

# LIBERIA’S OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN V (JANUARY 2025- JANUARY 2027)

**Background:**

Liberia signed on to Open Government Partnership in 2011 with the commitment to adhere to all international standards relating to Good, Open and Responsive Governance. The current Government is committed to continue to build on the work carried out through the most recent 2020-2022 National Action Plan, while also identifying and removing any gaps identified in the implementation report of 2020-2022.

The Government of Liberia, in partnership with Civil Society along with the Open Government Partnership Secretariat and feedback from expert on relevant issues has drafted is Liberia Action Plan 2025-2027. The GOL will be emphasizing and operationalizing Open and inclusive Government.

**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES AND VALUES**

The OGP has five thematic areas: Transparency, Accountability and Integrity, Citizens Participation and inclusion, Policy reforms and harnessing e-governance. The five thematic areas are based on these principles and values of the OGP.

**Principles:**

Acknowledge that people all around the world are demanding more openness in government. They are calling for greater civic participation in public affairs, and seeking ways to make their governments more transparent, responsive, accountable, and effective.

Recognize that countries are at different stages in their efforts to promote openness in government, and that each of us pursues an approach consistent with our national priorities and circumstances and the aspirations of our citizens.

Accept responsibility for seizing this moment to strengthen our commitments to promote transparency, fight corruption, empower citizens, and harness the power of new technologies to make government more effective and accountable.

Uphold the value of openness in our engagement with citizens to improve services, manage public resources, promote innovation, and create safer communities. The OGP embraces principles of transparency and open government and engender policy reform with a view toward achieving greater prosperity, well-being, and human dignity in countries and in an increasingly interconnected world.

OGP participating countries declare their commitment on these values to:

- Increase the availability of information about governmental activities
- Support civic participation
- Implement the highest standards of professional integrity throughout our administrations
- Increase access to new technologies for openness and accountability

<b>Country</b>	<b>Liberia</b>
<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 1: Supporting Integrity Institutions</b>
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i> Perceptions of integrity in the public sector are very low. Lack of integrity undermines trust between citizens and government and leads to high level perception of corruption and mismanagement. This deters honest young Liberians from entering the civil service. Hence, this commitment seeks to build trust between

	citizens and government and support integrity institutions in achieving their statutory mandates.		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (LACC)</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>
	<i>LACC-Lead Ministry of Justice (MoJ) The Judiciary PPCC Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT) Liberia National Police (LNP)</i>	<i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab) Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) NAYMOTE Partners</i>	<i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i>
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>1. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b>  <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i></p> <p>The citizens of Liberia are affected greatly by the level of corruption in the public sector. This corruption within the public sector has affected public service delivery over 177 years and has increased in the recent 10 years. Corruption has become a serious menace within public service, private sector and the society at large. However, there is a growing collective action in fighting corruption and those involve. It is essential for public institutions like the LACC to strengthen its integrity, ensure its resolve to fighting corruption and build public trust.</p>
<p><b>2. What are the causes of the problem?</b>  <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i></p> <p>Corruption in Liberia is caused by key factors that contribute to corruption such as poverty, greed, limited education, weak and slow legal system, bad leadership and governance. Liberia is a kleptocrat state where corruption is key looter national resources. Public officials have intentionally distributed ignorance through the operation of weak education system, structurally weak internal control, poor implementation of policies and laws, and disrespect for the rule of law.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p><b>1. What has been done so far to solve the problem?</b>  <i>What solutions were made available for this problem in previous years? How successful have they been?</i></p>

<p>Several contributions have been made to ameliorate corruption issues. Among many others things was firstly the creation of the Public Procurement Concession Commission in 2005 by an act of legislature responsible for all procurement and concession issues in Liberia. Secondly, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission in August 28, 2008 by the Act of Legislature to investigate and prosecute acts of corruption and educate the public on the drawbacks of corruption and benefits of fighting it. Of recent, the LACC has been restructured with a new leadership that are showing very good intention in fighting corruption. The Internal Audit Agency (IAA) was established in 2013 by an Act of legislature as the first line of defense in fighting against corruption, waste and abuse in public sector. The recent passage of the Whistleblower and Witness Protection Act of 2017 and revised LACC Act of 2022 giving it a direct prosecutorial power.</p>	
<p><b>2. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i></p> <p>The commitment creates a legal framework in order to establish guidelines for public officials in the fight against corruption. It increases training opportunities for public sector actors and creates a network of honest government officials to build the values of accountability and integrity within institutions and schools.</p>	
<p><b>3. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of fast-track/Specialized Anti-Corruption Court- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></li> <li>• Integration of integrity, transparency and accountability education into the Liberian public-school curriculum- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></li> <li>• Establishment of a National Integrity Committee to monitor high risk institutions and help inform decision-making- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></li> <li>• Digitalization of the Asset Declaration Program of the LACC- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></li> <li>• Open Data on Corruption Trends Develop a public, open-data platform where anonymized data on corruption cases, sectors most affected, and types of corruption are made available for public analysis and research- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></li> </ul> <p>Decentralization of the programs, activities and operation of the LACC- <b>January 2025-January 2027</b></p>	

