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Job title		Project Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Officer	
Procuring Entity		Environmental Protection Agency	
Programme/Project		Strengthening Agricultural Resilience through Transformational Livelihood Adaptation in Liberia (SARTLA)	
Activity result		Effective and efficient project monitoring and evaluation	
Assignment		To ensure full compliance with GEF guidelines, standards and requirements;	
Location	Monrovia with travel to other project counties in Liberia	Duration	One year initially with possibility of renewal every year for 5 years (project duration) depending on performance and availability of funds.

BACKGROUND

Liberia possesses natural resources and fertile land along with valuable fishing areas; however, it grapples with development hurdles linked to environmental damage and inadequate infrastructure and institutions despite its abundance of resources. The nation encounters difficulties in enhancing smallholder agriculture and fisheries performance that impact people's livelihood opportunities well as food security and hinder overall economic progress.

The Country also faces challenges due to the extensive damage to its land and coastal regions caused mainly by unchecked human actions like building construction and roads as well as mining activities and urban growth that led to pollution issues. These harmful activities have greatly harmed the ecosystems for supporting agriculture and fishing industries. The impacts of climate change exacerbate these dangers by hastening land and coastal deterioration while diminishing the resources essential for the local communities' sustenance.

The ecosystems in the country are facing challenges with a focus specifically being placed upon wetlands and coastal areas such as mangroves which play a key role as protective barriers during storms and habitats for marine life growth; these areas are at high risk due to rising sea levels and temperatures along with more powerful storm surges present in the oceans today causing concerns for both biodiversity loss and increased threats of flooding and erosion to nearby coastal communities.



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Liberia's economy and communities are greatly affected by the effects of climate change with a focus particularly toward increased flooding and coastal erosion caused by rising sea levels and severe weather conditions like storm surges in regions such as Monrovia and other cities in Liberia including Robertsport and Harper where informal settlements face significant risks due to lack of proper infrastructure leading to regular flooding incidents causing damage to buildings and infrastructure as well as health issues due to sanitation problems.

Rising ocean temperatures pose a threat to marine environments beyond physical dangers by putting fish stocks at risk. Crucial for the nation's fisheries and food security backbone. The issue of overfishing worsens with the deterioration of mangroves and coastal habitats leading to a decline in fish populations. As per the IPCCs Assessment Report, findings suggest that West Africa is anticipated to be heavily impacted by climate change with projections pointing towards elevated temperatures and more frequent occurrences of heatwaves and extreme precipitation events which could result in increased flooding, especially, in Liberia and neighboring regions.

Liberia's economy depends significantly on resources and is at high risk of being impacted by climate related events due to its low ability to adapt to such changes as indicated by its position as the 177th out of 185 countries as per the ND-GAIN index ranking. The vulnerability is exacerbated by poverty levels and inadequate infrastructure and education which impede communities from preparing for climate related risks.

Small scale farmers and fishers play a role in rural communities and are particularly at risk due to various challenges they face such as limited access to essential resources like fertilizers or quality livestock as well as issues with irrigation systems and lack of financial support for their operations. Adverse weather conditions like rainfall or drought coupled with extreme temperatures can negatively impact crop production leading to lower yields and a rise in pest related issues affecting the agricultural sector. For those involved in fishing activities, marine heatwaves and coastal floods can harm fish populations and damage infrastructure crucial for their livelihoods, putting food security and income sources at risk.

Around 80% of the agricultural labor force is led by women and they play a role in producing about 93 percent of the food supply; however, they are especially impacted by climate change compared to men and other factors like higher illiteracy rates and restricted access to land and resources as well as cultural norms that limit their decision-making authority in farming matters.

In the face of these obstacles and difficulties, lies the chance to enhance resilience by adopting innovative methods rooted in system based transformational strategies. One potential the project seeks is to enhance climate resilience within societies reliant on natural assets through ecosystem restoration efforts and enhancements through extension services while also enabling financial access and fostering sustainable value chains.

