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Your Excellency,

Subject: **Submission of Second Quarter Report – April to June 2025**

I present my respectful compliments and have the honor, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), to submit the Commission's Second Quarter Report for the period April to June 2025, pursuant to Section 14.2 of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission Act of 2022.

The report highlights key investigative outcomes, including a conviction and plea bargain, the conclusion of multiple high-profile investigations, new cases initiated, intensified public outreach efforts, and strengthened institutional partnerships. It also outlines ongoing challenges, such as limited resources, judicial delays, and the need for a dedicated anti-corruption court.

Your Excellency's sustained support remains vital to the national fight against corruption, and we welcome your guidance as we work to advance good governance and the rule of law in Liberia.

Please find the full report attached for your review.

With assurances of our highest esteem,

Respectfully submitted,

Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe
Executive Chairperson

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the second quarter of 2025, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) made significant strides in the execution of its mandate across investigation, prosecution, prevention, and institutional strengthening.

Investigations and Intelligence Operations

The Monitoring and Investigation Department concluded investigations into five (05) alleged acts of corruption at Bomi County University College, Monrovia Consolidated School System (MCSS), Lofa County University, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), and a money laundering case involving a Central Bank of Liberia employee.

Investigations were also launched into several institutions, including the suspended head of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NAFAA), the current head of the National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Commission (NASHC), officials of the Liberia Football Association (LFA), and suspended officials of the Liberia Agricultural Commodities and Regulatory Authority (LACRA). These efforts reflect the Commission's proactive stance in detecting and curbing public sector corruption.

Prosecution and Legal Action

Under its prosecutorial mandate, the Commission secured a conviction in the *Planned Parenthood Association of Liberia (PPAL 2)* case. The defendant, Enree Bee Neeplo, was convicted on multiple corruption-related charges. The case, tried at Criminal Court Assizes "C", involved a total of USD \$148,965.00.

Additionally, indictments were obtained in the *Bong Mines Hospital* and former officials of the *National Water, Sanitation Hygiene Commission* cases. In the former, defendants pleaded guilty and agreed to rehabilitate the hospital's outpatient department as part of a plea deal. In the latter, a True Bill was issued, and the matter has been transferred to Criminal Court "C" for prosecution. Combined financial values in these cases exceeded USD \$1 million and LRD \$21 million.

Public Education and Prevention

The Education and Prevention Department expanded its nationwide anti-corruption outreach to Rivercess County, engaging over 1,000 citizens in Cestos City and Yarkpa Town through town halls, school visits, and stakeholder meetings. The outreach targeted community leaders, local government officials, and security personnel. The Department also recruited and trained 60 Social Accountability Volunteers (SAVs) from Montserrado, Margibi, and Grand Bassa Counties under the UNDP-supported *Empowering Citizens and Communities Project*.

In Monrovia, a market-based awareness campaign was conducted at Joe Bar Market to broaden community-level engagement.

Institutional Support and Administration

The Administration and Supervision Department ensured continuous operational support to the Commission. This included:

- Timely payment of staff salaries
- Maintenance and servicing of Commission vehicles
- Daily staff transportation and electricity supply
- Procurement of essential goods and services in accordance with PPCC regulations

Capacity building initiatives and fuel allocations were also carried out to enhance staff performance.

Asset Declaration and Integrity Monitoring

In fulfillment of its asset declaration mandate, the Commission received **950** asset declarations and integrity pledges exclusively from officials in the Executive Branch. However, no declarations were submitted by the Legislature or Judiciary.

As of the end of the quarter, 144 Executive officials, 43 Legislators, and 4 Judicial officials were reported non-compliant.

To establish a national baseline, the Commission wrote to 108 Ministries, Agencies, and Commissions (MACs) requesting their senior management listings. Only 50 MACs (44.4%) responded positively.

Performance Commitment

The quarter concluded with the Executive Chairperson, Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, signing a Performance Contract with H.E. President Joseph Nyuma Boakai. This aligns the Commission's priorities with the Performance Management and Compliance System (PMCS) a national framework to drive results-oriented governance and improved public service delivery.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON

Notable Achievements – Second Quarter 2025

1. Signing of Performance Contract

During the reporting period, the Executive Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe signed a Performance Contract with His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, President of the Republic of Liberia. This milestone formalized the Commission's commitment to measurable deliverables under the government's Performance Management and Compliance System (PMCS), a national framework aimed at enhancing institutional accountability, promoting results-driven governance, and improving the efficiency of public service delivery. At the end of the quarter, the Commission achieved a score of 90.3% for the successful implementation of its deliverables for the period under review.