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>1. How will the commitment promote transparency?  <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>There will be public education and public participation in all the solutions proposed over the period. All documentation will be made public and the court proceedings will be public</p>
<p>2. How will the commitment help foster accountability?  <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>The court cases will promote accountability by ensuring that government officials and institutions abide by the rule of law. The engagement with the citizens will be structured so to close the feedback loop. There will be a quarterly (6 months) review of this commitment.</p>

<p>3. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions? <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	<p>The citizens will be involved from the beginning to the end, in consultations, public awareness, the use of technology (TALKAY App) to collect citizens feedback in reporting corrupt cases to the LACC, and others.</p>
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<b>Commitment Planning</b> <i>(This is an initial planning process largely looking at milestones and expected outputs, as well as key stakeholders involved.)</i>									
<b>Milestones</b> <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	<b>Expected Outputs</b> <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>						
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	<i>Public Procurement and Concession Commission (PPCC)</i>		
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>3. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b>  <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i></p> <p>The Liberia Revenue Authority is tasked to raise annual revenue from its citizens residents, and investors throughout the country. A major challenge is the lack of tailored educational information about taxation. While the LRA does provide information, it is often too broad and may not sufficiently address specific tax matters in details. Taxpayers need simplified and educational content to fully understand taxation issues and improve compliance. This is an ongoing revenue generation challenge and more practical solutions are being sought.</p>
<p><b>4. What are the causes of the problem?</b>  <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i></p> <p>One of the major problems is poor tax education for citizens and residents throughout the country. Citizens that able to work do not see tax payment as a responsibility rather as a burden. This is because of entrenched corruption of tax payers' money within the public sector. This has caused tax payment fatigue amongst citizens. Additionally, the payment processes have been stressful for many citizens who might stay in long que for almost a day or two and might be met with a condition such as computer system shot down. All of this hurt tax payment; hence, an online tax payment system has been developed.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p>In addition to addressing the problem, the LRA commits to launching Tax Talk, a digital information dissemination program. This initiative will consist of 3–5-minute video productions designed to provide clear, simple, and educational content on key taxation topics. These videos will be shared widely on social media platforms like YouTube, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter), as well as on the LRA's internal TV platforms for visiting taxpayers. The Tax Talk series will promote proactive disclosure as required under the Freedom of Information Act of 2010 and will focus on explaining tax payment processes, the role of the LRA, and how taxes are used.</p>
<p><b>4. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i></p> <p>Through proactive communication, Tax Talk will help taxpayers, and the general public make informed decisions. Taxation language can be technical and complex, but Tax Talk will break down tax jargon and procedures into simple, everyday language. This will not only improve</p>

<p>understanding but also foster greater tax compliance by demystifying processes and preventing potential fear or extortion from dishonest individuals. By addressing the information deficit, Tax Talk aims to combat misinformation and disinformation, ensuring taxpayers receive accurate and helpful information.</p>
<p><b>5. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i>  Tax Talk will strengthen transparency, accountability, and public confidence in the taxation system by making critical information accessible. Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and informed citizen participation in governance. Tax Talk will enhance public trust by demystifying tax processes and improving communication between the LRA and the public.</p>

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>4. How will the commitment promote transparency?  <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and informed citizen participation in governance. Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in tax administration. Tax Talk will enhance public trust by demystifying tax processes and improving communication between the public and LRA.</p>
<p>5. How will the commitment help foster accountability?  <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>Revenue generated by LRA are normally published for public consumption. This can be disaggregated by counties and sectors. There is a whistle blowing protection to further strengthen accountability.</p>
<p>6. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions?  <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	<p>Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in tax administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.</p>

