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# **AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

On the Financial Statements Audit of Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) for Fiscal Period July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022, IDA Credit No.: 69000

**Project Code: P175263** 



**JUNE 2023** 

P. Garswa Jackson, Sr, ACCA, CFIP, CFC Auditor General, RL

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Acronym	Meaning		
AG	Auditor General		
ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountant		
CFC	Certified Financial Consultant		
CFIP	Certified Forensic Investigation Practitioner		
CoBit	Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology		
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission		
CPA	Certified Public Accountant		
GAC	General Auditing Commission		
GoL	Government of Liberia		
IFMIS	Integrated Financial Management Information system		
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards		
ISSAI	International Standard of Supreme Audit Institutions		
IT	Information Technology		
MFDP	Ministry of Finance and Development Planning		
MoA	Ministry of Agriculture		
MoCI	Ministry of Commerce and Industry		
PIM	Project Implementation Manual		
PFM	Public Finance Management		
PIU	Project Implementation Unit		
PV	Payment Voucher		
RETRAP	Rural Economic Transformation Project		





# **AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

June 30, 2023

Hon. Jeanine Milly Cooper

Minister

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministerial Complex, Congo Town

Montserrado County, Liberia

Dear Hon. Cooper:

Auditor General Report on the Financial Statement Audit of the Rural Economic Transformation Project for the Period July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022

# Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) financed by the IDA Credit No.: 69000 and Project Code: P175263 for period July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, which comprise the statement of Receipts and Payments, and the statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts and summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) financed by the IDA Credit No.: 69000 and Project Code: P175263 present fairly, in all material respects, the statement of Receipts and Payments as at December 31, 2022, the statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts and summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information for the fiscal period then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS 2017) Cash Basis of Accounting.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 Rural Economic Transformation (RETRAP) Project Implementing Unit (PIU) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Liberia, 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.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS 2017) Cash Basis of Accounting 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.

# **Auditor's Responsibilities**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Statement of Receipts and Payments based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI) and the World Bank Guidelines. Those standards and the applicable World Bank guidelines required that we comply with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement of Receipts and Payments are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Statement of Receipts and Payments. The procedures selected depends on the auditor's judgment, including the assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Statement of Receipts and Payments in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

P. Garswa Jackson, Se ACCA, CFIP, CFC Auditor General, R.L.

Monrovia, Liberia June 2023



# Project financial statements From July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022

# **INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS/INFORMATION**

PROJECT ADDRESS: Program Management Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, LIBSUCO

Compound, LPRC Road, Off Somalia Drive, Gardnerville Monrovia

BANKER: Account Numbers 6101858212 & 6101850132 Eco Bank, Liberia

Limited. 11 Streets Sinkor, Morovia, Liberia

AUDITOR: General Auditing Commission of Liberia, Old Executive Mansion,

Ashmun Street, Monriva, Liberia

# **KEY MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT COORDINATING UNIT**

No.	Name	Job Title
1.	Galah Toto	Project Coordinator
2.	Micah Tebah Belleh	Financial Management Specialist
3.	Tarnue Jeke	Operation Manager
4.	Dean Ebenezer Kulah	Procurement Officer
5.	James sumo	Accountant



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT:

**GALAH TOTO** 

NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR

MICAH-TEBAH BELLEH, CPA

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

TARNUE JEKE

**OPERATIONS MANAGER** 

FLORENCE KIMANI

INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

JOSEPH GBORIE
INTERNAL AUDITOR

JAMES SUMO

PROJECT ACCOUNTANT

**PROJECT OFFICE:** 

LIBSUCO COMPOUND

LPRC ROAD, GARDNERSVILLE

LIBERIA

**BANKERS:** 

ECOBANK LIBERIA

11TH STREET, SINKOR MONROVIA, LIBERIA



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

# PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The RETRAP project aims to improve productivity and market access for smallholder farmers and agri-enterprises for selected value chains in project-participating counties; namely, Bomi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Kru, Margibi, Maryland, Montserrado, Nimba, Grand Gedeh and Sinoe Counties.

