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THIRD QUARTER REPORT OF THE LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (LACC)

FY 2025, REPORTING PERIOD

SUBMITTED TO:

**HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH NYUMAH BOAKAI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

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Your Excellency:

Subject: Submission of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) Third Quarter Report – FY2025

I respectfully present compliments on behalf of the Commissioners, Management, and Staff of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC). Pursuant to Section 14.2 of the LACC Act of 2022, and in keeping with our statutory reporting obligation, I have the honor to submit the Third Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2025, covering the period July to September 2025.

The report outlines key developments in the areas of investigations, prosecutions, public awareness, institutional collaboration, decentralization, and administrative performance. During the quarter, the Commission investigated fifteen (15) cases, completing six (6) of these cases. We reinforced our education and preventive mandates through the conduct of nationwide trainings for investigative journalists and local authorities, installation billboards, installation of whistleblower boxes at key public institutions, and extended its Market Anti-Corruption Initiatives around Monrovia. These initiatives collectively underscore the Commission's commitment to fostering public awareness, preventive engagement, and behavioral change toward a corruption-free Liberia. The Commission also strengthened partnerships with the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA), the Global Fund, the Office for the Establishment of the War and Economics Crimes Court, and the Ministry of Justice, aimed at improving coordination in anti-corruption efforts. However, we continue to face constraints, including delays in disbursements of resources, judicial delays, and the absence of a specialized anti-corruption court.

Your Excellency, the LACC remains unwavering in its mandate to prevent, investigate, and prosecute corruption, and to promote integrity and accountability across the public sector. We kindly seek your continued support and guidance as we work to overcome existing challenges and strengthen the fight against corruption in Liberia.

Enclosed is the detailed Third Quarter 2025 Report for your kind review and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe
Executive Chairperson

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Third Quarter Report of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) presents a comprehensive account of the Commission's key activities, achievements, and challenges during the reporting period. It highlights progress made in implementing the Commission's core mandates of investigation, prosecution, prevention, and education, as well as efforts to strengthen institutional capacity and collaboration with national and international partners. The report underscores the LACC's continued commitment to promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability in the management of public resources and to advancing the national anti-corruption agenda in line with the Government of Liberia's development priorities.

During the period under review, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) intensified its investigative, prosecutorial, educational, and administrative efforts aimed at promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability across the public sector.

Investigations and Prosecutions

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Commission earmarked fifteen (15) cases for investigation. Out of these, six (6) cases were fully investigated and completed, while nine (9) remain active and ongoing. The six (6) cases concluded are: Ministry of Health-FARA Project; current officials of the National Water Sanitation and Hygiene Commission (NASHC), Liberia Agriculture Commodity Regulatory Authority (LACRA) Monrovia Consolidated School System (MCSS) 2, National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority and current officials of the Bureau of State Enterprises.

These efforts underscore the Commission's unwavering commitment to combating corruption and fostering accountability among public officials.

In fulfillment of its prosecutorial mandate, the Prosecution Department engaged the Grand Jury of Montserrado county and secured three indictments during the quarter, specifically involving the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), and the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL).

The indictments detail alleged acts of corruption committed by the defendants in the execution of their official duties. In the NOCAL case, the defendants including Rustolyn Suacoco Dennis (former CEO), Richman Jallah (Financial Comptroller), and Edmond Massaquoi (IT Technician, Ministry of Transport), were charged with Theft of Property, Economic Sabotage, Fraud on Internal Revenue, Illegal Disbursement and Expenditure of Public Money, and Criminal Conspiracy.

Similarly, in the LTA case, former Chairperson Madam Edwina C. Zackpah and former CEO of TAMMA, Mr. Abdullahi L. Kamara, and others were also indicted.

The Commission also secured indictments in the Gbarpolu Heavy-Duty Equipment Case and the Lofa County University Case. In all cases, the defendants are under the jurisdiction of the court, and proceedings are ongoing.

Education and Prevention Initiatives

Through its Education and Prevention Department, the LACC sustained public awareness and anti-corruption education efforts across several counties.

Additionally, the Department organized a two-day Investigative Journalism Training for thirty (30) journalists representing all fifteen (15) counties of Liberia. Held in Ganta, Nimba County from August 7–8, 2025, the training enhanced journalists' capacity to report on corruption and accountability issues.

Further, as part of its decentralization initiative, the Department conducted integrity and ethics trainings for local government officials in Nimba and Grand Bassa Counties, marking the first time in over a decade that the Commission delivered consecutive regional capacity-building engagements.