Commitment Planning <i>(This is an initial planning process largely looking at milestones and expected outputs, as well as key stakeholders involved.)</i>			
Milestones <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	Expected Outputs <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	Expected Completion Date	Stakeholders
Publishing a quarterly Business tax report.	# of business tax report published	<b>January 2025- January 2027</b>	Lead: Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)
			Supporting Stakeholders
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Launch Tax Talk, a digital information dissemination platform	# of citizens engagement on platform  # of tax information disseminated		<i>Development Planning (MFDP)</i>	<i>Liberia (A-Lab) Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	Private Sector etc)
			<i>The Judiciary</i>	<i>for</i>	
			<i>Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MOCI)</i>	<i>Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	
			<i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT),</i>	<i>NAYMOT E Partners Integrity Watch Liberia</i>	
			<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>		
			Government	CSOs	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)

<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 3: Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Public Procurement</b>
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i> Millions of dollars are lost every year through corrupt contracting and lack of transparent procurement processes for public contracts, especially related to public infrastructure
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROCUREMENT &amp; CONCESSIONS COMMISSION (PPCC)</b>



Supporting Stakeholders	Government	Civil Society	Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)
	<p><i>PPCC-Lead</i>  <i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i>  <i>The Judiciary</i>  <i>Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)</i>  <i>Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)</i>  <i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i></p>	<p><i>Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>  <i>NAYMOTE Partners</i>  <i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i></p>	<p><i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i></p> <p><b>National Legislature</b></p>
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<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>5. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b>  <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i>  Millions of dollars are lost every year through corrupt contracting and lack of transparent procurement processes for public contracts, especially related to public infrastructure. Public Procurement corruption was very high through the manual system. And the e-procurement system is trying to mitigate this.</p>
<p><b>6. What are the causes of the problem?</b>  <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i>  Procurement in Liberia has been of the key corruption area. There have been manual procurement processes over a long period of time and the introduction of e-procurement system tend to solve the root cause of corruption. During the manual system, corruption through procurement was very high due to patronage system operational in the country.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p>The commitment seeks to improve accountability through open contracting. It adopts international standards, makes contracting information open to the public, and creates a forum to provide oversight for procurement processes.</p>
<p><b>6. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i>  Publishing contracting information increases government accountability, promotes fairer competition, encourages civic oversight and helps the government learn from previous successes and failures.</p>
<p><b>7. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b></p>

*What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?*

Transparency is essential for the responsible management of resources and the potential for growth and economic development that resources can provide through an efficient national procurement effort. Publishing information on how the Liberian government is managing resources will increase public participation and open avenues for the public to hold the government accountable for use of funds.

<b>Commitment Analysis</b>	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>7. How will the commitment promote transparency? <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles and values of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and inform accountability and citizen participation in procurement governance. Closing the feedback loop mechanism is a key component of the procurement process in Liberia.
<p>8. How will the commitment help foster accountability? <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	Public tenders by PPCC will be public on the e-procurement portal and the result of the procurement processes will be made public on the same portal. This process will ensure data integrity is consistent with the PPCC process. There is a whistleblowing protection to further strengthen accountability.
<p>9. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions? <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.

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<b>Milestones</b> <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	<b>Expected Outputs</b> <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	
Increase procurement transactions through e-Government Procurement System and make data and documents in the contracting process available to the public. This will include approved procurement	# of institutions using the e-Government procurement system  # of contracting procurement documents made	<b>January 2025- January 2027</b>	Lead: Public Procurement & Concession Commission (PPCC)	
			Supporting Stakeholders	
			<i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i> <i>The Judiciary</i>	<i>Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia</i>

<p>plans, tendering, bid evaluation reports, contracting, and vendor registration data.</p> <p>Create new procurement regulations, manuals, and Standard Bid Documents based on the revised PPCA and mandate the use of e-GP system for all public procurement transactions.</p> <p>Develop mechanism to identify and track procurement performance of businesses including women-led/owned enterprises.</p>	available to the public.		<i>Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)</i> <i>Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)</i> <i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i>	<i>(CENTAL)</i> <i>NAYMOT E Partners</i> <i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i>	
	# of procurement regulations, manuals and Standard Bid Documents created and published				
	% use of e-GP system by government ministries and agencies				
	% of gender ratio businesses tracked through procurement performance				
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>					
Government		CSOs		Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)	