2. International Representation

In April 2025, the Executive Chairperson participated in a High-Level World Bank Forum in Washington, D.C., the trip which was funded by the World Bank provided the opportunity for the Executive Chairperson to serve as a panelist in the session titled "*Corruption in Fragile, Conflict, and Violence-Affected Contexts.*" During her presentation, Cllr. Zoe emphasized the central role of corruption in fueling Liberia's civil conflict and outlined the country's post-war reform efforts, including the Governance and Economic Management Assistance Program (GEMAP), the establishment of the LACC, and the enactment of critical legislation such as the Whistleblower and Witness Protection Acts.

She further highlighted LACC's progress in prosecuting corruption, advancing public education, and collaborating with civil society, while acknowledging the persistent challenges of limited resources and political interference. Her participation elevated Liberia's voice in global anti-corruption discourse and deepened engagement with international development partners.

As a result of this meeting, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission was able to re-ignite ties with the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency (INT). The Commission currently has a signed MOU with the institution. The Commission held meetings with investigators of the INT during the period under review, which has ultimately led to joint collaboration in the monitoring and investigating World Bank Projects in Liberia.

During the forum, the Executive Chairperson also made connections with the Global Funds. Upon her return, she held virtual follow-up meetings which ultimately led to the signing of an MOU by the Inspector General of Global Funds for collaborations, including capacity building and technical assistance.

On the sidelines of the Forum, the Executive Chairperson also held technical discussions with Dr. Slagjana Taseva, Dean of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA). This strategic dialogue paved the way for strengthened collaboration between LACC and IACA, resulting in the invitation of Ms. Vivian S. Akoto, Executive Assistant & Program Manager in the Office of the Executive Chairperson, to participate in the IACA Expert Meeting on Measuring the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs), from May 7-9, 2025, in Laxenburg, Austria.

Representing the commission, Ms. Akoto played a vital role in the development of an international methodology for evaluating ACA performance. Her contributions included shaping evaluation indicators, presenting regional case examples to enhance cross-border relevance, and serving as a panel moderator during a key discussion, where she facilitated high-level dialogue among global anti-corruption experts on corruption risk metrics and agency effectiveness tools.

These currently, there are ongoing discussions to enroll selected LACC staff members in academic programs at IACA. These initiatives form part of a broader empowerment strategy, which includes tailored training sessions and capacity-building activities to strengthen institutional effectiveness in the fight against corruption.

3. Regional Collaboration

From June 9–12, 2025, the Executive Chairperson also participated in a regional seminar hosted by AFROSAI-E in Johannesburg, South Africa. The forum which was sponsored by the AFROSAI-E, themed “*Fostering Collaboration Between Audit Institutions and Anti-Corruption Agencies*,” focused on promoting inter-agency cooperation, information sharing, and best practices to strengthen public sector accountability across Africa. This meeting presented an opportunity for the heads of anti-graft institutions to collaborate in many areas including information sharing in the fight against corruption. At this meeting, the Executive Chairperson met with the officials of the Ugandan anti-corruption commission and explored the possibility of collaboration for the setting up of LACC’s digital Asset Declaration Platform.

4. Strategic Communication and Public Engagement

The Public Relations Unit (PRU), situated within the Office of the Executive Chairperson, intensified its public engagement and visibility efforts during the quarter. Key initiatives included:

- **MICAT Press Briefings:** The Executive Chairperson presented key updates on investigations, prosecutions, asset declaration compliance, and public education initiatives. She reassured the public of LACC’s unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability.
- **Stakeholder Engagements:** The Commission held strategic meetings with the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and other partners to advance collaboration.