The project will employ a combination of interventions that focus on i) the adoption of resilient and regenerative practices among farmers and fisherfolks to improve productivity while at the same time reducing environmental impacts, ii) linking local livelihoods to sustainable value chains, developing alternative livelihood strategies such as those linked to eco-tourism, and fostering market access through business skills training, and iii) providing an enabling innovative finance environment that fosters



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private sector engagement, links actors along the value chain and scales the development of sustainable enterprises based along the value chain.

The project is expected to enhance the management of 3,640 hectares of land and coastal regions in efforts to promote climate resilient practices; target an overall 81,800 individuals spread across seven project counties. These efforts aim to empower them to recognize climate related challenges and implement appropriate adaptive strategies. Additionally, the initiative strives to attract 500,000 (US\$) investments from private sector entities and support the growth of 30 micro-small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) involved in climate resilience initiatives through a combination of technical guidance, financial partnerships, or direct funding.

The Environmental Protection Agency as the National Designated Authority (NDA) and focal entity for the management of the environment and natural resources in Liberia is empowered to coordinate monitor, supervise and consult with relevant stakeholders on all activities in the protection of the environment and sustainable use of natural resources. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MICAT) will implement the project through a Project Management Unit, based at the MOA. The UNDP – as an Accredited Entity to the GEF – will oversee the project execution undertaken to ensure that the project is being carried out in accordance with UNDP and GEF policies and procedures and will provide quality assurance support services to the SARTLA project.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) will assist the implementation of the Project with support from the EPA and MOA. The PMU staff will be hosted at the MoA and will report to the Minister of the MOA and the Executive Director of the EPA through the Project Manager. The Project Manager is responsible for the overall day-to-day management of the project including the mobilization of all project inputs, supervision over project staff, responsible parties, consultants and sub-contractors. The PMU – through the project manager – provides strategic guidance and direction to the Project Board, the Executive Director/CEO of the EPA, the Minister of MOA, and the UNDP Liberia Resident Representative.

OBJECTIVE

The M&E Officer will be responsible for providing strategic technical support to the project team both on and off-site to ensure that specific GEF monitoring requirements are met and drive the knowledge management aspects of the project.

The project Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer will be responsible to ensure full compliance with monitoring and evaluation of the key listed components below:

- I. Ensure full compliance of monitoring and evaluation into the strengthening of institutional capacity for climate change adaptation planning;
- II. Supervise and ensure full compliance with monitoring and evaluation into the enhancement of innovative technologies for climate information and communication management;



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- III. Ensure full compliance with monitoring and evaluation into the introduction of hybrid adaptation solutions; and
- IV. Ensure full compliance of monitoring and evaluation into the diversified resilient livelihoods through the provision of M&E standards.

The M&E Officer will form part of the PMU staff and will work closely with the Gender, Safeguard & Stakeholder Engagement Expert, Knowledge Management & Communication Officer, and Innovative Finance Expert under the direct supervision of the Project Manager.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the guidance, directions and the supervision of the Project Manager, the M&E officer will be responsible for the following but not limited to:

- Oversee the design, implementation, and management of the M&E framework and the Monitoring Information System (MIS) of the project
- Supervise the collection, analysis, and reporting of data across all value chains and ensure adherence to quality standards
- Provide technical support/advice to the project manager at the PMU or the Focal Points of various line Ministries and Agencies Associated with the project
- Foster partnerships with implementing agencies, private sector actors, and community-based organizations to ensure collaborative data sharing and utilization.
- Incorporate or capture the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programm and the SDG indicators in the project Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Support the development of Newsletter, and Monthly briefs, access dashboard to track the progress of project
- Monitor project progress and participate in the production of progress reports ensuring that they meet the necessary reporting requirements and standards;
- Ensure project's M&E meets the requirements of the Government, the UNDP Country Office, and UNDP-GEF; develop project-specific M&E tools as necessary;
- Oversee and ensure the implementation of the project's M&E plan, including periodic appraisal of the Project's Theory of Change and Results Framework with reference to actual and potential project progress and results;
- Oversee/develop/coordinate the implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan;
- Oversee and guide the design of surveys/ assessments commissioned for monitoring and evaluating project results;
- Facilitate mid-term and terminal evaluations of the project; including management responses;
- Facilitate annual reviews of the project and produce analytical reports from these annual reviews, including learning and other knowledge management products;
- Support project site M&E and learning missions; and



