project's financial position as at that date. The PFMU and the Project Coordinator for Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project further confirm the completeness of the accounting records maintained for the Project, which have been relied upon in the preparation of the Project financial statements as well as the adequacy of the systems of internal financial control.

The PFMU and the Project Coordinator for Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project confirm that the Project has complied fully with applicable Government Regulations and the terms of external financing covenants, and that Project funds received during the financial year under audit were used for the eligible purposes for which they were intended and were properly accounted for.

Approval of the Project Financial Statements

The Project financial statements were approved by the Project Financial management Unit and the Project Coordinator for Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment project on February 24 2026.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Project Financial Management Unit:	Papin Daniels, CA, CPA Unit Director Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU)
	Leroy Fendor, CA, CPA Deputy Director
	Subozu Kollie, CFE, CA, CPA Project Internal Auditor
Registered Office:	Project Financial Management Unit (PFMU) Ministry of Finance Broad and Mechlin Street Liberia
Project Implementation Unit:	Jesse H. Bengu Project Coordinator Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment Project (REALISEP)
Project Location:	Ministry of Health Capitol Bye-Pass Liberia
Banker:	GT Bank (Liberia) Limited 13 th Street, Sinkor Monrovia

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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<i>In United States Dollars</i>	Notes	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	Cumulative
Receipt				
IDA Grant	4	12,848,911	4,811,813	17,660,724
Total Receipt		12,848,911	4,811,813	17,660,724
Payment				
Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Start Small Business	5	1,407,346	971,594	2,378,939
Temporary Employment Support and Employability Development For Vulnerable Workers	6	747,512	1,230,284	1,977,796
Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination	7	2,597,555	1,087,609	3,685,164
Contingent Emergency Response Component	8	-	-	-
Community Livelihood And Agriculture Support	9	4,527,954	3,219,086	7,747,039
Social Cash Transfer and Strengthening of the National Social Protection System	10	4,418,682	610,372	5,029,053
Total Payments		13,699,047	7,118,944	20,817,992
Excess of receipts over payments (payments over receipts)		(850,136)	(2,307,132)	(3,157,268)
Fund Balance as at beginning		3,893,188	6,200,320	6,200,320
Cumulative fund balance		3,043,051	3,893,188	3,043,052

NB:

At the end of the year 2025, the Mobile Money Account closing balances were **US\$482,082.89** and **LR\$60,699.50** respectively. The Liberian Dollar was converted to USD at an average of of **L\$193.125** and thus it is included in the total amount **US\$482,397.00**

The notes on pages 6 to 9 are integral part of these project financial reports

**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE AND CASH STATUS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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<i>In United States Dollars</i>		Notes	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
A	Fund Balance			
	Balance of Project Fund		3,893,188	6,200,320
	Add: Total Receipts during the period		12,848,911	4,811,813
	Total Fund available for operations		16,742,099	11,012,132
	Less: Total Payments during the period		13,699,047	7,118,944
	Balance of project fund at the end of the year		3,043,051	3,893,188
B	Cash Status:			
	Petty Cash - MYS		-	153
	Petty Cash - LACE		-	150
	Petty Cash-MGSCP		-	-
	Designated A/c		329,495	138,019
	LACE- Operational A/c		362,488	1,007,728
	MYS- Operational A/c		76,276	422,187
	Gender- Operational A/c		(1,352,801)	1,365,379
	AFD A/c		3,020,001	235,056
	TF Account		125,195	724,515
			482,397	-
	Total Cash on hand and in bank		3,043,051	3,893,188
	Difference between A and B		-	-

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Note:

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STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

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Ananalysis of Variance

Activities Within Components	Project Allocation US\$	Budget US\$	Actual Expenditure US\$	Variance US\$
Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Star Small Business	4,274,910	1,418,611.50	1,407,346	11,266
Temporary Employment Support and Employability Development For Vulnerable Workers	5,562,733	2,309,421.34	747,512	1,561,909
Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination	7,590,207	2,597,554.58	2,597,555	-
Contingent Emergency Response Component	-	-	-	-
Community Livelihood And Agriculture Support	9,662,113	4,638,890.20	4,527,954	110,937
Social Cash Transfer and Strengthening of the National Social Protection System	14,582,000	5,514,949.68	4,418,682	1,096,268
Total	41,671,963	16,479,427	13,699,047	2,780,380

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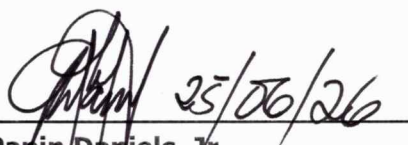
Variance Explanation