<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 4: Ensuring Transparency in Infrastructure Development Projects</b>		
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<p><i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i></p> <p>Limited public access to detailed information on infrastructure projects, including costs, contractor details, project timelines, and progress updates. This results in reduced trust and limited citizen oversight of infrastructure projects. In addition, key processes such as obtaining construction permits, understanding zoning laws and regulations, and navigating contractor certification procedures are not well understood by the public, thus reducing compliance.</p>		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (MOPW)</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>

	<p><i>MOPW-Lead Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) Liberia Land Authority (LLA) Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i></p>	<p><i>NAYMOTE Partners Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab) Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) Integrity Watch Liberia</i></p>	<p><i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i></p> <p><b>National Legislature</b></p>
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<p><b>7. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b> <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i></p> <p>Limited public access to detailed information on infrastructure projects, including costs, contractor details, project timelines, and progress updates. This results in reduced trust and limited citizen oversight of infrastructure projects. In addition, key processes such as obtaining construction permits, understanding zoning laws and regulations, and navigating contractor certification procedures are not well understood by the public, thus reducing compliance.</p>
<p><b>8. What are the causes of the problem?</b> <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i></p> <p>National infrastructures are built without full transparency of how biddings are done and the accountability of the funds are normally not known to the public. As the result, public participation in giving feedback to the process is limited due to the lack of full transparency. Thereby, making it difficult for public accountability on construction projects.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p>The Ministry of Public Works will publish project documents (such as contract summaries, project costs, timelines, and reports) online for all major infrastructure projects. MPW will also hold community engagement forums and town hall meetings to ensure local participation in project monitoring. Furthermore, MPW will create accessible guides and communication platforms to clarify essential processes like obtaining construction permits, understanding zoning laws and regulations, and contractor certification procedures. These guides will be available online and through public workshops.</p>
<p><b>8. What solution are you proposing?</b> <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i></p> <p>This commitment will provide citizens with the information needed to track infrastructure projects, reducing risks of corruption and mismanagement. It will also empower communities by giving</p>

<p>them a platform to provide feedback and raise concerns about project implementation. Additionally, by clarifying processes for acquiring construction permits, contractor certifications and the implementation of the zoning laws. Citizens and businesses will be able to better navigate public works requirements, increasing compliance and trust.</p>
<p><b>9. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i>          The commitment advances OGP values by increasing transparency, accountability, and public participation in government-led infrastructure projects and key regulatory processes. It ensures that citizens have access to information about projects and MPW processes, fostering a more informed and engaged public.</p>

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>10. How will the commitment promote transparency?  <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles and values of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and inform accountability and citizen participation in procurement governance. Closing the feedback loop mechanism is a key component of the procurement process in Liberia.</p>
<p>11. How will the commitment help foster accountability?  <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>Public tenders by MOPW will be made public through the official website of the ministry and published in the local daily's. This process will ensure that the public has the right information to participate within the constructional period by giving constructive feedback to the Ministry on infrastructural projects. There is a whistleblowing protection to further strengthen accountability.</p>
<p>12. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions?  <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	<p>Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.</p>

Commitment Planning					
<i>(This is an initial planning process largely looking at milestones and expected outputs, as well as key stakeholders involved.)</i>					
Milestones <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	Expected Outputs <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	Expected Completion Date	Stakeholders		
MPW will publish quarterly updates on project status, including detailed financial reports, contractor	# of quarterly update provided  # of financial reports submitted	<b>January 2025- January 2027</b>	Lead: Ministry of Public Works (MOPW)		
			Supporting Stakeholders		
			<i>Ministry of Finance and Development</i>	<i>NAYMOT E Partners Accounta</i>	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private

<p>performance reviews, and progress timelines, on a dedicated public portal</p> <p>MPW will hold quarterly Infrastructure meetings to gather information and share the findings from the meetings with relevant stakeholders in areas affected by projects to allow citizens to ask questions, offer feedback, and be informed on project challenges and successes.</p>	<p>% of progress made over the period</p> <p># of infrastructure meeting held</p> <p># of meeting reports submitted</p> <p># of completed projects</p> <p># of challenges identified and % resolved</p>		<p><i>Planning (MFDP)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia Land Authority (LLA)</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i></p>	<p><i>bility Lab Liberia (A-Lab) Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i></p> <p><i>Integrity Watch Liberia</i></p>	Sector etc)
			<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>		
			Government	CSOs	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)

<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 5: Promoting Transparency, Enhancing Citizens Access to Information and Public Participation</b>		
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<p><i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i></p> <p>To fully operationalize a publicly available online portal documenting the legal ownership of businesses. The goal is to prevent conflict of interest and provide public and transparent information for citizens.</p>		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>LIBERIA BUSINESS REGISTRY (LBR)</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>