### **PROJECT BENEFICIARIES**

The main beneficiaries of the project is smallholder farmers and agri-entrepreneurs (private agribusiness investors, cooperatives, and SME processing or providing other services to agri-food systems) who are engaged in the selected value chains. Within this group, the project gives priority to women who are heavily engaged in food crop production, processing, and marketing, as well as young people who are active in various segments of the value chain. The project is expected to reach 60,000 beneficiaries of which at least 50 percent are women. Other project beneficiaries include: (i) key public institutions and their staff involved in agricultural support services, such as MoA, the Central Agricultural Research Institute - Soil and Crop Laboratory (CARI), and National Standards Laboratory of Liberia (NSL); and (ii) non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and service providers engaged to implement the project.

### PROJECT COMPONENTS

# COMPONENT 1: IMPROVING THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The objective of Component 1 is to improve the enabling environment for agribusiness development in Liberia. This objective will be achieved through the following interventions: (i) building the capacity of public agribusiness services to deliver quality services to private investors, including smallholder farmers; (ii) enhancing value chain coordination and public-private dialogue; and (iii) supporting agricultural research and development (R&D) and extension. This component will finance specialized technical assistance, training, works, goods, consulting and non-consulting services, and operational expenses, as detailed below.

# COMPONENT 2: ENHANCING COMPETITIVENESS AND MARKET ACCESS THROUGH PRODUCTIVE ALLIANCES

The objective of Component 2 is to support smallholders and commercially oriented farmers to improve their capacity, operate competitively in the selected value chains, and establish more reliable linkages with buyers. These objectives will be addressed under two subcomponents.

**Subcomponent 2.1: Pre-Investment Activities** -- The subcomponent supports the engagement of 22 CLFs (11 males and 11 females) posted to each of the participating counties. This subcomponent supports pre-investment activities that are designed to pave the way for the development of proposals for investment subprojects considered for financing under



Subcomponent 2.2. Pre-investment activities: (i) promote the project concept and increase outreach to prospective beneficiaries (FBOs and their members, commercial partners, and private financing entities); (ii) identify opportunities for Productive Alliances among FBOs, agrienterprises, processors, and commercial partners; (iii) identify potential business opportunities for the Productive Alliances; (iv) prepare business plans and proposals for investment subprojects reflecting the identified opportunities; (v) build capacity among technical service providers to enhance the quality of the services provided to the Productive Alliances; and (vi) support studies to evaluate the potential for investments in the selected value chains that will promote climate change mitigation, climate resilience, and the economic inclusion of marginalized groups.

Subcomponent 2.2: Investment Subprojects Supporting Productive Alliances. This subcomponent aims to enable smallholders to become more competitive producers, capable of meeting market demands, establishing sustainable linkages with buyers, and effectively integrating into the selected value chains, while adapting to climate change and reducing GHG emissions. Under this component, the project will finance matching grants for FBOs, agribusinesses, processors, aggregators, and other participating partners to implement investment sub-projects. The RETRAP matching grant resources is handled through the Liberian Agriculture Commercialization Fund (LACF). The LACF is managed by an independent fund manager.

# COMPONENT 3: AGRI-MARKETING AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The objective of this component is to improve access to markets through the rehabilitation of existing roads, construction of short-span critical cross-drainage structures, and modernization of selected agri-markets. The component is designed to improve infrastructure along a major corridor (Tappita–Zwedru road) to unlock productivity in the agricultural sector and provide logistics support to the private sector, while adapting to increased climate change risks. Component 3 is integrated with the government's larger national road and transportation agenda, which is intended to reduce transportation costs, improve communications, and increase the commercial viability of agriculture. The expected outcomes of investments under Component 3 are reductions in post-harvest losses and marketing costs, closer links between producers and buyers, and increased competitiveness of domestic producers supplying food products to major consumption centers. These objectives will be addressed under two subcomponents.

**Subcomponent 3.1: Road construction.** Complementing the planned road works financed as part of the Southeastern Corridor Road Asset Management Project (SECRAMP, P149279), under which 100 km of road between Ganta and Tappita is to be rehabilitated, the proposed project will support rehabilitation of a 40-km segment of the 112-km Tappita—Zwedru road, and undertake spot improvements of critical sections of the feeder roads that link the targeted production zones to the corridor road. The spot improvements will include the construction of river-crossing structures, with specific focus on rural roads that link high-volume production areas to markets. This segment was selected for rehabilitation based on several considerations. Despite its relatively short length, it will provide a critical connection between the agricultural food basket corridor



running from Ganta to Zwedru and the all-weather southeastern corridor transport network. It will facilitate the movement of agricultural goods and delivery of services (including the development of transport services), significantly improve access to the main market centers of the southeastern corridor, and foster greater interaction between farmers, businesses, traders, and agro-processors. It also complements on-going improvements elsewhere in the feeder-road network, which will unlock the agricultural potential of the entire southeastern region, provide a link to the Sub-region of West Africa and support movement of produce between Liberia and other West African countries.