Component 1-A few payments for December including the NIR cards had to be rolled over to the following year. Component 2- LIPW round 4 was slated to end in November 2025 and round 5 start in December 2025, unfortunately round 5 had to be moved to the next year and thus the activity was rolled over Component 3-There were delayed procurements due to staff transition at the World Bank The project saw a new TTL come in. Additionally, delayed recruitment of Environmental officer and MIS officer Component 5- Some CoCs were not paid due to the delay implementation of their CDS projects. Component 6-Give Direct transition-the closeout activities for the GD contract took longer than expected and hence final payment was pushed to new fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025

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<i>In United States Dollars</i>	Notes	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalent		<u>3,043,051</u>	<u>3,893,188</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>3,043,051</u></u>	<u><u>3,893,188</u></u>
Fund Balance			
Grants		<u>3,043,051</u>	<u>3,893,188</u>
Accumulated Fund Balance		<u>3,043,051</u>	<u>3,893,188</u>


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Director, Donor Finance Projects
PFMU, MFD


Jesse H. Bengu
Project Coordinator-REALISE
MYS

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1. Background and Information of the Project

With support from the International Development Association; the Recovery of Economic Activity for Liberian Informal Sector Employment Project (REALISEP) - is to increase access to income earning opportunities for targeted informal sector enterprises and workers in response to the COVID-19 crisis in Liberia. The World Bank approved the LLAP project on February 12, 2021 with a Credit & Grant amount of USD 44,570,309.00. The Project consists of the following parts:

Component 1: Support to Vulnerable Informal Sector Enterprises

This component will provide support to vulnerable micro- and small enterprises in the informal sector. Specifically, it will provide: i) business maintenance and recovery/development grants and training to existing informal micro- and small enterprises; and ii) technical support and grants to start new viable micro- and small enterprises in the informal sector in urban areas.

Component 2: Temporary Employment Support and Employability Development for Vulnerable Workers

This component will provide temporary employment and employability development for vulnerable workers struggling to find gainful employment and opportunities in the aftermath of COVID-19 crisis. It will build on a long history of cash-for-work programs in Liberia, which has been utilized by the Government to address employment challenges following the civil war as well as economic crises such as the food, fuel, and financial crisis.

Component 3: Program Implementation, Capacity Building and Coordination

This component will support: (i) Government and other actors capacity strengthening for the coordination, design, and implementation; (ii) the administrative, technical, and financial management of the project by Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under the oversight of Project Steering Committee; (iii) the coordination among all institutional partners to ensure the efficient flow of information among all actors and coordination with the private sector; (iv) the establishment of monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the project's results and impact; (v) the development of communication activities to publicize and disseminate project results, best practices, and success stories; (vi) impact evaluations.

Component 4: Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC)

This component would be a Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC). This is a provisional zero amount component to allow for rapid reallocation of loan proceeds from other project components during an emergency.

2. Use of Grant Proceeds

The table below sets out the categories of items to be financed out of the grant proceeds, the allocation of the amounts of the grant to each category and the percentage of expenditures for items to be financed in each category:

Amount of

Category financed	grant allocated expressed in US\$	% of expenditure to be
Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Start Small Business	4,600,000	100
Temp. Employ Supp. & Employability Dev. For Vulnerable Workers	6,000,000	100
Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination	5,196,361	100
Community Livelihood and Agriculture Support	12,273,948	100
Social Cash Transfer and Strengthening of the National Social Protection System	16,500,000	100
Contingent Emergency Response Component	0	100
Total	44,570,309 =====	

All categories of expenditure shown in these financial statements are fully financed based on the percentage below:

	% of Expenditure
IDA grant	100
Total	100 =====

3. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Cash Basis for International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and in the manner required by the Project Grant Agreement as required by the World Bank's Operating Policies and Procedures and PFMU's Financial Management manual.

Reporting currency

Financial reports have been presented in United States Dollars. Transactions denominated in other currencies are translated into United States Dollars and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transactions. Balances denominated in other currencies are translated into United States Dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the reporting date.

Loan Receipts

Loan from donors for the REALISE project is recognized and reported in the Statement of Receipt and Payment as income when received and held in a bank account called designated income account for disbursement purposes. All payments for the REALISE project and activities are made from the designated account.

Cash and bank balances

Cash consist of cash in hand and balance at bank.

Recognition of expenditure

All expenditures are expensed whether they are revenue or capital in nature and income is recognized when funds are received from the World Bank.

Tax

The project is 100 percent inclusive of tax. Taxes are withheld on consultants and vendors submitted.

Foreign Exchange Rate

The average conversion rate used to convert US Dollars to Liberian Dollars for mobile money payments to the project beneficiaries is **LRD 193.125**.