	<p><i>LBR-Lead</i>  <i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i>  <i>Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)</i>  <i>Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)</i>  <i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i>  <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)</i></p>	<p><i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i>  <i>Integrity Watch Liberia</i>  <i>NAYMOTE Partners</i>  <i>Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i></p>	<p><i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i></p> <p><b>National Legislature</b></p>
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>9. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b>  <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i>            The commitment will address the lack of adequate information on the investment of public funds in offshore business accounts.</p>
<p><b>10. What are the causes of the problem?</b>  <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i>            Politically exposed public officials are involved in awarding contracts to themselves; thereby, committing conflict of interest which is unwanted within our governance landscape.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p>The commitment will address the lack of adequate information on the investment of public funds in offshore business accounts. To fully operationalize a publicly available online portal documenting the legal ownership of businesses. The goal is to prevent conflict of interest and provide public and transparent information for citizens.</p>
<p><b>10. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i>            The commitment will establish an effective online public register showing legal ownership of inland and overseas companies. It will increase transparency, accountability and limit the ability to use overseas businesses as safe heavens and prevent awarding procurement contracts to inland businesses whose owners are Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs).</p>
<p><b>11. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i>            The commitment relates to the values of the OGP by increasing transparency of information, enabling citizens to monitor the use of public funds and promote holistic accountability.</p>

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>13. How will the commitment promote transparency? <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles and values of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and inform accountability and citizen participation in procurement governance. Closing the feedback loop mechanism is a key component of the procurement process in Liberia.
<p>14. How will the commitment help foster accountability? <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	It is important to prevent politically exposed persons from ownership of businesses to awarding themselves contracts. And this portal will create an accountability mechanism for citizens to report to the LBR. There is a whistleblowing protection to further strengthen accountability.
<p>15. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions? <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.

Commitment Planning <i>(This is an initial planning process largely looking at milestones and expected outputs, as well as key stakeholders involved.)</i>				
Milestones <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	Expected Outputs <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	Expected Completion Date	Stakeholders	
<p>Fully operationalize the online registry platform of beneficial owners/shareholders</p> <p>Strengthen data management support staff; weekly update of LBR's website and backups.</p> <p>Validate and create a public repository of all beneficial ownership or shareholders and lawfully registered businesses.</p>	<p># of individuals engaging the platform</p> <p># of staff trained</p> <p># of weekly update of the website</p> <p># of repository created</p>	<p><b>January 2025- January 2027</b></p>	Lead: Liberia Business Registry (LBR)	
			Supporting Stakeholders	
			<p><i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC)</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Information,</i></p>	<p><i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i></p> <p><i>Integrity Watch Liberia</i></p> <p><i>NAYMOT E</i></p> <p><i>Partners Center for Transparency and Accounta</i></p>



	# of engagement on the repository created		<i>Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i>	<i>bility in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>		
	# of businesses registered on the portal		<i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)</i>			
	<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>					
	Government		CSOs	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)		

<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 6: Citizens Access to Health Care Services</b>		
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i> The commitment is the roadmap to improve the health care service delivery through promoting transparency and accountability, citizens participation and open information in two years.		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH)</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>
	<i>MOH-Lead Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i>	<i>Public Health Initiative of Liberia (PHIL) Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab) NAYMOTE Partners Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	<i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i>  <b>National Legislature</b>
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

Problem Definition
<p><b>11. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b>  <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i>            Lack of adequate health services and facilities, low accountability in health supply chain, lack of public information on health services, low citizen participation in the management of health care delivery systems and inaccessibility of health facilities</p>
<p><b>12. What are the causes of the problem?</b>  <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i>            Weak national health commitment and low budgetary constraints have significantly led to poor health care delivery and limited health care facilities.</p>

Commitment Description
<p>The commitment is the roadmap to improve the health care service delivery through promoting transparency and accountability, citizens participation and open information in two years.</p>
<p><b>12. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i>            The commitment is the roadmap to improve the health care service delivery through promoting transparency and accountability, citizens participation and open information in two years.</p>
<p><b>13. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i>            The commitment will increase access to health care services by opening information on supplies, budgets and facilities. It will create guidelines, track supply chains and involve county health boards in the oversight processes.</p>