**Subcomponent 3.2: Modernization of selected agri-markets.** Subcomponent 2 will finance the modernization of selected existing agri-markets in rural areas, including the construction of: (i) a number of open market sheds and small storage and processing facilities; and (ii) basic market infrastructure such as internal market pathways, drainage infrastructure, and water and sanitation facilities, as well as selected facilities for specialized handling of agricultural produce. All construction work will be based on a business plan submitted by FBOs or other stakeholders in the market and would be supported by a clear management and maintenance plan, identifying the functions and responsibilities of all parties involved (private or public).

# COMPONENT 4: PROJECT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT AND CONTINGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The aim of this component is twofold: (i) establishing appropriate coordination, M&E, and communication regarding project implementation; and (ii) ensuring that GoL is better equipped to respond to crises and emergencies.

Sub-component 4.1: Project Coordination and Management. This subcomponent facilitates: (i) administrative, technical, and financial management (FM) of the project; (ii) coordination among all institutional partners to ensure the efficient flow of information and support to all value-chain actors; (iii) effective contractual arrangements with FBOs, public and private sector operators; (iv) M&E of project performance in procurement, FM, and environmental and social impacts management; and (v) development of communication activities to publicize and disseminate project results, best practices, and success stories. The Infrastructure Implementation Unit of Ministry of Public Works (MPW), which is implementing the IDA-financed transport projects, will be responsible for implementing Subcomponent 3.1 under RETRAP.

**Sub-component 4.2: Effective communication and citizen engagement.** The purpose of this subcomponent is to enable an immediate response if an eligible crisis or emergency arises. As its name implies, the CERC is a World Bank contingent financing mechanism that provides Borrowers rapid access to resources to respond swiftly in the event of an eligible crisis or emergency (defined as "an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact associated with natural or man-made crises or disasters"). The mechanism for triggering the CERC is included in the Credit Agreement, which requires (inter alia) preparation of a CERC Manual detailing the applicable fiduciary, environmental and social,



monitoring, reporting, and any other implementation arrangements necessary. Provided the WBG agrees with the emergency assessment, the CERC allows GoL to request the World Bank to reallocate uncommitted resources from other project components to this subcomponent to cover emergency response and recovery costs or, eventually, to channel additional financing that may become available because of the emergency.



# STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

We acknowledge that the Management of the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) is responsible for all information and presentations contained in the accompanying financial statements comprising the Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments, the Statement of the Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts, and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Cash Basis IPSAS (IPSAS Financial Reporting Under the Cash basis of Accounting (2017)) and generally accepted accounting principles as may be applicable and acceptable in the Republic of Liberia. They reflect amounts that are based on cash basis accounting and Management's best judgment with appropriate consideration to materiality.

In this regard, Management maintains a system of accounting and reporting which provides for the necessary internal controls to ensure that transactions are properly authorized and recorded, and that assets are safeguarded against authorized use and disposition.

Micah-Tebah Belleh, CPA

**Financial Management Specialist** 

**National Program Coordinator** 

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31th December 2022

# (Expenditures Classified by Subcomponents)

# Amounts In US Dollars (USD)

Receipts	Notes	FY 2021-22
		US\$
IDA Credit Received in Cash - RETRAP	5	7,546,259.55
IDA Credit Received in Cash - PPA		750,000.00
Total Receipts		8,296,259.55
Payments		
Improving the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Development	9a	751,863.69
Enhancing Competitiveness and Market Access through Productive Alliance	9b	1,231,936.78
Agri-Marketing and Road Infrastructure Investments	9c	79,150.16
Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety, Gender & Cont. Emergency	9d	1,846,224.48
Total Payments		3,909,175.11
Increase / (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents for the year		4,387,084.44
Cash and cash equivalents as at July 1, 2021		0.00
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Cash and cash equivalents as at December 31, 2022		4,387,084.44

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# STATEMENT OF THE COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