- As a result of the meetings, the LACC submitted a concept note seeking logistical, technical as well as capacity building assistance for the commission. The concept note was approved and the LACC is poised to receive donations from the INL during the third quarter, 2025.
- Social Media Expansion and Media Relations: The PRU increased the Commission's social media footprint, issued timely press releases, and coordinated media coverage for key events.
- Employee Recognition – "Spotlight Program": In a bid to motivate and reward staff, the Commission launched the *Employee Spotlight Program*, recognizing monthly and annual outstanding performance across departments. The initiative aims to boost morale and productivity across the Commission.
- Capacity Building: The PRU also participated in the PMCS training hosted by the Cabinet Secretariat, further equipping staff to support the Commission's performance reporting framework.

5. Strengthening Donor Partnerships – USAID Engagement and Equipment Donation

On April 29, 2025, the Commission hosted a closing engagement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), marking the conclusion of the USAID/DAI anti-corruption support project in Liberia.

During the meeting, USAID Mission Director Jim Wright and Angelina Allen-Mpyisi lauded LACC's ongoing efforts in advancing transparency, prosecution, and citizen engagement. In a show of continued support, USAID, through DAI, donated five laptops, a printer, monitors, a vehicle, and office furniture to enhance the Commission's operational capacity.

The Commission expressed sincere appreciation to USAID for the timely and valuable support and reaffirmed its commitment to sustained collaboration in advancing the shared goal of a corruption-free Liberia.

EDUCATION AND PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

Background

Part VI Section 6.6 (a and b) of the New LACC Act provides, "The Department of Education and Prevention shall, without limiting the generality of its power and authority, be responsible to undertake research into the causes, manifestations, and dimensions of corruption in Liberia; and advise on approaches, programs and practices to be adopted by the Government of Liberia, private and public institutions, organizations and entities to prevent and combat corruption; design and implement programs aimed at educating and sensitizing the public about the menace of corruption and its debilitating effect on the social fabric of Liberia and the economy of Liberia and what should be done to prevent and combat corruption".

Notable Achievements:

Training of Social Accountability Volunteers (SAVs)

During the period under review, the Education & Prevention Department vetted and trained sixty (60) Social Accountability Volunteers (SAVs) from each electoral district in Montserrado, Grand Bassa, and Margibi Counties under the project Empowering citizens and communities to foster social accountability and transparency in governance and public service delivery.

The Social Accountability Volunteers (SAVs) is deliverable under the “Empowering citizens and communities to foster social accountability and transparency in governance and public service delivery” Project. This is a three-year UNDP Project that is being implemented by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission with funding from the United Nations (UN) Peace Building Fund. The project engenders citizens’ participation in the fight against corruption, especially youth, a population segment that is a major driver in advocacy and governance initiatives.

Outreach Initiatives in Rivercess County

During the period under review, the Education & Prevention Department extended the Nationwide Public Education and Awareness Campaign to Rivercess County. The LACC team actively engaged citizens, empowered communities with knowledge, encouraged open dialogue, and fostered a culture of integrity among cross-sections of citizens in Cestos City and Yarkpa Town, respectively.

The anti-corruption education awareness outreach campaign targeted communities, schools, public institutions, and intellectual centers in the County. Methodologies for the anti-corruption awareness outreach in Rivercess included stakeholders’ engagement, Town Hall Meetings, and Street Blasts.

The public outreach educational awareness at the county level brought together an array of local stakeholders, including Superintendents, City Mayors, District Commissioners, Police Commanders, and Immigration Officers, who made insightful contributions to a dialogue on integrity and accountability.

The outreach initiative in Rivercess County was in continuation of the Commission’s ongoing Nationwide Public Education Awareness Campaign across the fifteen (15) counties of Liberia that is intended to educate citizens, garner their buy-in and support, as well as promote their participation in the fight against corruption through whistleblowing and corruption reporting. The initiative is funded by the Government of Liberia through the Commission’s budget.

Launch of Anti-Corruption Market Initiative

A major activity undertaken by the department during the reporting period was the launch of the Anti-Corruption Market initiative at the Joe Bar Market, Sinkor Old Road. The initiative is part of LACC's efforts to engage marketers on issues of corruption in the business sector and encourage them to participate in the fight against corruption in Liberia.