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- Visit project sites as and when required to appraise project progress on the ground and validate written progress reports.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

- Full compliance with the project with GEF guidelines and monitoring requirements;
- Monthly reports to be produced and validated by the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the EPA and the Minister of the MOA with respect to the tasks performed for the reporting period in accordance with activities from the Annual Work Plan (AWP) regarding which M&E compliance were met/ mainstreamed

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The M&E Officer will be under the direct supervision and guidance of the Project Manager and will work closely with the PMU team.

The M&E Officer will report to the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the EPA and the Minister of MOA through the Project Manager. The M&E Officer shall be recruited for a period of 1 year (12 months) under a Service Contract appointment renewable for a period of 5 years (duration of the Project) subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds. The MoA and EPA reserve the right to rescind the contract during that period should the performance of the M&E Officer not meet its requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

- The M&E Officer should have a master's degree, preferably in the field of environmental sciences, natural resources management, Economics, Agricultural economics, Sustainable Development, Research, or climate change adaptation;

Experience

- At least five years of progressive relevant work experience, preferably in project management and evaluation setting involving multi-lateral/ international funding agency;
- Experience in working with UNDP, GCF or GEF funded projects;
- Significant experience in collating, analyzing and writing up results for reporting purposes;
- Very good experience with project development, implementation or management;
- Extensive working experience in Liberia;



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- Demonstrated experience in monitoring and evaluation of development project activities;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely, and have sound quantitative skills (managing, analyzing and interpreting data);
- Experience in planning, monitoring and evaluation and having good computer knowledge of database software like MS, PowerPoint & Excel;
- Experience with the use of Open Data Kit (ODK) solutions or other Data collection tools.
- Knowledge of the fundamental of SPSS or STATA is required.
- Expertise with the use of common visualization tools, R or Power-BI) are added advantages
- Experience working with best practices for integrating global environmental priorities into planning, decision-making, and reporting processes;
- Experience in development work, partnerships building and resource mobilization;
- Experience leading multi-dimensional teams and complex work programs;
- Ability to lead, conduct, facilitates and document discussions with stakeholders;

Competencies and skills

- Excellent interpersonal communication and facilitation skills;
- Ability to follow deadlines, accuracy and attention to detail;
- Ability to work under minimum supervision to meet short deadlines;
- Commitment and drive to achieve challenging goals, and problem-solving attitude;
- A team player with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to deal with multiple teams located in multiple institutions;
- Ability to identify client needs and deliver them promptly and accurately;
- Ability to work under tight timelines;
- Demonstrated ability in team management and collaboration/ team player;
- Familiarity with emerging technologies in M&E, environment, agriculture, such as GIS mapping and drone-based data collection

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates should send a CV and cover letter indicating their suitability for the post and copies of credentials to the Ministry of Agriculture. All interested candidates are to address their applications and to the following address:

ATTENTION:

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Application can also be received through email: (ptdoe@epa.gov.lr).. Please indicate "**M&E Officer-Strengthening agricultural resilience through transformational livelihood adaptation in Liberia (SARTLA)**" in the subject line.

The closing date for submission of applications is **4pm, October 23, 2025**. Any submission received after this deadline will not be considered. Only applicants that meet the requirements as outlined in the terms of reference will be considered for evaluation.

***Females are highly encouraged to apply!**

NOTE: This information is also posted on <https://www.emansion.gov.lr/>, <https://www.epa.gov.lr/>, <https://www.undp.org/> and can be found in local dailies.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The EPA shall recruit the M&E Officer through an open, transparent and competitive process and shall be guided by *inter alia* the Procurement and Public Concessions Act of Liberia but contract to be issued by MOA. All PMU staff shall conform to the Government of Liberia's laws on anti-bribery and anti-corruption. Notice is hereby issued to all interested candidates that failure to adhere to conflict-of-interest restrictions and anti-fraud and corruption rules constitute grounds for potential debarment from future participation in procurement of goods, services or works that may result from the Project.