Administration and Institutional Support

The Administration and Supervision Department provided essential administrative and logistical support to ensure smooth institutional operations during the period. This included vehicle repairs and maintenance, consistent electricity supply to the Commission's headquarters, as well as efficient staff transportation. The Department also spearheaded procurement processes in compliance with the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) and successfully prepared, submitted, and defended the Commission's FY2026 Budget before the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP).

Asset Declaration and Verification

During the third quarter of 2025, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) continued to strengthen its asset declaration and verification processes to promote transparency and accountability among public officials. The Asset Declaration and Verification Unit received a total of 216 asset declarations from officials across the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

Institutional Partnerships and Collaboration

Finally, during the quarter, the Executive Chairperson, Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, on behalf of the Commission, signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Global Fund and the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA). These agreements formalized partnerships to enhance institutional collaboration in the national fight against corruption.

Office of the Executive Chairperson

During the period under review, the Office of the Executive Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) demonstrated dynamic leadership and strategic engagement in driving the Commission's mandate. Under the stewardship of Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, the Commission advanced its anti-corruption agenda through high-level advocacy, institutional collaboration, public outreach, and operational enforcement.

The Executive Chairperson's leadership fostered stronger partnerships, enhanced institutional integrity, and promoted greater public accountability. Her initiatives during the quarter contributed significantly to strengthening governance systems and advancing the Commission's strategic objectives in the fight against corruption.

Notable Achievements

National Dialogue on Accountability and the Proposed National Anti-Corruption Court

On July 8, 2025, the Executive Chairperson of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, participated as a panelist in a national dialogue convened by integrity institutions, civil society actors, and development partners in collaboration with the Office for the Establishment of the War and Economic Crimes Court (OWECC-L). The dialogue focused on addressing existing gaps in Liberia's accountability framework through the proposed establishment of a Specialized Anti-Corruption Court. During the session, the Executive Chairperson shared strategic perspectives on the key prerequisites for an effective court, emphasizing judicial independence, specialized capacity building, inter-institutional coordination, and law reforms. Her contributions significantly enriched the national discourse on justice sector reform and informed ongoing discussions toward the operationalization of the Anti-Corruption Court.

Joint Press Conference with the Liberia Revenue Authority

On 16th July 2025, in furtherance of inter-agency collaboration, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) and the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) held a joint press conference to announce the successful completion of the of the LRA's asset declaration exercise. Early this year, LRA Commissioner-General, James Dorbor Jallah, mandated all staff of the revenue house to declare their assets with the Commission.

The press conference aimed to acknowledge the full compliance of LRA staff with the asset declaration regime of the Commission. During the Joint Press Conference, the Commission's Executive Chairperson called on other government Ministries, Agencies and Commissions (MACs) to emulate the LRA's example, reinforcing the importance of transparency and accountability in public service.

Strategic Dialogue with Global Fund

The Executive Chairperson led a high-level engagement with international partners which lead to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Fund to promote institutional transparency and strengthen international cooperation in the fight against corruption. The strategic dialogue with officials of the Global Fund focused on enhancing transparency and accountability in health sector financing, with emphasis on fostering collaboration and ensuring that development resources are effectively managed to achieve their intended impact.

Executive Chairperson Hosts IMF Delegation

As part of its Governance Diagnostic mission to Liberia, a delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) made a courtesy visit to the Commission. The visit with the Executive Chairperson was intended to express the Fund's appreciation for the Commission's support and contribution to its Governance Diagnostic Assessment on institutional integrity and anti-corruption frameworks and practices.

Participation in CENTAL'S Anti-Corruption Feedback Forum

During the period under review, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission joined the Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia (CENTAL) in series of anti-corruption feedback forums aimed at engaging local stakeholders in discussion around service delivery and corruption-related concerns. Participants of the forums included representatives from county councils, service centers, civil society groups, youth and women groups and persons with disabilities.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Financial Intelligence Agency

As part of efforts to strengthen existing inter-agency collaboration among integrity institutions, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission and the Financial Intelligence Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on July 25, 2025, formalizing their collaboration. The agreement was signed by Mr. Mohammed A. Nasser, Officer-In-Charge of the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) and Cllr. Alexandra K. Zoe, Executive LACC's Chairperson, respectively on behalf of their institutions.

The MoU outlines areas of collaboration, including financial intelligence sharing, enforcement coordination, and capacity building. The partnership is expected to enhance investigative efficiency and strengthen the national framework for combating financial crimes.

