

Mano River Union Post-Ebola Socio-economic Recovery Programme

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#### **Presidential Statement**

The Ebola virus disease struck our States at the time when they were just in the process of addressing the devastating socioeconomic effects of the civil and political conflicts they had emerged from. Termed as fragile or failed States, the national and sub-regional efforts, with the support of the international community were already experiencing considerable improvements in many spheres, our economies being no exception. The outbreak reversed these gains and accelerated a downward trend in the quality of life and livelihoods for our citizens.

Animportant lesson learned is that infectious disease outbreaks of such an unprecedented nature are rarely solved sustainably on a single country basis or without international support. The Ebola epidemic has proven to be a common threat to us and our partners. Therefore, international cooperation is necessary, as has been demonstrated in the fight against the virus. We need to continue to pursue the solutions to the crisis jointly using a common strategy and through a single coordination and oversight mechanism. Acting together through the Mano River Union (MRU), we believe that we can build the needed preparedness and response capacities to contain this outbreak and future emergencies.

To contain the current outbreak and begin the process of recovery, we have embarked on intensive sub-regional information sharing and consultation processes under the auspices of the MRU. As an offspring, we have evolved a sub-regional Socio-economic Recovery Programme to ensure that our States return on track to stability and prosperity. It is also imperative to establish and strengthen sub-regional cross-border disease surveillance to remove high risks posed to neighboring States to the most affected States. We are aware that the disease has yet not been contained, but we cannot wait until containment before we start the recovery process. These two essential processes must occur simultaneously.

The recovery strategy identifies areas of intervention in the immediate, short, and medium terms. It identifies diversified agricultural and nutrition interventions, infrastructure development, energy, mining, gender development, social protection, and education as sectors that can achieve this goal. Both coordination and funding mechanisms are also described. The process for facilitating the recovery would be more flexible, context-based and collaborative in approach.

We admit that addressing each intervention, even all of them together, will not fully attain the stability and expected recovery objectives in these fragile states. It will take much wider array of governance and policy measures to create the enabling environment for employment, human security, and reintegration of affected populations in the aftermath of such a devastating crisis. We acknowledge that a committed private sector is a key partner which would create a strong labor market and absorb the large number of job seekers especially the youths in our respective nations and the sub-region.

More so, we know that what reintegrates an Ebola and conflict-affected person into normal life is not just employment or social assistance, but rather productive employment, complemented by freedom, equity, security, and human dignity that transforms affected populations into contributing and invested citizens. We, through this Program, are committed to acting decisively to create opportunities for our citizens so that they can make the transition from Ebola-ravaged past to a prosperous future. Acting together through the MRU, we can be a formidable force for recovery and resilience. For this reason, our vision is to contain the disease, set our development agendas back on track by beginning to alleviate poverty through economic growth and wealth creation. We therefore urge all stakeholders to support this recovery programme to ensure that the goals and targets that have been set are achieved within the time period of its implementation. We therefore call upon the by-in and support of all stakeholders and especially the donor community.

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#### **Executive Summary**

Three of the countries in the Mano River Union(MRU)-Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone- have suffered the worst Ebola outbreak since the disease was first diagnosed in 1976. The socioeconomic impact of the outbreak in the region is tremendous and has reversed the impressive socioeconomic performance of the affected States. The situation of these States which were already fragile has worsened. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 the region has recorded 25,213 cumulative cases and 10,460 deaths of which women and children have been mostly affected. The outbreak is considered a global crisis and one that requires a global response.

The impact of the outbreak on the economy of the three States is severe.Prior to the epidemic, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone recorded GDP growth rates of 4.5 percent, 5.9 percent and 11.3 percent, respectively. By end December 2014, the growth rates of the three States had decelerated to 0.4 percent, 0.7 percent, and 6 percent, respectively. Macroeconomic indicators are fluctuating, exchange rates are volatile, inflation has increased and interest rates are expected to rise. The economic downturn is in part driven by the fear around Ebola, with investment operations scaled down as expatriates and investors departed. This,coupled with the effect of restrictions on crossborder trade, restrictions on movement of people, suspension of airlines and rising insurance costs, has led to acute food shortages across the region, including in adjacent countries such as Cote d' Ivoire and Senegal. Large numbers of children have been orphaned and hundreds of women widowed.

There have been significant implications for non–Ebola health, education and wider social outcomes in the region. Already fragile health systems have been extremely compromised with a disproportionate number of healthcare workers dying thereby reducing the already low ratio of health care workers to population. Non-Ebola related deaths have increased and immunization and other preventative measures have been severely restricted. Education has also been hit hard with the entire educational system shut down during the crisis and many teachers have died. With manufacturing slowing and many small businesses closing down, unemployment has significantly increased, particularly among the youth. The progress that has been made in bailing our people out of poverty has been reversed, and the livelihoods of millions of people have been worsened.

This Recovery Program first considers the impact of the crisis and identifies the emerging priority needs at MRU level, drawing on common themes at country level and the Heads of States Declaration made at the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015 MRU Summit in Conakry, and Statement made at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 EU Summit in Brussels. The strategic objectives of this Subregional Programme include (i) harmonizing approaches for tackling Ebola-type threats especially emanating from the border zones or of a cross-border nature, in achieving the state of zero new infections; (ii) instituting policies, actions and programs to correct weaknesses at the sub-regional level that have been revealed by the outbreak and which are essential for rebuilding a more resilient

sub region; (iii) highlighting current or planned initiatives within the MRU that could be reprioritized to buttress the regional recovery efforts; (iv) accelerating implementation of programmes that will support the sub-region to deal more effectively with future shocks of the Ebola type; (v) implementing programs that mitigate the impacts of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Crisis on the affected population in the sub-region; (vi) enabling MRU States to restore economic growth potentials, and exploit available opportunities to enhance inclusive economic growth and development within the sub-region; (vii) strengthening the achievement of economic development agendas of the affected States; (viii) ensuring restoration of basic education services delivery system and building resilience in post-EVD MRU States; and (ix) strengtheningregional integration and building on National experiences in the fight against the EVD to develop a more proactive regional system that responds appropriately to future occurrences.

The top priorities of this Programme include (i) access to basic health, water , sanitation and hygiene services; (ii) restoring and improving gender, youth and social protection services; (iii) supporting restoration of agriculture, fisheries and food security programs; (iv) enhancing trade and private sector development; (v) improving basic infrastructure, including roads, energy, and ICT; (vi) improving governance, peace and security in the sub-region. The planned period of implementation is June 2015 to May 2017.

The Programme highlights key lessons learned from the Ebola crisis as opportunities to build resilient systems for future health and other emergencies. Effective implementation of this Program will require strengthening MRU managerial, fiduciary and monitoring and evaluation capacity.

The sub-regional recovery budget only reflects programmes (cross-border in nature) whose implementation shall be coordinated through the MRU Secretariat. And because resources to implement these programmes are scarce, the needs have been categorized into two sets of priorities. **Priority Area I** covers social issues, food security,governance and cross-border security, with an estimated cost in new money of US\$ 1.76 billion.**Priority Area II** comprises recovery needs supporting building resilience and robust cross-border infrastructural system to respond to future emergencies, with estimated cost US\$ 2.24 billion.

A single Basket Fund has been proposed to pool all resources committed from Development Partners together, covering Mano River Union Secretariat coordinated programmes, and programmes implemented at the three country level. The Programme will rely on the New Deal for engagement with the international and donor communities in Fragile States as an implementation guide. The New Deal, to which all three affected countries are signatories, is a guide for fragile states to attain and sustain resilience. Its emphasis is on country ownership, strengthening institutions, capacity building, and the effective use of government resources dovetail with the objectives and highlights of this report.

#### I Introduction

In March 2014, a form of atypical hemorrhagic fever called Ebola Virus Disease(EVD) began spreading in the forest region of Guinea. The World Health Organization (WHO) later declared the ailment "a worldwide health threat." At the epicenter of the outbreak were three Mano River Union States: Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone – all fragile states. Since then EVD has infected 25,213 people and resulted into the death of 10,460 of the infected in these States. Most vulnerable populations in these nations: women, youth, children, the elderly, and disabled, as well as healthcare workers have suffered the brunt of the outbreak.. An international coalition has since been mobilized to bring an end to the epidemic and eliminate its occurrence in the hardest-hit States. In anticipation of the achievement of this objective, the three States, with support from development partners have formulated a regional programme for the recovery of these States from the ravages of the epidemic, and building a resilient sub region.