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>16. How will the commitment promote transparency?  <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles and values of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and inform accountability and citizen participation in health service delivery. Closing the feedback loop mechanism is a key component of the procurement process in Liberia.</p>
<p>17. How will the commitment help foster accountability?  <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>It is important to ensure that the supply chain management of drugs and health facilities management are major in delivery proper health care in Liberia. There is a whistleblowing protection to further strengthen accountability.</p>
<p>18. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in</p>	<p>Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement</p>

defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions? <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i>	administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.
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**Commitment Planning**  
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<b>Milestones</b> <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	<b>Expected Outputs</b> <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>		
<p>Activate and orientate county health board members in 15 public health facilities</p> <p>15 county health boards are functional (Regular meetings)</p> <p>Recruit, train, and deploy 100 health professionals as county health service supervisors in 8 counties where National Community Health Assistant Program gaps exist.</p>	<p># of County Health Board activated</p> <p># of County Health Board Orientated</p> <p># of County Health Board Functional</p> <p># of Regular meetings held</p> <p># of minutes reports submitted</p> <p># of health professionals recruited and trained as county health service supervisors</p> <p># of trained health service supervisors deployed.</p>	<p><b>January 2025- January 2027</b></p>	Lead: Ministry of Health (MOH)		
			<u>Supporting Stakeholders</u>		
			<i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i>	<i>Public Health Initiative of Liberia (PHIL)</i>	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)
			<i>National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL)</i>	<i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i>	
			<i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i>	<i>NAYMOT E Partners Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	
<u>Supporting Stakeholders</u>					
Government	CSOs	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)			

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<b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b>	<b>Commitment 7: Improving Constitutional Rights Litigation, Judicial Integrity and Expansion of Infrastructure for Improved Access to Justice</b>		
<b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b>	<p><i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i></p> <p>The commitment seeks to guarantee that the Constitutional Rights of Trial by Jury is accorded all persons before the courts of our land by completing the rollout of the Jury Management Office counties where it does not exist.</p> <p>The commitment seeks to increase public confidence in the Liberian Judiciary by digitizing the Case Management System of the courts.</p>		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>JUDICIARY BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>
	<p><i>The Judiciary-Lead</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia National Police (LNP)</i></p>	<p><i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i></p> <p><i>NAYMOTE Partners</i></p> <p><i>Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i></p>	<p><i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i></p> <p><b>National Legislature</b></p>
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>13. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b></p> <p><i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i></p> <p>Access to Justice continues to be a challenge to a large number of citizens, especially in the rural parts of our country. The right to trial by jury, being a constitutional right, is not fully achieved in some counties. Public confidence in the justice system remains low partly because of the overcrowding of the courts dockets and the delays associated with adjudicating cases before the courts.</p>
<p><b>14. What are the causes of the problem?</b></p> <p><i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i></p> <p>Very limited rule of law information for access to justice and citizens participation as juror in jury trials. This is caused by low level legal education.</p>

Commitment Description
<p>The commitment seeks to guarantee that the Constitutional Rights of Trial by Jury is accorded all persons before the courts of our land by completing the rollout of the Jury Management Office counties where it does not exist. The commitment seeks to increase public confidence in the Liberian Judiciary by digitizing the Case Management System of the courts</p>
<p><b>14. What solution are you proposing?</b>  <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i></p> <p>The commitment will fulfill the constitutional requirement of citizen participation in the administration of justice, whilst at the same time guarantee the constitutional rights of all citizens before the courts. The commitment will produce a more open, transparent and expeditious judicial process which will address the problem of prolong cases, transparency and speedy justice</p>
<p><b>15. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?</b>  <i>What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?</i></p> <p>The commitment will increase citizen engagement with the court system by their active involvement in the administration of justice. The commitment will increase public confidence in the judiciary and the rule of law in general thereby strengthening Liberia's democratic gains.</p>

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>19. How will the commitment promote transparency?  <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>Empowering citizens with knowledge aligns with the principles and values of the OGP, which emphasizes openness and inform accountability and citizen participation in juror processes will enhance justice especially in rural communities.</p>
<p>20. How will the commitment help foster accountability?  <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>Access to justice can be enhanced when citizens are aware of their legal responsibilities and the responsibility of the system. There is a whistleblowing protection to further strengthen accountability.</p>
<p>21. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions?  <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	<p>Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.</p>