Units Under the Office of the Executive Chairperson

Asset Declaration and verification Unit

During the period under review, the Asset Declaration and Verification Unit continued its critical mandate by facilitating asset declaration compliance, conducting verification exercises, and enhancing accountability across the three branches of government. The unit seeks to uphold transparency and integrity among public officials, despite its daunting logistical and operational challenges.

Asset Declaration Compliance

During the reporting period, the unit received a total of Two Hundred sixteen (216) asset declarations from public officials across the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches. Specifically, One Hundred Sixty (160) declarations were submitted by officials from the Executive Branch, including minister, deputies, and heads of MACs. From the Legislature (Liberian Senate), thirty-five (35) administrative staff

and seven (07) senators filed their declarations; and from the House of Representatives, four (04) representatives declared their assets. The Judiciary recorded ten (10) declarations, including the new Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, His Honor Justice Boakai N. Kanneh.

The unit also recorded One Hundred Fifty-Eight (158) signed National Integrity Pledges from officials who submitted their declarations, demonstrating their commitment to ethical conduct and public accountability.

Asset Declaration Non-Compliance

Despite these gains, the unit identified significant non-compliance across all branches of government. A total of One Hundred Forty (140) officials from the Executive Branch failed to declare their assets during the reporting period. In the Judiciary, the outgoing Chief Justice remains non-compliant. Within the Legislature, five (05) Senators and twenty-five (25) Representatives did not submit their declarations.

See Appendix B for the full listing

Follow-Up on Institutional Organogram Responses

As part of its follow-up efforts, the unit sent messages accompanied by photocopies of previously dispatched letters on the subject to heads of twenty-eight (28) MACs. These letters were in furtherance of the establishment of a national asset declaration baseline through updated organograms specifying positions that are required by law to declare assets, income, and liabilities with the Commission. As of July 31, 2025, seventy-three (73) MACs had responded, while thirty-four (34) remained non-compliant. It is important to note that many of the MACs disregarded the deadline and willfully refused to acknowledge the follow-up messages despite confirmation that the official communication on the subject had been received and signed for.

Consequently, the lack of responsiveness by MACs is impeding the unit's plan to develop a national baseline for asset declaration and raised concerns about administrative accountability within several government entities. See Appendix A for the full listing.

Enforcement Measures

In order to strengthen compliance, the Executive Chairperson authorized the deployment of two staff from the unit to the Capitol Building on July 15 and 17, 2025. Their presence in the senate wing was intended to facilitate and enforce compliance among members of the Liberian Senate. In addition, the Asset Declaration and Verification Officer was dispatched to the Judiciary to assist one Associate Justice complete his declaration process. These interventions reflect the Commission's proactive approach to enforcement and support services.

Asset Verification Exercises

The unit advanced its asset verification efforts during the period under review. A property Evaluator from the Liberia Revenue Authority, assigned to the verification team, completed the first phase of property data collection for fifty-four (54) declarants. These individuals had submitted real property information requiring physical verification.

See Appendix B for the full listing

EDUCATION AND PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

Background

The Education and Prevention Department of the Commission is responsible generally to design and implement programs aimed at educating and sensitizing the public about the menace of corruption and its debilitating effect on the socio-economic fabric of Liberia, as well as initiate relevant interventions to prevent and combat corruption. To effectively fulfill this statutory mandate, the department collaborates with various stakeholder groups, including civil society organizations, schools, and other stakeholders in Monrovia and at the county level to conduct public education awareness using different methodologies, such as training radio talk shows, erection of billboards, distribution of Information, Education and Communication materials (IEC).

On the other hand, the Commission through the Education and Prevention Department undertakes research into the causes, manifestations, and dimensions of corruption in Liberia. In fulfilment of this mandate, the Education Department conducts corruption risk assessments at high-risk Ministries, Agencies and Commissions (MACs), and advises on approaches, programs, and practices the concerned MACs of the Government of Liberia need to adopt to prevent and combat corruption.

Notable Achievements:

Market Outreach Campaign at Markets

During the period under review, the Education and Prevention Department conducted several education outreach campaigns and trainings to educate various stakeholders in the fight against corruption in Liberia. The market outreach campaign at the Rally Town and Rehab Markets rallied the support and buy-in of market leaders, marketers, and customers in the fight against corruption in Liberia. The campaign included a question-and-answer session, which allowed marketers to ask questions and obtain feedback from the Commission's team. The outreach provided a bird's eye view of corruption in business which needs to be upscaled with relevant interventions to mitigate corruption and promote ethical business practices across markets in Liberia.