The Recovery Plan has been developed after a series of consultations, each culminating in a Summit of the Heads of State where decisions were taken on the nature, content and structure of the programme. At the MRU Heads of State Meeting in Conakry on 15th February and the Brussels Conference on 3rd March, it was decided that a single Regional Recovery Program be formulated in preparation for the forthcoming World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings in DC (16-18 April 2015), and the UN Conference in New York (July 2015). To this end, the MRU Sub-regional Technical and Ministerial Meetings on Post Ebola Socio-Economic Recovery were held in Freetown from 16th to 18th March 2015 to draft the MRU sub-regional post-Ebola Socio-economic Recovery Programme. Thus, at the political level, there is the greatest demonstration of political will in the history of the MRU, as all Heads of States insist on a single programme with a pooled funding for financing the activities.

This plan commences with a summary of the background and evolution of the Ebola epidemic, a brief description of the level of infections and deaths followed by an overview of its impact at the sub-regional level. Next is the rationale for a regional programme, and its links with national post–recovery programmes as well as the methodology used to formulate the programme. This is then followed by an assessment of the social impact and priorities for immediate recovery grouped by themes and sectors. Next is an evaluation of the economic impact and priorities for addressing the issues raised. An Annex lists the programs in the full recovery strategy identifying the immediate priority programs and projects for reaching Zero new infections, and achieving the comprehensive objectives of the recovery programme.

# Background of the Epidemic and Origins of the Regional Recovery Programme

The origins of the Ebola outbreak defined it as a regional phenomenon, having started at the confluence of the three States. The rapid spread beyond the rural areas confirmed the absence or ineffectiveness of sub-regional mechanisms to tackle problems that may arise in these zones. As a result, the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) has caused immense damage to the three Mano River Union States of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. As at March 31, 2015, the three affected States had recorded about 25, 213cumulative cases with total fatality rate of about 42 per cent or about 10,460 deaths. The number of death among health-care workers in the three States amounted to 495 out of 861 cumulative cases. Guinea has recorded the highest fatality rate (66 percent) with 2,314 deaths from 3,492 reported cases followed by Liberia with 4,332 deaths out of 9,712 cases (45 percent) and Sierra Leone with cumulative case of 11,974 and 3,799 deaths (32 percent).

The EVD epidemic has just not been simply a public health problem. It has continued to cause the most severe socioeconomic crisis for the leaderships, governments, and citizens of the three affected States. Outbreak of the disease fuelled fears among companies and contractors working in the sub-region, leading many to close their operations and depart, thus placing the economies of these nations into a serious downturn. At end December, 2014, growth rates declined to 0.5 percent, 0.7 percent, and 6.4 percent, respectively for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone<sup>1</sup>. The deceleration of growth resulted from declines in activities in key economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing, construction, trade and commerce, transport, tourism and hospitality.

Women and children are among the direct victims of the EVD with women being most affected. Gender distribution of the cumulative cases indicates 51 per cent infection rate among women, while about 20 per cent of those infected were among children. The alarming number of death among adults has left a large number of orphans and single parents in the three States as well as a segment of the population, including survivals, traumatized as a direct result of the outbreak.

While the sub-region is concerned about the significant number of persons who were infected and lost their lives, it is especially alarmed by the number of doctors, nurses and medical workers among the victims, considering that these personnel were already in limited supply. In addition to the human and social cost, the impact of the EVD on the economies of the Mano River Union States also threatens the implementation of the development agenda of the region. Prior to the outbreak, the growth indicators of the three States were impressive. In early 2014, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone were expected to respectively grow at 4.5 per cent, 5.9 per cent and 11.3 per cent. However, at end December 2014, estimates of growth rates had declined to 0.5 per cent, 0.7 per cent, and 6.4 per cent, respectively. The deceleration of growth resulted from a slowdown in activities in key economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, mining, manufacturing,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IMF estimates

construction, trade and commerce, transport, tourism and hospitality. The decline in cross-border trade, restrictions on movement of people, goods and services, and rising insurance costs further led to acute food shortages across the region, which in turn had severe implications for poverty and vulnerability in the region. In the circumstances, a regional approach to address the problems identified is a necessary complement to the national recovery plans for the three States.

Undoubtedly, the outbreak has been and continues to test the capacity of the public health infrastructure of the affected states. The course of the epidemic has also raised crucial questions about the capacity and dynamics of the international humanitarian systems, and their ability to address outbreaks of such an unprecedented proportion.

# MRU Socio-Economic Recovery Programme

Recognizing that cross-border transmission of the disease has been a major factor in its spread and control. The three Governments and their development partners agreed on the formulation of a single sub-regional recovery programme that would be integrated with their national programmes. They also emphasized the importance of maintaining international engagement with the recovery and development processes of the Ebola affected States.

The strategic objectives of the program are to:

- Harmonize the approaches for tackling Ebola-type threats especially emanating from the border zones or of a cross-border nature, in achieving the state of zero new infections;
- Institute policies, actions and programmes to correct weaknesses at the sub regional level that have been revealed by the outbreak, essential for rebuilding a more resilient sub region;
- Highlight current or planned initiatives within the MRU that could be re-prioritised to buttress the regional recovery efforts;
- Accelerate implementation of programs that will support the sub-region to deal more effectively with future shocks of the Ebola type;
- Implement programs that mitigate the impacts of the EVD Crisis on the affected population in the sub-region;
- Enable MRU States to restore their economic growth potentials, and exploit available opportunities to enhance inclusive economic growth and development within the sub-region;
- Strengthen the achievement of economic development agendas of the affected States;
- Ensure restoration of basic education service delivery system and build resilience in post-EVD MRU States; and

• Strengthen regional integration and build on national experiences in the fight against the EVD to develop a more proactive regional system that responds appropriately to future occurrences.

The preparation of this MRU Sub-Regional Ebola Recovery Strategy draws from the various country and sector-specific EVD impact assessments undertaken by the Governments and other stakeholders; the multi-agency Ebola Recovery Assessment undertaken in January 2015; and the national Ebola Recovery Strategies of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. This Programme thus leverages scale and the cross fertilization of experiences and skills among the three States, to address the social and economic impact of the epidemic.

The projects/programmes formulated in this plan constitute the top priority of the sub-region and are estimated to take not more than two years from mid 2015. Cross cutting issues such as gender and vulnerable groups, the private sector, environment and nutrition to name a few, permeate the entire Strategy. Country-specific strategies will retain their local character but be part of and linked to the Regional Programme. At the end of the priority programmes all activities will be fused into the respective national medium term plans and the MRU Strategic Plan.

# **Assumptions and Principles Guiding the Programme**

This Strategy is guided by the assumption that, the disease will continue its downward trend towards zero.

The existing national development strategies of the three States are expected to remain the guiding framework to provide the medium to long term direction of development.

The principles outlined in the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States will be used to ensure national and regional ownership and alignment to one plan. It will also be guided by a Mutual Accountability Framework, which will hold governments and their implementing partners equally accountable for programmatic success.

Assets from the Ebola response (trained and semi-trained personnel and volunteers, contact tracers, vehicles, medical and laboratory equipment and supplies and facilities) are to be rapidly integrated into the regular social services and governance systems, particularly at the community level after appropriate studies on the most effective approach to integrating these assets are completed. Building confidence in health services will remain critical after Ebola.

# II Social Effects and Recovery Priorities

The disease has taken a heavy toll not only on human lives but also affected social relations among populations as well as relations between governments and societies of the MRU States. Below are sectoral highlights of the impacts of the EVD and the corresponding Recovery priorities.