The event was attended by market leaders, local authorities, community dwellers and bike riders. During the event, the LACC Prevention Department led a captivating public education session, using flyers, banners, and interactive discussion to educate participants on the following topics:

- The Role of the LACC in Combating Corruption;
- Citizens' Responsibilities in Reporting Corrupt Practices;
- How Corruption Affects Business and Development; and
- Available Complaint Mechanisms through the LACC

The Commission's Vice Executive Chairperson, Hon. Ernest R. Hughes, speaking at the launch event, underscored the importance of fostering an environment that is both conducive to ethical practices and vigilant against corruption. He then reiterated the government's unwavering commitment to integrity in governance and urged marketers to report any and all instances of corruption they encounter, reinforcing that transparency and community involvement are crucial in the fight against graft.

Serving as keynote speaker at the event, the Executive Chairperson, Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, admonished marketers to see themselves as major players in the fight against corruption in Liberia. Cllr. Zoe emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability in business transactions, especially at the market level, where informal economic activities take place.

Ambassador Julia K. Banney and Thomas K. Willie, Market Superintendent and Market Secretary, respectively welcomed the initiative and assured the Commission of their cooperation in raising anti-corruption awareness among the marketers.

The initiative raised awareness among over two hundred (200) marketers and customers on corruption and its implications on the well-being of individuals and strengthened partnership between the Commission and market-based organizations, marketers, and customers.

Collaboration with CENTAL

The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and the Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) continue to partner in the fight against corruption in Liberia. During the reporting period, the Commission and CENTAL collaborated to jointly facilitate a one-day corruption

awareness at the National Identification Registry (NIR). The workshop centered on promoting integrity, transparency and accountability in public service delivery. The Commission Program Manager for Education and Prevention, John E. Tommy served as one of the facilitators. He made an in-depth presentation on the below topics:

- The Mandate and Structure of the LACC;
- Key Anti-Corruption Laws and Frameworks in Liberia;
- Current Anti-Corruption Being Pursued by the Commission; and
- Channel for Reporting Corruption

Decentralization Efforts

As part of the Commission's decentralization efforts, the Commission has resolved to establish two (02) regional offices in Bong and Bomi counties, respectively. The two regional offices are expected to deliver anti-corruption service in the adjoining counties of Nimba and Lofa counties and Gbarpolu and Grand Cape Mount counties. In total, the Commission decentralization program targets six (06) counties out of the fifteen (15) counties of Liberia.

In furtherance of this initiative, the Vice Executive Chairperson, Hon. Ernest R. Hughes, as head of a two-man assessment team travelled to Tubmanburg, Bomi County to hold a meeting with local government authorities on the prospect of acquiring office spaces for the Commission. Local government authority in the County offered two office spaces and the Commission is currently collaborating with the Ministry of Internal Affairs to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize the inter-agency collaboration.

Vice Executive Chairperson's Participation in the Africa Asset Declaration Forum, Kenya

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen anti-corruption initiatives and foster continental collaboration, the Vice Executive Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), Hon. Ernest R. Hughes, represented Liberia at the Africa Asset Declaration Forum held in Nairobi, Kenya, from April 14-19, 2025.

The Africa Asset Declaration Forum is a high-level continental gathering that brings together African nations to deliberate and agree on strategic mechanisms for recovering Africa's stolen assets, many of which have been looted since the colonial era. The Forum serves as a platform for countries to share best practices, harmonize legal frameworks, and advocate for the repatriation of illicitly acquired wealth stashed abroad.

Mr. Hughes' participation underscored LACC's commitment to engaging continental and global partners in strengthening Liberia's anti-corruption infrastructure. On the sidelines of the Asset Declaration Forum, the Vice Executive Chairperson held a series of bilateral and multilateral engagements

with key institutions and individuals, leading to significant outcomes expected to bolster LACC's capacity and operational efficiency.

Mr. Hughes engaged in technical discussions with counterparts from various African nations and international institutions on strategies to aid the Government of Liberia in recovering stolen assets. The talks focused on establishing cooperation frameworks, accessing international expertise in asset

tracing and facilitating legal assistance in asset repatriation efforts. The engagements reaffirmed Liberia's eligibility to benefit from cross-border asset recovery mechanisms and emphasized the importance of political will, international cooperation, and robust legal processes. The Vice Executive Chairperson's attendance was funded by the forum.