27.39 Spending 36.57 16.44 79.15 0.00 26.67 72.61 63.43 83.56 Variance% 73.33 20.85 100.00 611,818.45 264,272.39 1,873,434.87 449,769.67 281,426.44 2,300,000.00 Variance Amount US\$ 230,785.55 368,705.13 163,605.33 1,068,331.45 152,373.01 Actual Amount US\$ 416,645.40 2,242,140.00 613,375.00 842,604.00 1,349,757.89 2,300,000.00 Final Budget Amount 1,183,674.40 662,600.00 745,933.34 2,650,000.00 858,921.67 90,000,00 **Expenditures Classified by Sub-components** Original Budget Amount Notes **13a** 13b 130 **13**d **13**e **13f** Pre-Investment Facilitators and components County Level Agribusiness Coordination Value Chain Subprojects Investment Sub-Agricultural Support to Supporting Support to and Public **Improving** Enhancing Extension Extension Dialogue Activities R&D and Services Agents Public

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	4.16	52.21	80.74	46.68	2.94	73.91	91.11	35.79
	95.84	47.79	19.26	53.32	97.06	26.09	8.89	64.21
	380,000.00	57,349.89	324,677.02	262,334.10	158,979.99	36,264.29	14,470.61	7,014,797.72
	16,500.05	62,650.11	1,360,773.48	229,665.90	4,820.00	102,735.71	148,229.39	\$ 3,909,175.11 7,014,797.72
	396,500.05	120,000.00	1,685,450.50	492,000.00	163,799.99	139,000.00	162,700.00	\$ 10,923,972.83
	4,560,000.00	481,659.00	3,062,776.64	115,000.00	163,799.99	21,000.00	45,000.00	14,640,365.04
	13g	13h	13 <b>i</b>	13j	13k	131	13m	
Productive Alliance	Road 1.	_		P	ation edge ent		ening for ental nd	Enrorcement <b>Total</b>

The notes on Page 15 to 22 are an integral part of the financial statement

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# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# Note 1: Background to the Project

The Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) was approved by the Board of Directors of the World Bank on June 18, 2021. Prior to the approval of RETRAP, an agreement was reached with the World Bank on January 28, 2021 to extend an advance of \$750,000 to finance project preparatory activities.

RETRAP's Project Development Objective is to increase agricultural productivity and market access for smallholder farmers and agri-enterprises for selected value chains in project participating counties. A US\$55 million Financing Agreement was signed on June 18, 2021 and subsequently ratified by the legislature. The agreement became effective on 14th December 2021.

The Government of Liberia signed a US\$ 55 million financing agreement for RETRAP with the International Development Association (IDA) on June 18, 2021, having received approval from its own Board. The RETRAP is 100% funded by the IDA. Though ratified by the legislature, the funding became available in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22. The project funds are to finance four (4) components and four (4) categories.

# **Note 2: Accounting Policies**

# **Basis of preparation**

Consistent with the requirement of the Public Financial Management Act (2009) as amended and reinstated on October 30, 2019, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Cash Basis IPSAS (Financial Reporting under the cash Basis of Accounting (2017)). The Accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the reporting period.

# Reporting entity

The financial statements are those of the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP) alone. They are neither for the Program Management Unit (PMU) or the Ministry of Agriculture as a whole. The financial statements encompass the reporting entity as specified in the relevant Financing Agreement between the Government of Liberia and the World Bank.

The lists of categories and components (including sub-components) financed by the Project and encompassed in the financial statements are shown in Notes 3 and 4 to the financial statements.

Presentation currency is the United States dollar.

# **Note 3: Lack of Comparative information**

Like other accounting standards, IPSASs including Cash Basis IPSAS (Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting (2017)) require the presentation of comparative information for comparability of performance and position over time. As this the first year of



implementation for RETRAP, comparative financial information is lacking and, therefore, cannot be disclosed on the face of or in the Notes to the financial statements.

# Note 4: Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and cash equivalents. Demand deposits and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks and investment in short-term money market instruments. The amount of cash and cash equivalents at year end was US\$4,387,084.44 (Four million three hundred eighty-seven thousand eighty four and 44/100 United States dollars), comprising of the following amounts:

Total	4,387,084.44
Balances with bank	4,387,084.44
Short – term investments	-0-
Cash on hand	-0-
	2022

The full amount as stated above is restricted for use for RETRAP's activities only.