## Healthcare, water and sanitation systems

In the sub-region, these systems were relatively weak before the outbreak of the disease; for example health expenditure per capita remained among the lowest in the world (Guinea \$32, Liberia \$65, and Sierra Leone \$96 in 2012)<sup>2</sup>. Before the disease struck in Guinea, there were 633 trained and practicing midwives, recording a ratio of 0.28 midwives per 10,000 births annually; 1,582 trained nurses at a ratio of 0.69 per 10,000 populations; and a doctor-to-patient ratio of 1.7 to 10,000 people. The situation in Liberia was 659 trained and practicing midwives or 3 midwives to deliver 1,000 births annually; 2,137 trained nurses to serve about 3.9 million populations; and a doctor-to-patient ratio of 1 per 22,000 people. And the situation in Sierra Leone was less than 100 trained and practicing midwifes to deliver thousands of births annually; 1,000 trained nurses to serve a population of six million; and a doctor-to-patient ratio of 2 per 100,000 people.

With the onset of the disease, a number of public and private health facilities were closed down while the available bed capacity needed for the treatment at existing health facilities was overwhelmed and health-care delivery services paralyzed. As a result responses to non-Ebola related diseases were crowded out by the epidemic and sometimes left to traditional healers thereby increasing the total death toll across the sub-region. The situation also compounded perennial problems encountered by governments in the water and sanitation sector. This sector already suffered inadequate and ageing infrastructure, while our populations continued to rise.

The circumstance presented above will inhibit the three MRU states from achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), by end 2015, especially as the States were already lagging behind on some of the eight MDGs as at 2014. In particular, achieving the MDG goals related to the reduction of child and maternal mortality, and eradication of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis are unlikely to be met.

#### **Recovery priorities.** These are:

- Get to and maintain zero infections in the sub region by adopting and standardizing the following throughout the sub-region:
  - a. Supervision and monitoring of adherence to Infection, Prevention and Control Protocols in every hospital;
  - b. Reinforcing community engagement and ownership;
  - c. Ensuring that development partners work through government in line with the principles of mutual accountability including following up on commitments made;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> World Bank – WDI tables

- d. Better sharing of high quality information and coordinated rapid response particularly in the border zones for the purpose of:
  - *i*. Surveillance, ii) Contact Tracing iii) Risk monitoring or controls for example high risk groups, and iv) Sharing of Best Practices; and
- e. Extending the MRU initiatives on border zones to include health and cross border community engagement to improve Port & Border Health Procedures.
- Establish anintegrated sub-regional Centre for Disease Control (CDC), and surveillance and health management information systems to increase sub-regional capacity to respond swiftly and effectively to any health emergency;
- Set up joint planning mechanisms for use of strategic health assets especially in border districts to improve health logistics capacity and efficient use of health resources;
- Establish centres of excellence for training health professionals to increase their number in the MRU; and
- Provide safe drinking water and sanitation facilities (WASH) at border districts Guinea, seven (7) districts; Sierra Leone, six (6); and Liberia, seven (7).

# **Education and Recovery Priorities**

Educational institutions in the region remained closed during the period of the outbreak with some facilities being used as holding or Ebola treatment centers, while governments continued to underwrite wages and salaries of teachers. The impact of prolonged school closures in a region with some of the lowest education indicators further exacerbates an already deplorable situation. Prior to the EVD outbreak, only 58 percent of children attended primary school in Guinea, 34 per cent in Liberia and 74 per cent in Sierra Leone.<sup>3</sup> The outbreak further worsened the situation as many school-age girls became teenage parents due to the extended school closure. The EVD situation also negatively affected the availability of teachers due to death, safety of school premises, and increased the level of vulnerability of girls and women.

**Recovery priorities.** These priorities are intended to ensure the restoration of basic education services delivery system and build resilience in post-EVD MRU States. The key action is to have MRU school curricula revisited to incorporate public health and hygiene education, and the teaching of basic French and English, especially at the border zones.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Recovering from the Ebola Crisis: A study report by the United Nations, World Bank, European Union, and African Development Bank.

## **Gender, Youth and Social Protection**

Ebola is exacerbating existing problems of child labour, gender-based violence and exploitation of, and violence against women and children. The elderly, people with disabilities, chronically ill persons and people living with HIV and other groups were already vulnerable and are now facing additional hardships and social exclusion. Recovery efforts should prioritize support to these vulnerable groups, including provision of psychosocial support services to affected populations. To address this situation, it is important to strengthen child protection, psychosocial support and welfare services for children and families in communities heavily affected by EVD, including children that have lost one or two parents or a primary caregiver, child survivors and their families. While caring for these vulnerable groups, it will be important to create resilient systems of social protection and livelihoods to minimize the risk of aggravating vulnerability in case of future outbreaks.

**Recovery priorities.** These priorities focus on the implementation of programs that mitigate the impacts of the EVD crisis on the affected and vulnerable population in the sub-region:

- Support youth enterprise development and improve the livelihood of youth affected by EVD and other unemployed youth;
- Enhance livelihood of women affected by EVD and other vulnerable women.
- Coordinate and harmonize existing national child, youth and women's policies into MRU sub-regional policy;
- Conduct comprehensive assessment of existing youth and women enterprises and institutions to determine gaps for support across the region;
- Provide access to loans and micro-credit facilities for youths and women involved in cross border trade within the MRU;
- SupportMRU First Ladies initiatives to facilitate gender and children empowerment;
- Increase engagement with international communities for more support to women, children and other vulnerable groups; and
- Establish financial stability trust fund to recapitalize and capitalize MRU women entrepreneurs and youths.

# III Effects on Key Economic Sectors and Recovery Priorities

# Agriculture, Fisheries, Nutrition and Food Security

Agriculture is the main source of livelihoods and employment in the sub- region. However, as Ebola struck and stalled agricultural activities, about 230,000 people were exposed to severe food insecurity in Guinea; 170,000 people in Liberia; and 120,000 people in Sierra Leone at the end of January 2015.<sup>4</sup> The total production of food crops is estimated to decline by 3 percent in Guinea; negative 2.9 percent in Liberia; and 5 percent for Sierra Leone. Rice accounts for 17 percent of this decline.

#### **Recovery priorities.**These are:

- Support the intensification and diversification of the West Africa Agriculture Productivity Program;
- Support MRU food security initiative and grain reserve establishment;
- Provide support to fisheries and livestock sector in the MRU; and
- Support the regional nutrition promotion programme.

#### Mining

This primary source of foreign exchange earnings by the affected States was also severely hit by the EVD epidemic. Ebola critically affected the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, which provides employment opportunities for most women. This sector has been a remarkable source of start-up capital for low-income populations who use income as investment capital for small and medium scale enterprises to sustain livelihoods. With the outbreak of the disease, this source of livelihood has been badly affected across the sub-region.

**Recovery priorities.** These are:

• Encourage the private sector to support the re-launch of small scale mining enterprises that collapsed during the epidemic; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Economic Commission of Africa regional survey report

• Evaluate the effects on artisanal and small-scale mining and design programs that will enjoy a regional approach and reduce the vulnerability of the sector.

# Trade and Private Sector

This sector remains crucial for inclusive economic growth and development within the sub-region. Prior to the outbreak, cross-border trade was a major source of income for a great proportion of low-income households. There were emerging opportunities for boosting private sector penetration in rural and border settlements, with service expansion opportunities through the MRU Growth Triangle initiative. Most importantly, women constitute about 70 percent of all crossborder trade in the MRU sub-region, which foster backward and forward linkages and bring together small scale business operators, rural farmers and large businesses within value-added supply chains. The closure of borders suspended cross-border activities and upended this vital source of income generation.

#### **Recovery priorities. These are:**

- Support rebranding of the affected MRU States;
- Encourage public private partnerships in pursuit of sub-regional integration programmes, including the facilitation of easier flow of capital and goods, and supporting product development, certification and market access;
- Ensure resumption of cross-border trade and establishment of sub-regional market facilities;
- Promote development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for job creation and enhancement of livelihood opportunities at sub-regional level;
- Establish mechanisms to recapitalise MRU women entrepreneurs accentuating subregional activities;
- Encourage the elements in the ReGrow West Africa strategy that prioritize sub regional private sector activities; and
- Revitalize the preparatory work on Growth Triangles by the private sector.