Capacity Building Opportunities

A significant highlight of the visit was initiating a capacity-building collaboration with the National Integrity Academy (NIAca), a training arm of Kenya's Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). Hon. Hughes and his Kenyan counterparts discussed training opportunities for the Commission staffs in anti-corruption strategies, ethics, leadership, and public accountability. The training is expected to be delivered through short-term workshops and long-term exchange programs hosted at NIAca, with potential for joint training sessions and knowledge-sharing seminars.

LACC 5-Year Strategic Plan

During the period under review, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hired a consultant to develop the Commission 5-year Strategic Plan (2026-2029). The UNDP funds the development of the Commission's strategic plan as part of its comprehensive Rule of Law Project.

The consultant has completed the draft plan and submitted it to the Commission for inputs. Afterwards, he will incorporate the inputs of Commissioners and technicians and submit the final draft of the LACC 5-Year Strategic (2026-2029). The process is expected to conclude by the end of July 2025. The Commission will then organize a validation workshop and invite relevant stakeholders, collaborating institutions and donor partners to review and validate the plan, and subsequently begin implementation. The priorities of the plan are aligned with the LACC mandate and the Arrest Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID).

MONITORING AND INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

Background

Part VI Section 6.4 of the Amended and Restated LACC Act of 2022 states, “ The Department of Monitoring and Investigation shall, without limiting the generality of its power and authority, be responsible to monitor all suspicious acts of corruption and for investigating acts of corruption to determine whether there is probable cause that any person or organization or entity is engaged in acts of corruption; file reports of the monitoring activities and investigations to the Executive Chairperson and the Department of Prosecution. The Department is also responsible to gather intelligence and investigate all acts of corruption in the Liberian society, both in the public and private sectors.

Notable Achievements

During the period under review, the Department received forty (40) new cases, while sixty-one (61) cases were carried over from the first quarter into the current reporting period, bringing the total number of active investigations to one hundred and one (101). Of these, five (5) cases: Bomi University College, Monrovia Consolidated School System (MCSS), Lofa University College, National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) Intelligence-Central Bank of Liberia Money Laundering case (CBL), were completed and submitted to the Executive Chairperson and the Prosecution Department for further action. Hence, the total number of cases carried forward for the Third (3rd) Quarter 2025 are 96 cases.

Sixty (61) cases were brought forward from the First and Second Quarter to the Third Quarter (July-September 2025). **See Appendix A** for the listing of the cases under investigation.

The total estimated financial loss to the Government of Liberia for the period under review is Five Million One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Two United States Dollars (5,102,492) and Twenty-Eight Million Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Liberian Dollars (LRD 28,467,737).

Investigative Field Deployment

During the reporting period, the Monitoring and Investigation Department deployed three (03) teams of investigators in the field. The field deployment of investigators affected three (03) counties, including Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, and Lofa counties. The team deployed in Bomi verified information about the ongoing investigation involving the Bomi County University; the team in Grand Cape Mount County inquired into the allegations of corruption involving the National Road Fund, while the team in Lofa verified and retrieved documents and information pertaining to an allegation of corruption at the Lofa County University College.

Regional Collaboration

With regard to regional collaboration, the department's Chief Investigator, Abraham B. Sheriff, participated in a five-day (April 7-11) working session on Collaboration and Information Sharing Among Anti-Corruption Agencies in West Africa in Niger State, Nigeria. His new expertise is expected to further enhance collaboration between the Commission and other anti-corruption institutions in the West African Subregion. The initiative was sponsored by the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA). During the reporting period, the department issued thirty (30) identification and operational badges to Commissioners, investigators, and essential personnel in keeping with Section 10.4 of the new LACC Act of 2022.

LEGAL AND PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT

Background

Part VI Section 6.5 of the Amended and Restated LACC Act states, “The Department of Prosecution without limiting the generality of its power and authority, shall be responsible to evaluate the investigation reports from the Department of Monitoring and Investigation to determine whether the evidence produced by the reports have probable cause that the person(s), organization(s) and or entity(ies), who/which were subject of the monitoring and investigation were engaged in acts of corruption; to prosecute such person(s), organization(s) or entity(ies) whenever a determination is made that any act of corruption has been committed”.