The Market Outreach campaign is in alignment with Pillar 4: Governance and Anti-Corruption of the Arrest Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) to decentralize anti-corruption services through increased citizens' participation and corruption reporting.

Investigative Journalists' Training

In an effort to strengthen alliances in the fight against corruption, the Commission through its Education and Prevention Department conducted a two-day investigative journalism training in Ganta, Nimba County, under the theme “Strengthening Integrity Through Journalism: Uncovering the Facts”. The training aimed to strengthen the collaboration between investigative journalists, civil society organizations and the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission in the fight against corruption in Liberia. It further sought to enhance participants skills in ethical, evidence-based, and impactful monitoring reporting and advocacy, as well as recognized journalists and CSOs as key players in promoting transparency and accountability.

The activity which was the first national training for investigative journalists from across the fifteen (15) counties of Liberia, was conducted from August 7-8, 2025. The training focused on the Commission’s Business Processes, Asset Declaration regime, Whistleblower Protection and Development Reporting. Other topics covered during the training were Safe Reporting, Facts Checking, Basic Data Journalism, Tips on Investigative Journalism, and the prudent utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in newsroom workflows. The training enhanced media-LACC collaboration, equipped reporters with the knowledge and skills to pursue evidence-based stories and produce a pipeline of county-level anti-corruption story ideas.

The training was organized by the Commission’s Education and Prevention Department in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme with funding from the Peace Building Fund.

Installation of Whistleblower Boxes at Ministries, Agencies and Commissions (MACs).

During the period under review, the department consistent with Part V Section 5.2(h) and (i) of the New Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission Act, installed/erected six (06) Whistleblower Boxes at selected MACs, including Liberia National Police Headquarters; Congo Town Zone Three Depot; and Paynesville Zone Eight Depot. Other beneficiaries were Civil Service Agency; Ministry of Education; and Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

The objective of this anti-corruption intervention was to establish safe, confidential, and accessible reporting channels, empower employees, and citizens to report corruption in the workplace without fear of retaliation, enhance early detection of fraud and misconduct and strengthen public trust through visible anti-corruption actions.

Phase One of the exercise was launched on August 15, 2025, and it is aligned with Article 33 of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), which obligates state parties to establish protective reporting mechanisms. The erection of whistleblower boxes is an intervention of the Commission’s Education and Prevention Department in collaboration with selected MACs with funding from the Government of Liberia.

Local Government Anti-Corruption Training

The Commission through its Education and Prevention Department held two Local Government trainings for county officials in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County and Ganta, Nimba County, respectively. The trainings are part of efforts to actualize the Commission's decentralization initiative which targeted local government functionaries from Margibi, Grand Bassa, Rivercess, Lofa, Bong and Nimba counties. The local government training enhanced the understanding of participants of anti-corruption frameworks: LACC Act of 2022, Whistleblower Act and Witness Protection Act and accountability mechanisms among local authorities and laid the foundation for a sustained collaboration between the Commission and local government actors.

One Hundred Five (105) County Superintendents, District Commissioners, City Mayors, Inspectors, Traditional Chiefs, Civil Society Advocates, and other local government functionaries from the aforementioned six (06) counties benefitted from the training.

The training was organized by the Commission's Education and Prevention Department in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme with funding from the Peace Building Fund.

MONITORING AND INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

Background

The Department of Monitoring and Investigation is responsible to monitor all suspicious acts of corruption and for investigating acts of corruption to determine whether there is probable cause that any person or organization or entity is engaged in acts of corruption, and file reports of the monitoring activities and investigations to the Executive Chairperson and the Department of Prosecution. The Department is also responsible to gather intelligence and investigate all acts of corruption involving public funds in the Liberian society, including the public and private sectors.

Notable Achievements

During the period under review, the Monitoring and Investigation Department (MID) recorded Forty-eight (48) new cases from July to September, while Ninety-six (96) cases were brought forward from June 2025, thus bringing the total number of active cases lodged with the Commission for the period under review to One Hundred Forty-four (144). Meanwhile, number of ongoing active investigations from the total number of cases is fifteen (15) investigations; and the total number of cases concluded for the quarter is six (06). The cumulative financial value of investigations concluded during the period under review is United States Six Million Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars Sixty-Six Cents (US\$6,534,271.66) and Liberian Dollars Seventeen Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-six Dollars Thirty Cents (LRD\$17,966,766.30).