# **Tourism and Hospitality**

This sector was among the most affected economic activities during the onset of the epidemic. Many experts working on development and investment projects in the region evacuated the region for fear of their lives. This resulted in reduced occupancy at most hotels leading to lay-offs and increased unemployment among service providers, thus negatively affecting the livelihoods of dependent households. Tax revenue from the services sector was also hit. The combined effects of revenue loss and heightened unemployment contribute to the reversal of the growth prospects with deleterious implications for social stability in the fragile MRU sub-region.

#### **Recovery priorities.** These are:

- Support de-stigmatisation campaigns through:
  - a. education and sensitization across the MRU, Africa and beyond; and
  - b. developing and disseminating counter-narratives on the image of MRU States.

#### Air and Sea Transport

This sector, which has been instrumental in supporting tourism and trade, was also negatively affected despite the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) effectively implemented at airports and seaports across the sub-region. Most continental and international airlines suspended operations in the three most affected States. This resulted in increased costs of insurance and travel, and negatively affected trade, manufacturing, and the general economy of the sub-region.

#### **Recovery priorities**. These are:

- Undertake urgent global de-stigmatisation campaign to ensure speedy resumption and revitalization of air and sea transport; and
- Work towards launching the Air Mano to cover the wider MRU space in the medium term.

#### **Construction and Public Infrastructure Projects**

The Ebola outbreak disrupted and suspended the effective implementation of vital public infrastructure projects, such as energy road works and a range of construction activities. Without a minimum level of infrastructure, MRU States will remain unattractive for investment, with high energy and transport costs thus reducing competitiveness for businesses. At the MRU level, the MRU initiative on funded a programme by African Development Bank (AfDB) as well as West African Power Pool (WAPP) project came to a standstill due to the Ebola crisis. Resuming these projects, which are important for alleviating constraints to economic growth in the region and for employment creation is therefore of top priority and should be a part of the recovery programme even though partial financing may have already been secured.

**Recovery priorities.** The role of the private sector is paramount in stimulating the construction and infrastructure sector in the sub-region. Private sector groups committed to supporting post-Ebola recovery efforts should be encouraged to be part of the forum for defining realistic proposals on what should be reprioritized to support the recovery. A number of private and public sector initiatives are ongoing and are critical in the following areas:

- a. solidifying the foundation for potential sub regional development in border zones, as with Growth Triangles;
- b. coordinating a harmonised approach in trade discussions within the common trade area;

c. bringing the scale of sub-regional action to reduce costs and improve efficiency of actions and programmes that may be common in the three country plans.

The following are specific priority areas for restoring effective operations in the roads, energy, and ICT sectors.

Roads

- Ensure resumption of road interconnectivity development programmes for rapid regional public health response and access to remote areas; and
- Improve transport facilities in the MRU in order to reduce transport costs and facilitate the free movement of persons and goods and services.

#### Energy

- Ensure resumption of MRU Energy Access Programs;
- Enhance rural electrification in the MRU; and
- Fast track the implementation of the Cote d'Ivoire Liberia Sierra Leone Guinea (CLSG) WAPP line to enhance rural electrification

ICT

• Strengthen information and communications technology (ICT) development in the subregion to enhance intra-regional connectivity and socioeconomic activities.

# IV Effects on Government Fiscal Positions, Financial and External Sectors, and Public Debt

The fiscal positions of the MRU States faced tremendous pressure as a result of revenue shortfalls and increased unexpected spending. The total fiscal impact of the outbreak on the sub-region amounted to about US\$328 million (2.4 percent of sub-regional GDP). For the individual States, the short-term impacts were estimated US\$113 million (5.6percent of GDP) for Liberia; US\$95 million (2.1 percent of GDP) for Sierra Leone; and US\$120 million (1.8 percent of GDP) for Guinea. These fiscal gaps are expected to remain high unless significant assistance from the international community is made available to the MRU States.

**Financial and external sectors:** Access to financial services is important for enhancing trade and promoting activities, and is especially important in the context of the MRU regional integration. However, the region experienced a slowdown in banking activities, especially at the rural level due to the Ebola crisis. The urban banking system reduced its hours of operation, while financial

services provided through village saving loan schemes in affected rural communities were adversely impacted by the crisis. The current account position of the MRU States also generally deteriorated during the outbreak due to fall in foreign exchange inflow from export, and increase in the importation of essential commodities.

**Public debt:** The MRU remains ridden by debt burden. Today, the total debt stock amounts to US\$8.7 billion (64 percent of the combined GDP of the three affected States. Guinea's total public debt stands at about US\$6.5 billion (98 percent of GDP). External commitments constitute about 24percent (US\$1.6 billion). Liberia's public debtamounts to US\$ 815 million (about 40 percentof GDP) with external debt accounting for about 65.18percent (US\$ 531 million) ) of the debt stock; Sierra Leone's obligations amount to US\$1.49 billion (about 33 percent of GDPUS\$749.26 million) with an external component of US\$1.1 billion (about 74 percent of total public debt) (Table 1). With the current fragile economic environment and dwindling revenues as well as GDP performance, debt servicing remains a major challenge in the three countries. Indeed, servicing of huge debt falling due in the coming years will imply the three most affected MRU States of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will be deprived of needed recovery resources to restore basic services in the health, water and sanitation, education, and other vital sectors including provision of social protection for women, children and other vulnerable. Certainly, this will pose recovery lags in the economic sectors and local revenue mobilization capacity of the sub-region, thereby undermining economic growth in years to come.

	Public Debt	External	Percentage of GDP
		Commitment	
Guinea	US\$6.5 billion	US\$1.6 billion	98 %
Liberia	US\$815 million	US\$531.42 million	40%
Sierra Leone	US\$1.49 billion	US\$1.1 billion	33 %
Total	US\$8.7 billion	US\$ 3.16 billion	64 %

Table 1: Size of Public Debt of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone 2014

Source: Figures obtained from the Ministries of Finance in the three countries.

As the revenue position of the MRU economies continues to worsen and GDP growth plunges further, while public spending pressure mounts, debt levels can be expected to rise thereby leading to threat of debt overhang and more difficulties in meeting debt servicing obligations.

#### **Recovery priorities.** These are:

• Advocate for more debt relief: It is compelling from above that the MRU should mount serious advocacy to ensure that the three countries are considered for increased debt relief

in addition to the IMF support under the New Catastrophe Containment and Relief (CCR) Trust Fund;

• Advocate for increased budget support to increase alignment of development assistance to recovery priorities; and

For other donors, consider hybrid basket fund—with pooled, sector, and trust fund resources—to attract external assistance from all sources.

# V Governance, Peace and Security

The EVD epidemic has exposed the limited capacity of national and sub-national systems in general. Recovery strategies must deal with these constraints and help build robust and resilient national and local-level systems and capacities to sustainably reinstate public trust and social cohesion. It is also important to establish mechanisms to monitor real-time responses in the midst of future crises in order to adapt responses, support analysis and enhance accountability especially where mistrust of state institutions is generating resistance to response efforts.

## **Recovery priorities.** These are:

- Strengthen disaster risk management capabilities in the MRU states;
- Improve cross-border security intelligence sharing in the MRU sub-region;
- Establish and strengthen people's security region wide; and
- Manage revenue and build capacity of health, security and governance structures for accountable and fair service delivery.

# VI. Building Sub-Regional Resilience to deal with Future Threats

This section deals with the lessons learned by the three most affected fragile states of the MRU, and whose application form part of the recovery programme. Maintaining zero will also require the leverage of joint action to build resilience for future emergences and ensuring sustainable development.

Furthermore, the three Ebola-affected States are fragile states that are highly interconnected, through cross-border trade, shared kinship and culture, and other factors including the history of civil wars that engulfed two of them in the late 1980s to early 2000s — Guinea suffered from spillover effects and there were deadly political upheavals in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The protracted difficulty to contain the Ebola disease in the sub-region clearly confirms that one country cannot progress sustainably leaving the others behind.

An important component of the regional programme is the provision of surge capacity to deal with the high inflow of resources anticipated to ensure effective, efficient and timely use for meeting the objectives set.