**Commitment Planning**  
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<b>Milestones</b> <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	<b>Expected Outputs</b> <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>		
<p>Selection and independence of Juror for Constitutional Rights to trial by Jury</p> <p>The Establishment of Juror management offices in counties where it is non-existence</p> <p>The Development and launching of Digital Case Management System</p>	<p># of Juror selected for trial by Jury</p> <p>% of trial by Jury with newly selected jurors</p> <p># of Juror management office in non-existence counties</p> <p># of Digital case management system established</p> <p># of cases recorded</p>	<p><b>January 2025- January 2027</b></p>	<p>Lead: The Judiciary Branch</p>		
			<p><u>Supporting Stakeholders</u></p>		
			<p><i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT)</i></p> <p><i>Liberia National Police (LNP)</i></p>	<p><i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i></p> <p><i>NAYMOT E Partners Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i></p>	<p>Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)</p>
			<p><u>Supporting Stakeholders</u></p>		
			<p>Government</p>	<p>CSOs</p>	<p>Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)</p>
<p><b>Number and Name of the Commitment</b></p>	<p><b>Commitment 8: Publication of Budget Documents</b></p>				
<p><b>Brief Description of the Commitment</b></p>	<p><i>(Describe what the commitment wants to do and would like to achieve in less than 200 characters.)</i></p> <p>This commitment is aimed at increasing public access to fiscal information and providing opportunity for their participation in at least 2 stages (budget formulation and execution) of the budget process; thereby increasing transparency in the management of public Resources. This is because there are limited detailed budgetary information which leads to a lot of speculations within the media which</p>				

	clouds citizens judgement of the realities of the facts within the budget documents.		
<b>Commitment Lead</b>	<b>MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</b>		
<b>Supporting Stakeholders</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b>Civil Society</b>	<b>Other Actors (Parliament, Private Sector, etc)</b>
	<i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) - Lead Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs and Tourism (MICAT) Liberian Broadcasting Service (LBS)</i>	<i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab) NAYMOTE Partners Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	<i>Whenever relevant, please indicate the role and involvement of parliament or legislative department, and other actors such as the private sector for the success of the commitment. If they have not been previously engaged, mention how they will be engaged during and/or after the adoption of the plan.</i>  <b>National Legislature</b>
<b>Period Covered</b>	January 2025- January 2027		

<b>Problem Definition</b>
<p><b>15. What problem does the commitment aim to address?</b> <i>Who is affected? Where is it taking place? How are they affected? When are they most affected? When did the problem start? How long has the problem impacted those affected?</i></p> <p>The commitment seeks to address limited public access to key budget documents and public participation in the budget process which have led to unnecessary speculations within the public about the budget.</p>
<p><b>16. What are the causes of the problem?</b> <i>Elaborate on your understanding of the causes of the problem. As much as possible, identify the root causes. Utilize problem analytical tools (e.g., problem tree, five whys, fishbone diagram, or other related methods) when necessary and provide evidence whenever possible.</i></p> <p>There are very limited public engagements on the detailed aspects of the national budget. When this commitment is achieved a lot of civic education will be achieved on the budget.</p>

<b>Commitment Description</b>
<p>The commitments seek to address limited public access to key budget documents and public participation in the budget process. Increasing public access to fiscal information and providing opportunity for their participation in at least 2 stages (budget formulation and execution) of the budget process; thereby increasing transparency in the management of public resources and the accountability thereof.</p>
<p><b>16. What solution are you proposing?</b> <i>What will you do to solve the problem? How does this differ from previous efforts? In what way will the solution solve the problem? How will the solution solve the problem? Will it solve the problem in its entirety or partially? What portion of the problem will it solve, if not the whole problem?</i></p> <p>By publishing key budget documents and providing opportunity for public participation during the formulation and execution of the budget, the public will be informed and positioned to influence the allocation of budgetary resources and hold government accountable and enhance Government's transparency.</p>

**17. What results do we want to achieve by implementing this commitment?**

*What outputs would we like to produce? What changes in knowledge, skills, and capacities do we want to achieve? What changes in behavior, systems, and practices do we want to create?*

The commitment is relevant to OGP values because it seeks to promote openness in government and civic participation in the management of public resources which are the core of the OGP values.

