



## GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

### FREE EDUCATION PROJECT

#### DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DOCUMENTS

1. The Government of Sierra Leone, with the support of the World Bank, UK-Department for International Development (UK-DFID), Irish Aid and European Union (EU), has developed the proposed Free Education Project.

2. The Project seeks to strengthen system accountability and increase the number of children in schools with improved learning conditions and better teaching practices in Sierra Leone. The project is organized into five components. **Component 1 – Policy, Governance, Accountability and System Administration; Component 2 – Teacher Management and Professional Development; Component 3 – School Level Educational Development; Component 4 – Project Management, Coordination and Monitoring and Evaluation; and 5 - Contingent Emergency Response Component.** Overall responsibility for the project implementation will lie with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE). The Ministry will collaborate with other institutions and agencies, including, but not limited to, the Teaching Service Commission, other relevant ministries, local councils, development partners, to implement activities.

3. The Project is prepared under the new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). In response to the client's responsibility to assess and address any adverse environmental and social impacts from the project consistent with the ESF, the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has now, in addition to the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), been prepared to guide the implementation of the project. These Environmental and Social documents identified, predicted and evaluated the beneficial and adverse environmental and social risk and impacts that sub-projects and other activities to be financed under the Project could potentially generate. It includes the mitigation, monitoring and institutional arrangement to be undertaken during the implementation and operation phases of the project.

4. The Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education through this publication, is now disclosing to the general public the fourth document which is the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF). You would recall that the other three documents i.e. the RPF, SEP and ESCP have been disclosed earlier. Copies of the ESMF, in addition to the three others, can be found at the following offices:

- Office of the Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, New England, Freetown.
- Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, New England, Freetown.
- The REDISL Secretariat, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, New England, Freetown
- The Free Quality School Education (FQSE) Secretariat, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, New England, Freetown.

- The Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Headquarters, Freetown
- The Inspectorate Directorate, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education , New England, Freetown
- Environmental Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA), Freetown Office.

Interested parties at the regional, district and local levels may also access the documents at:

- the District Education Offices throughout the country
- the District Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Offices throughout the country
- the Local Councils throughout the country
- Environmental Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA), Offices throughout the country

5. Copies can also be accessed online from the following websites:

[www.education.gov.sl](http://www.education.gov.sl)

[www.tsc.gov.sl](http://www.tsc.gov.sl)

6. All enquiries should be forwarded to:

The Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education  
New England  
Freetown