# Key Lessons and Opportunities to Leverage a Regional Approach in Building Resilience

- Need for institutional re-engineering in getting to and maintaining zero infections. The inability of the three States to mobilize joint measures rapidly to deal with the multiple challenges of the rapidly expanding disease has underscored the necessity for re-examining the current social, economic and political institutional arrangements in the sub-region.
- Social cohesion. MRU citizens demonstrated capacity for social cohesion to the disease through social mobilization as occurred during the civil wars in Sierra Leone and Liberia, spilling over to Guinea, building on the socioeconomic, ethnic, cultural and political creeds among the populations. This phenomenon constitutes a critical factor for resilience and sustainable development across the sub-region. Thus every effort should be deployed, going forward to build on what has been achieved, and to support the population in the border zones to withstand future shocks and eliminate fragility in the sub-region.
- **Fragility of existing institutions and governance arrangement prior to the epidemic.** The systems, institutional structures, and governance arrangements in place were (and are) still fragile to support successful drive to prosperity. As noted earlier, despite apparent impressive performance the epidemic showed that they are among the most vulnerable in the region as new infections persisted.
- **Diversification as a leading strategy for resilience**. The crisis revealed sharply the vulnerability of the MRU's development trajectory, but at the same time presents an opportunity to revisit and make changes as necessary. At the time the epidemic raged and was depressing GDP growth in the sub-region, prices of principal exports, such as iron ore, were coincidentally falling in the international market, adding further pressure on economic performance. To manage that better in the future will demand the recalibration of development strategy for all three States to promote diversification.
- The application of the lessons learnt would ensure the three states emerge stronger after the recovery program. Strengthening existing institutions, public sector reforms, improved financial and economic management, and building on the strong political support will generate the needed resilience at both the national and sub regional levels.

# VII Cost of the Recovery Programme

A range of needs has been identified for full recovery of the Mano River Union States from the Ebola crisis and economic shocks. The budget presented here reflects programmes (cross-border in nature) whose implementation shall be coordinated through the MRU Secretariat. These are

further categorized into two broad priority areas. **Priority Area I** comprises programmes that are most urgently needed for cross-border recovery interventions: 1) health, water and sanitation; 2) gender, youth and social protection; 3) agriculture, fisheries and food security; 4) governance, peace and security; 5) programme management and monitoring; and 5) private sector support programme. **Priority Area II** comprises recovery needs supporting building resilience and robust cross-border infrastructural system to respond to future emergencies: 1) roads programme; 2) energy access; and 3) information and communication technology. Table 1 present the respective cost required for the two areas for a period of two years spanning June 2015 to May 2017. Priority Area I has a total of **US\$1.76 billion**, and II has a cost of **US\$2.24 billion**. Thus, the total cost in new money for the full recovery is US\$4 billion.

## VIII Fund Management

The MRU Member States will advocate for regional pool of resources in the form of a Basket Fund hybrid in nature to capture different donor preferences. The Fund will be managed by an external agency designated by the Member States. The choice of the agency will be based on competence and experience in fund management, donor confidence, and readiness to establish a fund management model rapidly. The Fund Manager will design procedures for accessing funds for projects within the Ebola recovery programmes at the sub-regional and national level. The procedures for accessing funds will include reporting and financial accountability measures. An Oversight body to the Fund will be set up and co-chaired by the Secretary General, Government Representatives and Development Partners.

The MRU Member States, who are also signatories to the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, commit to using country systems and Mutual Accountability Frameworks in the implementation, reporting and financial accountability of the post-Ebola Recovery programme. The New Deal's Peacebuilding and State building Goals (PSGs) will be reference in order to ensure that the regional programme is inclusive, and creates resiliency in the areas of security and justice, establishing sound economic foundations that serve as the linchpin of job creation and for the establishment of strong government systems that meet the needs of citizens.

# IX Implementation and Institutional Arrangements

The coordination of the implementation of the sub-regional recovery programme shall be anchored on the Mano River Union Secretariat. This requires increasing the capacity and functionality of the Secretariat by setting up a special unit within the Secretariat reporting directly to the Secretary General. The existing institutional arrangements for implementing normal national development plans (such as the poverty reduction strategy papers, PRSPs) in the MRU States will be reviewed with a view to increasing their capacities to coordinate with MRU Secretariat in the implementation of the sub-regional recovery programme. The diagnostic and functional review studies on the MRU Secretariat undertaken recently must be reviewed and key issues addressed to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity. The specific arrangements and needs are discussed as follows.

# **Coordination and Oversight of Project Implementation**

A Special Delivery Unit will be set up to coordinate project implementation within the MRU Secretariat and shall be directly supervised by the Secretary General. Personnel within the Unit will include senior experts seconded by Member States. The Secretariat will take over these activities at the end of the two year recovery period. The Delivery Unit will be supervised directly by the Secretary General and shall provide period progress reports on the programme implementation for the attention of the SG, Union Ministerial Council, and Development Partners.

	Estimated	Yearly	Allocations (	US\$ 000)
SECTOR	Cost (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
PRIORITY LEVEL 1				
HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGEINE	500,380	75,057	250,190	175,133
<sup>2</sup> GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY	139,850	20,978	69,925	48,948
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY	800,482	120,072	400,241	280,169
4 GENDER, YOUTH AND SOCIAL 4 PROTECTION	231,000	34,650	115,500	80,850
<ul> <li>PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT AND</li> <li><sup>5</sup> MONITORING</li> </ul>	20,600	3,090	10,300	7,210
6 PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME	65,150	9,773	32,575	22,803
Priority Level 1 Sub-Total	1,757,462	263,619	878,731	615,112
PRIORITY LEVEL 2				
7 ROADS PROGRAMME	574,638	86,196	287,319	201,123
8 ENERGY ACCESS PROGRAMME	1,321,262	198,189	660,631	462,442
9 INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS 9 TECHNOLOGY(ICT)	346,640	51,996	173,320	121,324
Priority Level 2 Sub-Total	2,242,540	336,381	1,121,270	784,889
PROGRAMME TOTAL	4,000,002	600,000	2,000,001	1,400,001

#### X SUMMARY BUDGET

ANNEA I MAN	D RIVER UNION POS				
		SECTOR 1: HEA	LTH, WATER, SANITA	TION AND HYGIENE	
				Estimated Costs	Funding

#### ANNEX 1 MANO RIVER UNION POST EBOLA SOCIO-ECONOMIC RECOVERY COST MATRIX

	Estimated Costs Funding Yearly Allocation(US\$ 000)												
					Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(L	JS\$ 000)			
No	RESULTS	TARGETS			Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017			
1.1	Getting EBOLA to	ZERO and Maintaining	Zero Infection in the MRU	»»» To break the Chain of Tra	ansmission by	Strengthening	<b>Regional Pub</b>	lic Health Sys	stems				
				Procure IPC equipments for 40 cross-border health centers	100,000	40	4,000	600	- 2,000	1,400			
	Sustained	Istained ero New ections in he MRU MemberIPC and IHR adherence in 40 border townscompliant/ total no of hosp & Health Centers in border districts; Number of sub- regional training &planning exercises/total	No of hospitals & HC compliant/ total no	Conduct sub-regional training for IPC for all health worker border districts including burial teams	10,000	40	400	60	- 200	140			
	Sustained Zero New Infections in the MRU		IPC and IHR adherence in 40Centers in border districts;IPC and IHR districts;	Conduct sub-regional training for safe burials for burial teams in 40 border towns	5,000	40	200	30	- 100	70			
	Member States		&planning	Set up joint planning mechanisms for strategic health response assets and risk management in border towns	20,000	80	1,600	240	- 800	560			
				Sub-Regional training for Supervision and control of IPC/IHR in 40 border towns;	750	400	300	45	- 150	105			
				6,500	975	(3,250)	2,275						