Notable Achievements

During the period under review, the Department of Prosecution undertook the prosecution of the Bong Mines Hospital/MoH corruption case at the 9th Judicial Circuit in Gbarnga, Bong County.

Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LIGIS):

The Department secured the assignment of the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LIGIS) case for Jury Trial during the period, unfortunately the case was removed from the docket by the court on grounds that the state is prioritizing the trial of a major drug case (Peace Bility). Hence, the department used the period to complete the required pretrial conference formalities in this case.

One of the defendants in the LISGIS case filed a motion for separate trial, which was resisted by Government on grounds that the motion was only intended to delay the trial. Also, arguments for severance in a motion filed by Comptroller of LIGIS was entertained and the ruling was reserved.

Bong Mines County Case:

Trial into the Bong Mines/MoH Case was called for hearing during the May A.D. 2025 Term of Court at the 9th Judicial Circuit, in Gbarnga, Bong County. Upon reading of the indictment to the defendants, they pleaded guilty and asked the court for settlements. Also, during arraignment in this case, a co-defendant, Dr. Porkpa Jallah along with the hospital administrator, Alvin Sirleaf pleaded guilty.

Two of the defendants requested the court to grant them restitution of Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars (\$15,000) each, same being a total of Thirty Thousand United States Dollars for which they were both charged. The said plea bargaining for restitution was granted by the court for eight-months installment payments (June 2025-January 2026), Dr. Porkpah paid Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty United States Dollars, representing 25% of a total of Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars.

Alvin Sirleaf also pleaded guilty and requested to enter a plea bargaining with the state. The State argued that he should pay the same Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars within a period of one year, beginning May 2025 to April 2026. However, defendant Alvin Sirleaf has been incarcerated at the Gbarnga Central Prison for failure to pose a valid criminal appearance bond. The State further argued that the condition to benefit from the restitution or plea-bargaining agreement for the payment of 25% of the Fifteen Thousand agreed upon by the parties was not met. As a result of the two conditions (serving imprisonment for failure to pose a criminal appearance bond and the failure to make available 25% of Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars as restitution, impaired the formal agreement from going into effect, hence the court did not grant Mr. Sirleaf's request.

The current state of Mr. Alvin Sirleaf is that he is still in prison, though he has pleaded guilty but has not made available 25% of the Fifteen Thousand Dollars he agreed to retribute. There is no formal agreement entered between him and the Republic of Liberia.

The other co-defendant, Blessing Engineering and Construction Company entered an arrangement with the LACC by and through the Ministry of Health, acknowledging and admitting that it did not perform the contract awarded by the Bong Mines Hospital and therefore requested to redo the work as per the specifications of the contract

It was agreed in court that the defendant (Blessing Engineering and Construction Company) commence and complete the rehabilitation of the Outpatient Department at the Bong Mines Hospital. The Commission has inspected the ongoing work at the hospital and observed that 80% of the work was completed. Final inspection will subsequently be carried out by the Prosecution Department in the Third Quarter of 2025.

Cllr. Nyanneon Nyenpan and Atty. Jonathan Flomo, a contract lawyer of the Commission and the County Attorney of Bong County respectively are representing the Commission in the Bong Mines Hospital case.

The financial value of the Bong Mines Hospital case is Eighty Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars Forty-One United States Dollars (\$80,056.41) and Five Million Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One Liberian Dollars Twenty-Eight Cents (\$LRD 5, 449,591.28).

The government of Liberia through the Commission obtained a guilty verdict against madam Enree Bee Neeplo in the Planned Parenthood Association (PPAL) case. Enree filed a motion for a new trial praying the court to set aside the jury verdict on grounds that same was contrary to the weight of the evidence. The State resisted thereto on grounds that the evidence of the jury was based on the case, same being that the defendant committed the crimes as charged and the facts, weight of evidence adduced at trial, which supported the jury verdict.

Upon final argument, the court denied the motion and rendered a guilty judgment consistent the guilty verdict. Madam Neeplo announced an appeal to the Supreme Court of Liberia and has perfected said appeal.