# Note 5: IDA Credit Received in Cash - RETRAP

Three (3) withdrawal applications were made for cash during the reporting period. The funds were

received into RETRAP's Designated Account (DA-B) at Ecobank (Liberia) Limited as follows:

WA Date	WA Reference	<b>RA Date</b>	Amount
11 Apr. 2022	RETRAP/MOA/0001	11-Apr-22	
			4,564,345.02
28 Nov 2022	RETRAP/MOA/0002	28-Nov-22	
			681,914.53
28 Nov 2022	RETRAP/MOA/0008	28-Nov-22	
			2,300,000.00
			7,546,259.55
Note 6: Undrawn	Credit Balance		
Credit Balance as at	Jan 1, 2022		0.00
Additions during the	e year		
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Less Withdrawals

Withdrawals during the year:

**Total credit per Financing Agreement** 

First (cash advance)

4,564,345.02

Second (Cash advance)

681,914.53



55,000,000.00

Third (Cash advance)	2,3	300,000.00		
Total for the year	7,54	6,259.55		
Project Preparatory Advance	750,000.00			
<b>Total Cumulative Withdrawals</b>			8,296	,259.55
Undrawn credit balance				46,703,740.45
Note 7: Unspent Credit Balance by Category				
	Total Project Allocation	Expenditu	ıres	Balance
Category 1 Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services for Parts 1,				
2.1, 3.2, and 4.1 of the Project	13,612,500.00	3,302,337.	71	10,310,162.29
Category 2 Matching Grants (for goods, non-consulting services, and training under				
Part 2.2 of the Project)	10,500,000.00		-	10,500,000.00
Category 3 Goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for ComponeGoods, works, non- consulting services and consulting services for	30,000,000.00		-	
Component 3.1 of the Project				30,000,000.00
Category 4 Emergency Expenditures under Component 4.2 of the Project			-	
Category 5 Refund of PPA	750,000.00	606,837.40	)	143,162.60
Category 6 Front End Fee	137,500.00			137,500.00
Total	55,000,000.00	3,909,17	5.11	
Unspent Credit Balance				\$51,090,824.89
Reconciled by:				

Cash and cash equivalents as at December 31, 2022
Undrawn credit balance (*Note* 

4,387,084.44

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46,703,740.45

**Unspent Credit Balance** 

\$51,090,824.89

**Note:** Following the closure of the PPA, an amount US\$850 from the PPA was deposited by a project staff in RETRAP's Designated account, thereby increasing the total inflow from the PPA from \$142,312.6 to \$143,162.6 and reducing the PPA expenditure from US\$607,687.40 to US\$ 606,837.40.

	Component	Amount
8a	Component 1: Improving the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Development	
1.1	Improving Public Agribusiness Services	230,785.55
1.2	Enhancing Value Chain Coordination and Public Dialogue	152,373.01
1.3	Support to Agricultural R&D and Extension	368,705.13
	Subtotal	751,863.69
8b	Component 2: Enhancing Competitiveness and Market Access through Productive Alliance	
2.1A	Pre-Investment Activities	163,605.33
2.1B	Support to County Level Facilitators and Extension Agents	1,068,331.45
2.2	Investment Subprojects Supporting Productive Alliance	
	Subtotal	1,231,936.78
8c	Component 3: Agri-Marketing and Road Infrastructure Investments	
3.1	Road Construction	16,500.05
3.2	Modernization of Selected Agri-Markets	62,650.11
	Subtotal	79,150.16
8d	Component 4:Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety, Gender & Cont. Emergency	
4.1A	Project Coordination and Management	1,360,773.48
4.1B	Project Monitoring and Evaluation	229,665.90



		966,728.87
Quarter 4	RETRAP - 2022	
Quarter 3	RETRAP - 2022	708,468.22
Quarter 2	RETRAP - 2022	1,627,140.62
Quarter 1 & 2	PPA - 2021	606,837.40
Quarter		Amount
Note 9: Proje	ct Expenditures by Quarter	
	Grand Total	3,909,175.11
	Subtotal	1,846,224.48
4.2	Contingency Emergency Response	
4.1E	Strengthening Capacity for Environmental Review and Enforcement	148,229.39
4.1D	Support to Supervising Agencies	102,735.71
4.1C	Communication and Knowledge Management	4,820.00

Actual implementation of RETRAP activities began January 4, 2022. However, RETRAP activities were financed by STAR-P from January - April 2022 as RETRAP did not receive funding from the World Bank until April 25, 2022 (the first month of Quarter 2 of FY 2022)

# Note 10: Project Expenditures by Nature & Component

Acct. Code	Description	Amount
2111	Wages & Salaries	709,988.66
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	27,742.18
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	211,710.08
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	470,536.40
2211	Travel Expenses	584,510.17
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	458,411.00
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	9,904.25
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	116,194.92
2212	Utilities	54,938.36
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	11,385.00
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	43,553.36
2213	Rent	240.00