			SECTOR 1:	HEALTH, WATER, SANITATIO	ON AND HY	GIENE				
					Estimate	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly Allocation(US\$ 000)		
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES		Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
1.2	Getting EBOLA to	ZERO and Maintainin	ng Zero Infection in the	MRU »»» To break the Chain of Transm	hission by Streng	gthening Regio	onal Public H	ealth Systen	ns	
				Cross-border Health Facilities Master Plan for the 3 Countries	500,000	1	500	75	250	175
				Functional design and modular blue prints	100,000	3	300	45	150	105
	Functional Cross-Border Health	40 border Towns with		12 Municipal hospitals	10,000,000	12	120,000	18,000	60,000	42,000
				Health Center Construction/ Rehab contracting and execution	1,200,000	20	24,000	3,600	12,000	8,400
				Rehabilitation of peripheral health units	150,000	400	60,000	9,000	30,000	21,000
	Service Infrastructure	selected health facilities	No HF operational/total	Procurement of ambulance for each district	50,000	80	4,000	600	2,000	1,400
	In Selected Border	refurbished, equipped and	facilities planned	Procurement of supervision/surveillance vehicles	40,000	80	3,200	480	1,600	1,120
	Districts	operating		Procurement of 20 motor bikes per district	5,000	800	4,000	600	2,000	1,400
				Procurement of other equipment: generators; solar light; refigerators; incinrators; etc	-	-	30,000	4,500	15,000	10,500
				Health Center in-service Staff Training	1,500	200	300	45	150	105
				procure communication equipment, Vsat + radios and training for usage	25,000	40	1,000	150	500	350
						Sub-Total	247,300	37,095	123,650	86,555

			SECTO	R 1: HEALTH, WATER, SANI		ND HYGIEN	E				
			INDICATORS		Estima	ted Costs	Funding	Yearly	Yearly Allocation(US\$ 000)		
RI	ESULTS	TARGETS	(KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017	
1.3	Integrated MR Countries	J, CDC, Surveilland	e, Response and Healt	h Management Information System »»	» To Strength	en the Human	Resources Capac	ity for Infect	ious Diesease	in the MRU	
				Sub-regional CDC including IP Training and Sub-regional Monitoring Center	C 90,000,	.000 1	90,000	13,500	45,000	31,500	
	Establish Sub-Regiona			Equipment: Sub-regional CDC (incl. IPC Center)	7,000,	,000 1	7,000	1,050	3,500	2,450	
	CDCs and Centres of Excellence for Training	Centres of Excellence for Training Health1 Sub-regional CDC Center and 3 certified centers of excellence (1 per country)centers of equipped, st and operational/ planned	CDC Center and 3 certified centers of excellence (1 CDC Center and accenters of excellence and centers of excellence and centers of excellence and centers of excellence and centers of and centers of centers of cente	Rehabilitate National Center of Excellence - Training Center	=0,000,	,000 3	30,000	4,500	15,000	10,500	
	Health Professionals			Equipment: National Center o	of 5,000,	,000 3	15,000	2,250	7,500	5,250	
	Liberia and Sierra Leone			training on usage and maintenance for specialised equipment		18	80,000	12,000	40,000	28,000	
				Staffing and recurrent costs t be budgeted in Country Programmes	3,000,	,000 3	9,000	1,350	4,500	3,150	
			Su	b-Total	-	-	231,000	34,650	115,500	80,850	

	SECTOR 1: HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE													
					Estima	ated Costs	Fundi	•	arly Allocation	n(US\$ 000)				
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantitie	Gap s (US\$ 000)	20	15 2016	2017				
1.4	To Enhance Co	ommunity Cohesi	veness in Border Co	ommunities		÷				-				
			No of cross-	Develop cross-border contact Tracing protocols	50,000	1	50	8	25	18				
	Health Commitees and Rapid Response Teams Established	Commitees and RapidCenters, cross borderResponse Teamscommunity and Partners	MRU initiatives	MRU initiatives	MRU initiatives	MRU initiatives	border rapid response teams established/40cro ss-border towns	Conduct contact tracing protocol training and establish cross- border coordinated rapid response teams in 40 districts	20,000	40	800	120	400	280
			planned	Organise 12 annual community meetings	80,000	12	960	144	480	336				
			No of Rapid Response Teams IPS-Transport ready/40 cross- border Districts	Undertake cross-border district emergency planning and tabletop exercises to test the ability of rapid response teams and their readiness (including IPC equipment and transport) and communities to respond to an outbreak	70,000	40	2,800	420	1,400	980				
			No of MRU supported Country coordination mechanisms/No of MRU Member Countries	Establish coordination and cooperation mechanism between MRU and partner organizations at community, district, national and Sub- regional levels.	10,000	40	400	60	200	140				
			Sub-To	otal	R_		5,010	752	2,505	1,754				

			SECTOR 1	: HEALTH, WATER, SANITA	TION AND	HYGIENE											
					Estima	ted Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(L	JS\$ 000)							
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017							
1.5	1.5 Provision of Safe Water and Sanitation Facilities at Border Districts »»» To Increase Access to Safe Water and Sustatinable Sanitation and the Reduction of Infection from Waterborne Diseases																
	Handpump wells, gravity water points, community		No of Health Facilities with	Construct Water Pump & Latrine in Health Facilities	17,500	40	700	105	350	245							
	water points,	provided with effective Water, Sanitation &	effective Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	Construct Water Pump & Latrine in each cross border settlement	17,500	400	7,000	1,050	3,500	2,450							
	40 main border towns	(WASH) facilities	cross-border towns	Procure incinerator (waste) equipment for District Health Centers	40,000	40	1,600	240	800	560							
						Sub-Total	9,300	1,395	4,650	3,255							
			HEALT	TH, WATER, SANITATION AND H	YGIENE SEC	TOR TOTAL	\$500 <i>,</i> 380	HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE SECTOR TOTAL         \$500,380         \$75,057         \$243,690         \$175,133									

#### GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY

			SECTO	R 2 GOVERNANCE, PEACE A	ND SECUR	ΙΤΥ				
No	RESULTS	TADGETS	INDICATORS	ACTIVITIES	Estimate	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly Allocation(US\$ 000)		
	RESULIS	TARGETS	(KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
8.1	8.1 MRU Cross-Border Peace and Security Programme»»» To Strenghthen Disaster Risk Management Capabilities in MRU Countries									
				Strengthen disaster risk management including early warning systems in Mano river states	40,000,000	1	40,000	6,000	20,000	14,000
	Effective Security Operations in All Cross Border	BODER SECURITY		Establish & operationalise 10 Bilingual Schools at strategic borders towns	2,000,000	10	20,000	3,000	10,000	7,000
			level of Effectiveness of MRU Cross Border Security	Establish & strengthen conflict prevention & resolution mechanism at border crossing towns	1,500,000	40	60,000	9,000	30,000	21,000
	Towns	Functional	Systems	Facilitate post Ebola reintegration in all 40 cross border towns	125,000	40	5,000	750	2,500	1,750
				Assessment of peer educators	100,000	1	100	15	50	35
				Follow -up and strenghthen of peer educators (50 per community) along 40 border communities	60,000	40	2,400	360	1,200	840
	Sub-Total 139,130 21,420 69,515 48,195									

8.2	Democracy and Gove	ernance Framework								
	Democracy Framework/ Governance	All Cross Boder communities doted with Functional governance structure	Number of observers trained, level of Effectiveness of MRU Cross Border decentralized governance Systems, number of communities with functional governance arragement	Election monitoring observers, To enhance the practice of effective governance in the Community To improve the efficiency of Community organizations To improve the rate of implementation of Community decisions and the MRU agenda Develop and Agree on the Desired Governance Arrangements for the Future	30,000 150,000 100,000 100,000	9 1 1 1 1	270 150 100 100	103 57 38 38	113 63 42 42 42	54 30 20 20 20
			<u></u>	·		Sub-Total	720	274	302	144
			G	OVERNANCE, PEACE AND SI			\$139,850	\$21,694	\$69,817	\$48,339

#### AGRICULTURE FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURIT

			SECTOR 3: AGRIC	CULTURE, FISHERIES	AND FOOD	SECURITY				
					Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(U	S\$ 000)
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
3.1			ification of the West A assava, Palm Oil Livest	frican Agricultural Prod ock and Vegetables	uctivity Prog	ramme »»»	To Promoto	e Agricultura	al Value Cha	ain
			No of farmers supported	Strengthen of the national extension services	5,000,000	3	15,000	2,250	7,500	5,250
		Improved technologies in the	Land area covered by reduced technologies	Technologies obtained from regional centres of specialization	7,000,000	3	21,000	3,150	10,500	7,350
	Innovative Mechanisms and Funding	areas of vegetable production,livestock rearing and acquaculture	Head of Livestock covered	Disseminate technologies to farmers	10,000,000	3	30,000	4,500	15,000	10,500
		disseminated to 250,000 farmers (50% women)	Amount of fish produced	Support to the vegetable, livestock,aquqculture value chains	4,000,000	3	12,000	1,800	6,000	4,200
			-	WAAPP-Programme Coordination	1,000,000	3	3,000	450	1,500	1,050
			Sub-Total				81,000	12,150	40,500	28,350