The next step is for the Supreme Court to hear final arguments into the case.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT

Background

Part VI Section 6.3 of the new LACC Act, states “The Department of Administration and Supervision shall, without limiting the generality of its power and authority, be responsible to manage and run the day-to-day affairs and operations of the Commission; manage the income, asset and liabilities regime of the Commission in accordance with the 2022 Act of the Commission and the National Code of Conduct of 2014; and supervise the personnel and logistics, materials and equipment of the Commission

Procurement Unit

During the period under review, the Commission published tenders for goods and services using various procurement methods, including, Shopping Method, National Competitive Bid and Restricted Bids. Vendors submitted tenders, Bid Evaluation Committee were constituted, bid were evaluated and bid evaluation reports were submitted to the Procurement Committee.

The Procurement Committee met, and reviewed Bid Evaluation Committees reports and endorsed or rejected the recommendations from the various Bid Evaluation Panels Reports.

Logistics/Transport Unit

During the period under review, the Logistics/Transport Unit managed the Commission's fleet of vehicles. Management has vigorously pursued the issue of one of its vehicles that was stolen by a driver of the Commission during the first quarter 2025. The Commission has brought the matter to the attention of Interpol, which has issued a red alert for the arrest of David Wheaton.

In addition, the Unit carried out other routine activities, including facilitating the licenses of the commission's drivers with the Ministry of Transport. To date, all drivers' licenses are valid. Management underwrote the cost of renewal of all drivers licenses for drivers of the Commission. Moreover, the unit ensured a regular supply of electricity to the office building and efficient transportation of staff to and from work on the Staff Bus.

The Unit facilitates the transportation and logistical services of the Commission, including managing the Commission's generator. The Unit has eased the transportation burden of staff and ensure the regular supply of electricity in the office building of the Commission, thereby enhancing the work of the institution.

Human Resource Unit

The Unit developed a comprehensive baseline for capacity and an institutional strengthening needs assessment and submitted a report on the exercise. The report identified staff capacity gaps with recommendations to mitigating the gaps to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery and boost productivity.

The Unit is responsible for the vetting and recruitment of new staff and providing orientation training for them. Besides, the Unit facilitates the human resource management functions of the Commission, including performance planning and evaluation in addition to other routine activities of the Unit.

During the period under review, the Unit convened three (03) in-house Learning Sessions on May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025, and June 12, 2025, respectively.

The topics for the learning sessions included Leadership in Anti-Graft Institutions, Service Delivery Charter, and Risk Management. Commissioners and staff participated in the Learning Sessions and made insightful contributions to the presentations.

Workforce Strength

During the reporting period, the workforce of the Commission increased from Eighty-Four (84) employees to eighty-six (86) employees, including staff members, contractors, and interns.

The two new staff are Atty. Emmet Kaye and Deanna Seakor, the new Program Manager for Administration & Supervision and Public Relations Officer, respectively.

It is important to note that the Commission has paid staff salaries up to June 2025. With the addition of two new staff, employee payroll rose from US\$ 97,709.13 to US\$98, 234.73. The Human Resource Unit and the Finance Unit have played vital roles in this regard.

During the period under review, the unit convened a working session as a refresher for staff on the Human Resource Handbook to enhance their understanding and full adherence thereto. The handbooks were distributed, and staff acknowledged by signing and submitting the “Acknowledgment Page” to the Human Resource Unit.

Finance Unit

The FY 2025 Approved Budget

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, approved United States Three Million One Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$3,163,716.00) for the Commission operation for the fiscal year 2025. This amount is allocated as compensation US\$ 1,336,980.00 and goods and services US\$1,286,736.00 as presented below.

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Description	Amount	Percent
Compensation	1,336,980.00	42%
Goods and Servies	1,826,736.00	58%
Total	3,163,716.00	100%

See Appendix D for a detailed financial report.

Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Unit

The Information, Communication and Technology Unit (ICT) of the Commission is responsible to ensure uninterrupted access to internet, communication and provide technology support departments and units and staff of the of the Commission.

During the period, the unit provided technical support to the GREAT Project in the development of the Term of Reference for the Consultant who will be recruited to develop the Asset Declaration System for the Commission with features to transition the Commission from Manual Declaration to Electronic Declaration.

The unit also participated in a meeting organized by the Ministry of Post & Telecommunications (MoPT) on the e-Liberia Digital Infrastructure Project. The project which is being implemented by the MoPT seeks to support Liberia's economic development through a fully integrated ICT infrastructure that will ensure total social inclusion for all.