Commitment Analysis	
Questions	Answer (if not applicable, just answer with N/A)
<p>22. How will the commitment promote transparency? <i>How will it help improve citizens' access to information and data? How will it make the government more transparent to citizens?</i></p>	<p>Empowering citizens with the right budget knowledge will improve citizens participation in developmental decision making and monitoring. It will promote governmental accountability and transparency and build trust with citizens.</p>
<p>23. How will the commitment help foster accountability? <i>How will it help public agencies become more accountable to the public? How will it facilitate citizens' ability to learn how the implementation is progressing? How will it support transparent monitoring and evaluation systems?</i></p>	<p>This comment will foster citizens participation, inclusion and enhance governmental integrity; thereby promoting public accountability.</p>
<p>24. How will the commitment improve citizen participation in defining, implementing, and monitoring solutions? <i>How will it proactively engage citizens and citizen groups?</i></p>	<p>Closing the feedback loop mechanism will be created to continuously incorporate citizens voices in public procurement administration. Citizens, however, are consulted and engaged for their inclusion throughout the fiscal year.</p>

Commitment Planning					
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Milestones <i>(Milestones are part of a series of actions or events that, when executed, will lead to the achievement of the result the commitment would like to achieve.)</i>	Expected Outputs <i>(Outputs are concrete, objectively-verifiable results that are direct products of activities conducted or implemented.)</i>	Expected Completion Date	Stakeholders		
<p>Publish 7 of the 8 key budget documents (Budget Framework Paper, Draft Budget, Citizen Guide to the Budget, Approved National Budget, Quarterly Financial Statements, Mid-Year Review, Consolidated Financial Statement)</p>	<p># of budget documents published mid-year</p> <p># of citizens guide to the budget published</p>	<p><b>January 2025- January 2027</b></p>	<p>Lead: The Judiciary Branch</p>		
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<i>Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP)</i>	<i>Accountability Lab Liberia (A-Lab)</i>	Others (e.g., Parliament, Private Sector etc)			
<i>Ministry of Information, Culture Affairs</i>	<i>NAYMOT E Partners Center for</i>				



each year Publish the Budget Calendar, Budget Call Circular, Quarterly Budget Performance Reports, External Resource (Aid & Debt) Reports Construct a dedicated interactive and user-friendly citizen budget Website Conduct pre-budget consultations to solicit citizens' inputs in annual budget Facilitate the Fiscal Transparency Advisory Group and other to attend Sector Working Group Meetings Shadow Budget Option Paper	# of financial statements published		<i>and Tourism (MICAT) Liberian Broadcasting Service (LBS)</i>	<i>Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL)</i>	
	# of Budget calendars published				
	# of performance reports published				
	# of citizens engagements on the website with the national budget information				
Facilitate the Fiscal Transparency Advisory Group and other to attend Sector Working Group Meetings Shadow Budget Option Paper	# of citizens engaged within the consultation process annually				
	# of meetings held				
	# of meeting minutes produced				
# of Shadow Budget Option Papers published					

### Open Gov Challenge

The Open Government Challenge was launched in 2023 by the OGP Steering Committee as a call to action for all members of OGP to raise ambition in ten areas of open government to help strengthen our democracies. Over the next five years, all members of the Partnership should aim to raise the ambition of reforms in these areas and demonstrate relevant progress through their OGP action plans or beyond. Countries can participate in the Challenge by filling out the following section to nominate eligible commitments from their action plans. *Further information about the Challenge is available [here](#).*

## Open Gov Challenge Submission

<p><b>1. Do you want to submit this commitment to be considered for the Open Gov Challenge?</b></p> <p><i>Challenge commitments should be the most ambitious, flagship commitments in the action plan. Not all commitments are expected to address the Challenge.</i></p>	Yes or No
<p><b>2. Why does this commitment meet the ambition of the Challenge?</b></p>	[1,000 characters or less]
<p><b>3. What is the <i>primary</i> Challenge area?</b> <i>A single commitment may address multiple Challenge areas.</i></p>	Select <b>one</b> of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Access to Information</li><li>2. Anti-Corruption</li><li>3. Civic Space</li><li>4. Climate and Environment</li><li>5. Digital Governance</li><li>6. Fiscal Openness</li><li>7. Gender and Inclusion</li><li>8. Justice</li><li>9. Media Freedom</li><li>10. Public Participation</li></ol>
<p><b>4. What is the <i>secondary</i> Challenge area?</b> <i>(if any)</i></p>	Select <b>one</b> of the following (if applicable): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Access to Information</li><li>2. Anti-Corruption</li><li>3. Civic Space</li><li>4. Climate and Environment</li><li>5. Digital Governance</li><li>6. Fiscal Openness</li><li>7. Gender and Inclusion</li><li>8. Justice</li><li>9. Media Freedom</li><li>10. Public Participation</li></ol>