			SECTOR	3: AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AI	ND FOOD	SECURITY					
					Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(L	JS\$ 000)	
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017	
3.2	Support to the	MRU Food Security	and Grain Reserve Establi	shment »»» To Strengthen Food Security Security	ervices for MR	U Countries Af	fected by Ebol	a			
		Strengthen	Number of grain reserves established	Establish & operationalise 3 sub- regional grain reserves	7,500,000	3	22,500	3,375	11,250	7,875	
		food security services of MRU countries	Number of hectares of acquired	Secure (lease)5000 hectares of land per country within the Growth Triangle Clusters	150,000	100	15,000	2,250	7,500	5,250	
	affected by EbolaNumber of hectares irrigatedImprove the 5000 hectares in Liberia and Sierra Leone and 7500 ha in Guinea through irrigation17,500450078,75011,81339,37527										
	Enhanced food			Heavy Machinery and equipment for land clearing	3,750,000	3	11,250	1,688	5,625	3,938	
	security in the sub- region	The Growth Triangle Initiative is	Number of hectares mechanised	Apply mechanised methods through procurement of 30 tractors/accompanying implement	36,000	120	4,320	648	2,160	1,512	
		advanced with mechanised		procurement of irrigation equipment	1,000,000	3	3,000	450	1,500	1,050	
		and improved commercial farming within	Number of combined harvesters procured per country	Procurement of 6 combined harvestersfor each country	350,000	24	8,400	1,260	4,200	2,940	
		identified clusters	Number of milling machines procured	Procure 30 milling machines per country	50,000	90	4,500	675	2,250	1,575	
			per country	Procurement of machinery spare parts	-	-	21,570	3,236	10,785	7,550	
			Su	b-Total			169,290	25,394	84,645	59,252	

			SECTOR	₹ 3: A¢	GRICULTURE, FISHERIES AI	ND FOOD	SECURI	ТҮ				
						Estima	ed Costs		Funding	Yearly	Allocation(	JS\$ 000)
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)		ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantit	ies	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
3.3	Support to the	Fisheries and Livesto	ck Sector in the MRU »»	» Sub-Re	gional Fisheries and Livestock Polici	es Harmonis	ed and Rev	vitilised	Sectors			
		livestock policies harmonized	Harmonisation of Po documents	olicy	Harmonise livestock policy document	80,000	D	1	80	80	-	-
		Poultry activity enhanced in the	Number of birds bre	ed	Procure 250,000 birds as a starting stock	250,00	0	2	500	250	250	_
		sub-region	Number of small ruminants		Procure small ruminants stock 1,000,000	1,000,0	00 5	50	50,000	25,000	25,000	-
	Effectiven	Fisheries activities including aquaculture	Number of boats delivered to coopera at cross	atives	Provide 60 boats for artisanal fisheries for cooperatives at cross border settlements	26,000	D (	60	1,560	234	780	546
	ess of livestock	developed in the sub-region	Number of fish pond nurseries establishe		Establish 60 ponds at cross border settlements	150,00	0 6	60	9,000	1,350	4,500	3,150
	& fisheries activities enhanced in the sub-	Functional feed mills established at cross border points	امتعاما الملاحم	ls	Establish 6 feed mills	250,00	0	6	1,500	225	750	525
	region	Produce training manuals for farmers on variuos crops	No of manuals prod	uced	Production of training manuals	4,000,00	0	2	8,000	1,200	4,000	2,800
		Train Farmers	No of farmers traine	ed	Training of trainers	10,000	2	50	2,500	375	1,250	875
					Training of farmers	2,700,00	0 1	.00	270,000	40,500	135,000	94,500
					Procure Feed mill inputs	450,000		6	2,700	405	1,350	945

	No of reseach and higher learning institutions part of the network	Creation of a research and development alliance	20,000,000	3	60,000	9,000	30,000	21,000
	Sub-Total				405,840	78,619	202,880	124,341

				SECTO	R 3: AG	RICULTURE, FISHERIE	S AND FOO	D SECURI	ГҮ			
N							Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearl	y Allocation(U	S\$ 000)
0	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDI	CATORS (KPI)		ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
3.4	Support to Imp	roved Nutrition	of Wor	nen and Childre	n							
		600 Schoo	ols in	No of pregnan lactating moth supported		Survey on nutrition and school feeding interventions	150,000	3	450	68	225	158
	Improved nutrition through	border to	wns	No of malnour children under treated		Nutrition Education and Sensitization	1,252,350	3	3,757	564	1,879	1,315
	supplementar y feeding for Pregnant	2,400 sch childrei		No of malnour children under treated		Nutrition Education and Sensitization	3,563,420	3	10,690	1,604	5,345	3,742
	women, lactating mothers and	15.000		No of school cl fed	hildren	Support to weaning food income generating activities	33,352,220	3	100,057	15,008	50,028	35,020
	children	15,000 househo		No of school n activities unde		Support to therapeutic feeding interventions	3,000,000	3	9,000	1,350	4,500	3,150
				No of industrie supported	25	Support to industries for food fortification	5,000,000	3	15,000	2,250	7,500	5,250
						Project Coordination	1,799,500	3	5,399	810	2,699	1,889
								Sub-Total	144,352	21,653	72,176	50,523
		AGRICUL	TURE,	FISHERIES AND	FOOD S	ECURITY SECTOR TOTAL			\$800,482	\$137,815	\$400,201	\$262,466

#### GENDER, YOUTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

			SECTOR 5	GENDER, YOUTH AND	SOCIAL PR	OTECTION				
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS	ACTIVITIES	Estimat	ed Costs	Funding Gap	Yearly	Allocation(U	S\$ 000)
No	RESULIS	TARGETS	(КРІ)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	(US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
2.1	Youth Empowerm Affected by EVD a	-		unities »»» To Support You	uth Enterpris	e Developm	ent and Imp	rove the Li	velihood of	Youth
		Number of youth trainedConduct youth livelihood mapping in the 40 border200,000120Support toand supported								40
	Youth Enterpreneurship	youth in all 40 cross	with basic livelihoods skills	Provide training and other livelihood support for youth	30,000	2000	60,000	22,800	25,200	12,000
	Fund	border towns	and proved with funding to establish	Provide them with start-up kits	30,000	500	15,000	5,700	6,300	3,000
			businesses	Provide loanable funds	-	-	30,000	11,400	12,600	6,000
						Sub-Total	105,200	39,976	44,184	21,040
2.2	To Enhance the Livelil	hood of Women	Affected by EVD and O	ther Vulnerable Women						
	Women's Empowerment	Support to women in all 40 cross	Number of women trained and supported	Conduct women livelihood mapping in the 40 border towns	200,000	1	200	200	-	-
	Fund	border towns	with basic livelihoods skills	Advocacy for policy review enactment and impementation	-	-	10,000	1,500	5,000	3,500

		GENDEF	R, YOUTH AND SOCIAL PROT	ECTION SECT	OR TOTAL	\$231,000	\$59,186	\$106,884	\$64,930
		Sub-To	tal			42,400	6,530	21,100	14,770
			Provide clinical support for post-Ebola complications	2,000,000	-	2,000	300	1,000	700
	towns	persons; & elderly supported	Provide psycho-social support to EVD survivors & related persons at the 40 cross border towns	2,000,000	-	2,000	300	1,000	700
Social Protection	40 cross border	survivors/related	Training of psycho- social workers	1,000	5000	5,000	750	2,500	1,750
Social Protection	groups in all	orphans; widows; EVD	Specialist training	40,000	80	3,200	480	1,600	1,120
	Support to vulnerable	Number of vulnerable - children,	Provide cash transfers & other livelihood support for children/orphans, widows and elders	30,000,000	-	30,000	4,500	15,000	10,500
			Conduct vulnerability assessment in the 40 border towns	200,000	1	200	200	-	-
		Sub-To	tal			83,400	12,680	41,600	29,120
			Provide loanable funds	-	-	40,000	6,000	20,000	14,000
			Provide them with start-up kits	800	100	30,000	4,500	15,000	10,500
			Provide training and ther livelihood support for women	8,000	400	3,200	480	1,600	1,120