During the period under review, Daniel D. Boakai, the ICT Administrator, participated in an ICT Procurement training organized under the GREAT Project to enhance procurement knowledge and capacity of trainees. The training sought to enhance participants skills in reviewing procurement regulations, vendors selection and evaluation processes specific to ICT goods and services. The training was held in Monrovia, Liberia.

The unit collaborated with the Commission's website host and conducted major updates on the Commission's official website. The updates included new profiles, new photos and new news stories to keep the website up-to-date as well as keep all tools and services up and running effectively.

The Unit also participated in the collection of electronic items donated to LACC by DAI-USAID to validate their functionality and quantity. The Unit participated in the review report for Computer Information System (CIS) for the Asset Declaration and verification project and provided specifications for computers and printers to be procured under the GREAT Project.

Asset Management Unit

During the period under review, the Asset Management Unit facilitated the smooth operations of the Commission by processing request for stationery and supplies to program departments and commissioners. In addition to its routine services, the Unit undertook important activities to enhance the security of the Commission.

Operational Challenges and Recommendations – Second Quarter 2025

During the reporting period, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) made measurable progress in fulfilling its mandate. However, several operational challenges constrained the full implementation of planned activities. To sustain momentum in the fight against corruption, the following challenges and corresponding recommendations are presented:

1. Timely Disbursement Financial Resources

Challenge:

The Commission's operations continue to be hampered by bureaucracies in receiving its budgetary allocations. Key program activities of the commission, including investigations, prosecution, public education, and institutional strengthening, were delayed, thereby affecting the Commission's ability to operate effectively.

Recommendation:

We recommend the disbursement in advance of the quarterly allotment of the commission in keeping with section 13.2 of the LACC act of 2022 to timely support specialized investigations, staff development, and public engagements. The institution also encourages strategic donor partnerships to fill critical funding gaps in the short term.

2. Delays in Judicial Proceedings

Challenge:

The absence of a dedicated anti-corruption court continues to result in prolonged delays in the prosecution of corruption cases. This undermines public trust in the justice system and weakens the deterrent effect of the Commission's prosecutorial work.

Recommendation:

The Commission renews its call for the establishment of a specialized anti-corruption court to expedite the adjudication of corruption-related cases. Stakeholder dialogue, including engagement with the Judiciary and Legislature, should be intensified to prioritize the court's establishment.

3. Low Asset Declaration Compliance Within the Legislature and Judiciary Branches

Challenge:

While progress has been made in receiving asset declarations from the Executive Branch, compliance remains low within the Legislature and Judiciary.

Recommendation:

The Commission recommends the continuous enforcement of sanctions for non-compliance, including public listing of defaulters and administrative penalties. Continued collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsman is vital to ensure full implementation of the Code of Conduct.

5. Infrastructure and Logistical Limitations

Challenge:

The Commission continues to face logistical constraints, including aging vehicles, limited investigative equipment, and insufficient office space to accommodate its expanding workforce and case files.

Recommendation:

We recommend the acquisition of a modern office infrastructure to host the commission under the government's Public Sector Investment programs. We also recommend transportation logistics. The Commission welcomes targeted government support and donor assistance in addressing these material deficiencies.

CONCLUSION

The second quarter of 2025 marked a period of continued progress for the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) in advancing its mandate to prevent, investigate, and prosecute acts of corruption across the public sector. From securing convictions and initiating new investigations, to expanding nationwide awareness campaigns and deepening partnerships with national and international stakeholders, the Commission demonstrated resilience and commitment to fostering a culture of integrity and public accountability.

Despite the notable achievements, several operational and institutional challenges such as inadequate funding, delays in judicial processes, and infrastructure constraints persist and require urgent attention. The Commission remains firm in its call for continued political will, increased resource allocation, and enhanced institutional collaboration to ensure that the fight against corruption is sustained, impartial, and effective.

As we move into the next quarter, the LACC reaffirms its dedication to upholding the rule of law, promoting transparency, and strengthening public trust in governance. The Commission looks forward to continued support from the Executive, Legislature, Judiciary, development partners, civil society, and the general public as it works towards a corruption-free Liberia.

