



# *Rural and Renewable Energy Agency*

*Securing modern energy access for all Liberians*



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR THE ESIA REPORT FOR THE KAIHA 2 RIVER MINI HYDROPOWER PROJECT**

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The public is hereby informed that the Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) has prepared an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Kaiha 2 River Mini Hydropower Project under the Liberia Renewable Energy Access Project (LIRENAP).

The LIRENAP is a partnership between the Government of Liberia and the World Bank that funds the construction of a 2.5MW hydropower plant with corresponding 115km of transmission and distribution infrastructure and 1.8MW diesel backup facility to provide access to electricity for about 50,000 people, including small businesses, associations and public institutions in Lofa County (with focus on the towns of Voinjama, Foya, Kolahun and Massambolahun/Bolahun and surrounding areas). On the other hand, the project is further envisaged to benefit an additional 100,000 people nationwide who would gain access to stand-alone solar systems and lanterns; and support the development of regulations for decentralized electricity services, and institutional strengthening of RREA. The project builds on the Liberia Investment Plan for Renewable Energy (IPRE) prepared by the Government of Liberia and approved in October 2013 as a requirement to access Scaling-up Renewable Energy Program (SREP) funds.

The LIRENAP's development objective is to increase access to electricity and foster the use of renewable energy sources. The project will significantly contribute to the overarching Pro-Poor Agenda for Development and Prosperity (PADP) goal of achieving sustainable economic transformation and poverty reduction.

The LIRENAP is rated Environmental Assessment Category "B" as the proposed activities are small-scale, site specific, and manageable. No adverse long-term impacts are anticipated. The project triggers four World Bank's safeguard policies including: Environmental Assessment (OP 4.01), Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12), Physical Cultural Resources (OP 4.11), and International Waterways (OP 7.50). Consequently, the project is subjected to environmental study and preparation of safeguard instrument(s) is required, which is in fulfilment of requirements of the Environmental Protection Law of the Republic of Liberia (2003), the World Bank's Safeguard Policies, and the World Bank General Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines.

In view of the above, an ESIA has been prepared (by RREA) for the construction of a mini hydropower dam and a 2.5 MW hydropower plant with corresponding 115 Km of transmission and distribution infrastructure and 1.8 MW diesel backup facility.

The ESIA identifies and assesses environmental and social impacts and risks, both adverse and beneficial, associated with the construction of the mini hydropower dam. In addition, the ESIA proposes measures to avoid, minimize and, where possible, compensate adverse impacts and risks associated with the dam construction. The document does include an Environment, Health, and Safety Management Plan for the construction of the hydropower dam under the LIRENAP.

The ESIA is now disclosed and the public (especially stakeholders) are hereby requested to make inputs to this document. The ESIA can be found between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm from Monday to Friday at the following addresses:

**i) Rural and Renewable Energy Agency  
Old LEC Sub-Station, Newport Street  
Adjacent Newport High School  
Monrovia, Liberia**

**ii) Administrative Building  
Voinjama City, Lofa County  
Cell #: +231777432985**

1. Copies of the document can also be assessed at the World Bank's Website: [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)
2. A period of three weeks at the close of this advert is allowed for inputs and comments from the public and stakeholders.

**All enquiries should be forwarded to:  
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