			SECTOR 9: PRO	DJECT MANAGEMENT & N	IONITORI		2			
			INDICATORS		Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(L	JS\$ 000)
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	(КРІ)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
5.1	Sub-Regional Implem	nentation Arrangen	nent »»» To Strenghth	nen MRU Managerial, Fudiciary, Mor	itoring and Ev	valuation Capa	city			
	Strenthening MRU Capacity by Seconding Eight Senior Programme Officers from the Member States1,200,00089,6001,440									3,360
	Strenghthened MRU Managerial, Fudiciary, Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity to Enhance	Opeational by the end of 2016	Project Implementation Documents and	Capacity Building and Transfer of Knowledge to MRU and National Project Officers	-	2,000,000	2,000	300	1,000	700
	Project Delivery		Progress Reports	Monitoring and Evaluation of On-going programmes	-	-	3,000	450	1,500	1,050
				Programme Operating Costs	-	-	6,000	900	3,000	2,100
			PROJEC	T MANAGEMENT AND MONIT	ORING SEC	FOR TOTAL	\$20,600	\$3,090	\$10,300	\$7,210

#### PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT

			SECTOR 4: PRIN	ATE SECTOR SUPP		RAMME				
					Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(L	JS\$ 000)
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	INDICATORS (KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
4.1	To Re-brand the Ebo	la Hit Image of Aff	ected MRU States and the	reby Boost Confidence for P	Private Sector I	nvestment				
	De-stimatisation Campaigns to Boost Investment,	15 joint ventures	Numbers of media campaigns and roadshows conducted	Facilitate image rebranding of the MRU States through national and international media	1	-	10,000	1,500	5,000	3,500
	Tourism and Resumption of Flights in the Sub-Region	established within the sub-region	Number of joint ventures implemented with Ebola Private Sector Mobilisation Groups	Collaborate with Ebola Private Sector Mobilisation Groups in destigmatising the sub-region	500,000	3	1,500	225	750	525
			Sub-Total		<u></u>		11,500	1,725	5,750	4,025
4.2	Resumption of Cross	Border Trade and	Establishment of Sub-Regi	onal Market Facilities					<u> </u>	
	Sub-Regional Markets	20 Markets contructed	Number of cross border markets constructed	Construct market in all 20 cross border districts	600,000	20	12,000	1,800	6,000	4,200
	Established and Fully Operational	including WASH facilities	Type and number of WASH facilities provided in the markets	Provide WASH facilities in each of the 20 cross border markets	17,500	20	350	53	175	123

	Cross Border Trade Survey	One Trade	Number of cross border survey conducted	(Guinea-Sierra Leone- Liberia 5; Sierra Leone- Liberia 3)	100,000	8	800	120	400	280
	Establish a Corridor Wash Framework	corridor framework	Number of corridor monitored	Monitor the major trading corridors between member states	500,000	1	500	75	250	175
						Sub-Total	13,650	2,048	6,825	4,778
4.3	To Promote SME D	evelopment in tl	he Context of the MRU (	Growth Triangle Initiative	;					
	Access to finance by SMEs in the Growth Triangle Clusters enhanced	5,000 SMEs supported	number of loans provided, amount of loans, rate of utilization	Provide Loans to SMEs within the Growth Triangle Clusters	40,000,000	1	40,000	15,200	16,800	8,000
						Sub-Total		15,200	16,800	8,000
	PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME SECTOR TOTAL						\$65,150	\$18,973	\$29,375	\$16,803

#### **ROADS PROGRAMME**

			S	ECTOR 5: ROADS PROG	RAMME					
			INDICATORS		Estimat	ed Costs	Funding	Yearly	Allocation(l	JS\$ 000)
No	RESULTS	TARGETS	(KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017
5.1	-	•	d Transport Facilita siliency and Inter-Ro	tion Programme in the MRU» egional Trade	»» To Facilita	te Rapid Regi	onal Public H	ealth Respo	onse and A	ccess to
	11 Inter- Connectivity	196 Km of paved cross-		Guinea-Cote d'Ivoire: Mandiana-Saladou- Mirignan:57km	700,000	57	39,900	5,985	19,950	13,965
	Roads Developed Creating Access	border roads between Sierra Leone - Cote	Total Km of paved roads	Guinea-Sierra Leone: Guekedou-Nongoua- Koindu: 65kmn	700,000	65	45,500	6,825	22,750	15,925
	to Cross-Border Health Centres	d'Ivoire; Guinea-Sierra	constructed per country/target	Bokaria-Madina-Oula Kamakewei 38km	700,000	38	26,600	3,990	13,300	9,310
	and Border Towns and	Leone; Sierra Leone - Guinea		Koindu-Mendikoma	700,000	9	6,300	945	3,150	2,205
	Markets	- Liberia		Danane-Gbenta-Lugaluo 27km	700,000	27	18,900	2,835	9,450	6,615
	11 Inter- Connectivity Roads	592 Km of paved cross- border roads	Total Km of	Guinée – Libéria: N'Zérékoré – Yomou /Gbarnga 85 km	700,000	85	59,500	8,925	29,750	20,825
	Developed Creating Access to Cross-Border Health Centres and Border	between Sierra Leone - Cote d'Ivoire; Guinea-Sierra Leone; Sierra	paved roads constructed per country/target	Libéria – Sierra Léone : Gbarnga – Zorzor – Voinjama – Mendikoma/Koindu 284	700,000	284	198,800	29,820	99,400	69,580
	Towns and	Leone - Guinea		km						

			Sierra Leone-Guinea : Kamakwei- Madina Oula/ Bokaria 62 km	700,000	62	43,400	6,510	21,700	15,190
			Sierra Leone-Guinea : Kailahun - Koindu/ Nongoa 65 km	700,000	65	45,500	6,825	22,750	15,925
Markets	- Liberia		Côte d'Ivoire - Guinée : Odienné – Minignan/Saladou 88 km	700,000	88	61,600	9,240	30,800	21,560
			Construction of 5 Joint Border Posts facilities	2,000,000	5	10,000	1,500	5,000	3,500
			Construction of 3 main bridges (1 bridge on Makona River/ Koindu- Nongoa, 2 (steel brigdes on Coyah-Formoriyah) 100m per bridge	4,000,000	3	12,000	1,800	6,000	4,200
					Sub-Total	568,000	3,300	11,000	7,700
Fully Operational Roads Monitoring and evaluation System	Opeational by the end of 2016	Roads Programme Implementation Documents and Progress Reports	Monitoring and Evaluation of On-going Infrasture project	-	-	6,638	996	3,319	2,323
	<u> </u>		<u>.</u>	<u> </u>	Sub-Total	6,638	996	3,319	2,323
			ROADS PROG	RAMME SEC	TOR TOTAL	\$574,638	\$4,296	\$14,319	\$10,023

		INFORM	MATION AND COMM	JNICATIONS	5 TECHNOI	OGY				
		INDICATORS		Estimate	ed Costs	Funding	Yea	rly Allocatio	n(US\$ 000)	
RESULTS	TARGETS	(KPI)	ACTIVITIES	Unit Cost (US\$)	Quantities	Gap (US\$ 000)	2015	2016	2017	
To Increase Access to	o Electricity Supplies a	and Lower Energy Co	sts for Households and Comm	unities in the M	RU					
Interconnection physique (\$343.54)       343,540,000       1       343,540       51,531       171,770       120,239										
To Strengthen Basic ICT Technologies and Infrastructures	interconnection within the MRU established within two	Project implementation document	Capacity building ICT (\$ 2.6M)	2,600,000	1	2,600	390	1,300	910	
	years		CIBER Security framework (\$0.5M)	500,000	1	500	75	250	175	
	N			ICT SEC	TOR TOTAL	\$346,640	\$51,996	\$173,32 0	\$121,324	