In United States Dollars

4 Funds Received in DA

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	Cumulative
IDA 6848-LR	88,551	614,779	3,435,831
Grant D 7830 LR	1,286,564	614,779	4,633,844
IDA 72660-LR	3,964,998	2,838,533	9,811,340
TF C1620	660,498	743,722	1,404,220
AFD	6,848,300	-	9,549,675
	<u>12,848,911</u>	<u>4,811,813</u>	<u>28,834,909</u>

Third Party Payment

IDA 6848-LR	-	-	-
Grant D 7830 LR	-	-	-
IDA 72660-LR	-	100,576	100,576
TF C1620	-	-	-
AFD	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>100,576</u>	<u>100,576</u>

Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Star**5 Small Business****Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Star Small Business**

Consultant Services	147,129	52,530	345,506
Grants	636,818	912,225	3,008,275
Operating Costs	623,399	6,839	1,086,048
	<u>1,407,346</u>	<u>971,594</u>	<u>4,439,829</u>
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Temporary Employment Support and Employability**6 Development For Vulnerable Workers****Temporary Employment Support and Employability Development For Vulnerable Workers**

Consultant Services	71,688	114,732	323,714
Grants	-	220,560	949,360
Operating Costs	675,824	894,992	2,357,103
	<u>747,512</u>	<u>1,230,284</u>	<u>3,630,177</u>
	<u>747,512</u>	<u>1,230,284</u>	<u>3,630,177</u>

Capacity Building and Project Implementation and**7 Coordination****Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination for MYS**

Consultant Services	569,626	147,704	685,049
Operating Costs	495,799	107,456	504,105
	<u>1,065,424</u>	<u>255,159</u>	<u>1,189,154</u>

Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination for LACE

Consultant Services	328,211	135,109	747,943
Goods	-	8,490	8,490
Operating Costs	401,355	405,517	1,050,865
	<u>729,566</u>	<u>549,116</u>	<u>1,807,298</u>

*In United States Dollars***Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination for MGCSP**

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	Cumulative
Consultant Services	437,648	179,537	708,576
Operating Costs	364,916	103,797	535,691
	802,564	283,334	1,244,267
	2,597,555	1,087,609	4,240,719

8 Contingent Emergency Response Component

-	-	-
-	-	-

9 Community Livelihood And Agriculture Support

Consultant Services	2,239,050	176,172	2,415,223
Operating Costs	1,840,223	2,543,127	4,383,351
Goods	-	34,282	34,282
Grants	448,680	465,504	914,184
	4,527,954	3,219,086	7,747,039

Social Cash Transfer and Strengthening of the National Social

10 Protection System

Consultant Services	3,350,889	268,356	3,621,250
Grants	-	226,568	226,568
Operating Costs	1,067,792	115,448	1,200,880
	4,418,682	610,372	5,048,698

11 Cash receipts through the Designated Account

IDA grant & credit	12,848,911	4,811,813	28,834,909
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12 Cash paid

Grant Support to Vulnerable Households to Revive or Start Small Business	1,407,346	971,594	2,378,939
Temporary Employment Support and Employability Development For Vulnerable Workers	747,512	1,230,284	1,977,796
Capacity Building and Project Implementation and Coordination	2,597,555	1,087,609	3,685,164
Contingent Emergency Response Component	-	-	-
Community Livelihood And Agriculture Support	4,527,954	3,219,086	7,747,039
Social Cash Transfer and Strengthening of the National Social Protection System	4,418,682	610,372	5,048,698
Total Payments	13,699,047	7,118,944	20,837,636

PROJECT DESIGNATED ACCOUNT STATEMENT**10**

Account Number: 0324037/002/0001/000,0324037/002/0001/00
0324037/002/0001/002

Account Type: Current Account

Depository Bank (s): GT Bank Liberia, Limited

Address: 13th Street Sinkor
Monrovia, Liberia

Currency: United States Dollar

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Total Grant Received	12,848,911	4,811,813
Total grant income reported	12,848,911	4,811,813
Amount spent	13,699,048	711,945
Balance as at beginning	3,893,188	6,200,320
Balance as at December 31, 2025	3,043,051	10,300,187

Closing Balance Consist of:

Petty Cash - MYS	-	153
Petty Cash - LACE	-	150
Petty Cash-MGSCP	-	-
Designated A/c	329,495	138,019
LACE- Operational A/c	362,488	1,007,728
MYS- Operational A/c	76,276	422,187
Gender- Operational A/c	(1,352,801)	1,365,379
AFD A/c	3,020,001	235,056
TF Account	125,195	724,515
Lonestar Mobile Account	482,397	-
	3,043,051	3,893,188

NB:

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The negative bank balance of (US\$1,352,801) is as a result capturing all transactions related to the the period that were processed but were not paid due to insufficient funds.