1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	240.00
2214	Fuel & Lubricants	189,187.79
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	59,709.69
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	29,600.31
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	99,877.79
2215	Repairs & Maintenance	131,069.92
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	12,097.93
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	83,379.17
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	35,592.82
2216	Office Materials, Consumables & Services	203,030.48
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	67,660.35
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	21,902.76
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	113,467.37
2217	Consulting, Advisory & Audit Services	483,975.07
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	177,725.07
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	128,806.24
3	Agri-Marketing & Road Infrastructure Investments	58,359.01
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	119,084.75
2218	Specialized Materials & Services	116,605.00
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	116,605.00
2219	Education & Training Related	161,530.00
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	139,670.00
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	21,860.00
2221	Other General Expenses	328,840.81
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Development	93,789.80
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	110,064.21
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	124,986.80
2223	Insurance & Other Charges/Fees	80,864.08
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	5,379.72



2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive	29,146.81
3	Alliance	4 204 40
300	Agri-Marketing & Road Infrastructure Investments	4,291.10
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	42,046.45
3122	Machinery, Furniture & Transport Equipment	796,561.12
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	169,601.50
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	218,394.70
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	408,564.92
3123	ICT Infrastructure	41,526.60
1	Improve the Enabling Environment For Agribusiness Developmnt	6,539.60
2	Enhance Competitiveness & Market Access/ Productive Alliance	14,277.00
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	20,710.00
3124	Other Fixed Assets	26,307.05
4	Project Management, M&E, Environmental Social Saftety	26,307.05
Total		\$ 3,909,175.11

### **Note 11: Schedule of Fixed Assets**

Description	Machinery, Furniture & Transport Equipment		ICT Infrastructure -		Other Fixed Assets	Total -
Balances, July 1, 2021						
Additions	747,341.12		41	,866.60	31,362.05	820,569.77
Total	747,341.12		41,866.60		31,362.05	820,569.77
Disposals/Handovers				:#K	-	R#0 1
Balances, December 31, 2022	\$	747,341.12	\$	41,866.60	\$ 31,362.05	\$ 820,569.77

**Note:** Eleven (11) vehicles were acquired during the period under review. Seven (7) were handed over to the PIU, One (1) as support to Deliotte, and One (1) to the PPA. The MOA AGDU unit received a vehicle whilst the chairperson of the National Steering Committee received one (1) vehicle.

# Note 12: Explanation for Material Variances from the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts

a. Subcomponents 1.1 was underspent by 72.61% due to delays in vehicle delivery (outstanding payment) as a result of the Ukraine Crisis, MEIS system delay in getting no objection from the bank and the delay in setting up the AGDU.



- b. Subcomponents 1.2 was underspent by 63.43% due to implementation delays related to the setting up of the Public Private Dialogue Mechanism
- c. Subcomponents 1.3 was underspent by 83.56% due to delays in the supply of inputs
- d. Subcomponent 2.1A was underspent by 73.33% due to delays in the recruitment of BDSPs. Additionally, TORs were not approved by the bank.
- e. Subcomponent 2.1B was underspent by 20.85% due to outstanding payment for undelivered vehicle procured for county field staff and outstanding payment for renovation of county offices
- f. Subcomponent 2.2 was underspent by 100% due to delays in the submission of business plans by SMEs and Cooperatives and approval by FAC
- g. Subcomponent 3.1 was underspent by 95.84% due to delay in IIU (MPW) recruiting the Consultant and Contractor for the 40km Road Construction
- h. Subcomponent 3.2 was underspent by 47.79% due to delay in consultant completing the final report of identifying agri-markets and developing tender documents for the construction and rehabilitation of agri-markets
- i. Subcomponent 4.1A was underspent by 19.26% due to non implementation of some operational activities that were budgeted for but were deemed not necessary during implementation
- j. Subcomponent 4.1B was underspent by 53.32% due to delay in implementation of project activities
- k. Subcomponent 4.1C was underspent by 97.06% due to late recruitment of Communication Specialist on the project
- I. Subcomponent 4.1D was underspent by 26.09% due to late implementation of few operational activities
- m. Subcomponent 4.1E was underspent by 8.89% due to late implementation of few operational activities

# Note 13: Authorization Date

The financial statement was authorized for publication on 30th June 2023 by the Minister of Agriculture.