The six (06) cases are: Ministry of Health-FARA Project; current officials of the National Water Sanitation and Hygiene Commission (NASHC), Liberia Agriculture Commodity Regulatory Authority (LACRA) Monrovia Consolidated School System

(MCSS) 2, National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority and Current Officials Bureau of State Enterprises 2 cases.

Meanwhile, active investigations are ongoing in the outstanding nine (09) cases that were earmarked for investigation during the Third Quarter, including Ministry of Health Global Fund, Governance Commission, Liberia Football Association, Ministry of Transport and Liberia National Commission on Arms, among others. **See Appendix A for a detailed listing of cases**

With regard to capacity building, the Chief Investigator and Program Manager of the Department completed a two-week training program organized by the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) in collaboration with SecFIN Africa, a France-based European agency. The training aimed to strengthen the department's capacity to combat Organized Crime, Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing.

Prosecution Department

Background

The Legal and Prosecution Department of the Commission is responsible to evaluate the investigation reports from the Department of Monitoring and Investigation to determine whether the evidence produced by the reports have probable cause that the person(s), organization(s) and or entity(ies), who/which were subject of the monitoring and investigation were engaged in acts of corruption. Additionally, the department initiates indictments and prosecutes persons, organizations and or entities on who/which determination were made that an act of corruption has been committed.

Notable Achievements

During the period under review, the Commission through its Prosecution Department presented three (03) indictments for the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA) and the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL).

The Prosecution Department met the Grand Jury and presented three separate Indictments for the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), Liberia Telecommunication Authority (LTA) and the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL). The Commission obtained true bills from the Grand Jury of Criminal Court A, Temple of Justice, granting the Commission the authority to proceed with trial in the aforementioned three cases. The indictments stipulate acts of corruption committed by the defendants during the discharge of their fiduciary responsibilities in the administration of herein mentioned institutions.

In the NOCAL case, the indictment held the defendants liable for Theft of Property, Economic Sabotage, Fraud on the Internal Revenue, Theft and Illegal Disbursement and/Expenditure of Public Money, Criminal Conspiracy. Defendants in this case include Rustolyn Suacoco Dennis, former CEO, National Oil Company of Liberia, Richmond Jallah, Financial Comptroller, Edmond Massaquoi, IT Technician, Ministry of Transport, and others to be identified.

Defense Lawyers in this case filed several motions in the preliminary stages of the case: a Motion to strike the complaint, and a Motion to Justify surety bonds etc. The motions were consolidated and the Resistances thereto from the LACC were filed and heard at the Criminal Court “C” during the May Term A.D. 2025, and ruling was reserved by His Honor Joe Barkon. Said ruling is still pending while the assigned Judge has been reassigned. The matter will now be handled by the new assigned Judge of Criminal Court C, His Honor Ousman Fritz Feika, Presiding Circuit Judge, August Term of Court, Criminal Court C, Temple of Justice, Montserrado County, City of Monrovia, Republic of Liberia. The monetary value of this case is United States Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000).

Additionally, the Department presented an Indictment to the Grand Jury for Montserrado County, Circuit Court A, charging some officials of the LTA. Those charged under this Indictment are Madam Edwina C. Zackpa, former Chairperson of the LTA, former CEO of TAMMA Corporation, Mr. Abdullai L. Kamara, and others. A motion was filed by defense lawyers to drop Mr. Kamara from the case for Mis-joinder but was resisted by the lawyers of the LACC. The matter was heard by Judge Barkon and the Judge granted the motion against the LACC. Accordingly, LACC filed a writ of Certiorari to the Justice in Chambers of the Supreme Court to review and reverse the Judge’s ruling. The Judge cited the parties and held a Conference and upheld the lower court judge ruling dropping Mis joined Party (Mr. Abdullai L. Kamara) thereby dismissing the LACC indictment against Mr. Abdullah Karmara as CEO of TAMMA Corporation. The LACC taking advantage of legal remedial processes, amended its indictment, and re-indicted Mr. Abdullah Karmara as Former CEO of TAMMA Corporation. The monetary value of this case is US\$ USD\$4,309,669.18 and LRD\$432,164,269.

During the period under review, the Prosecution Department also presented and obtained True Bill in an indictment against senior officials of the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC).

The indictment held Mr. Patrick Tarnue Worzie, former Executive Director, Mr. Alieu Fofana, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Mr. Joseph Whea, former Comptroller and Madam Jeredine Kolleh, Head of Humanitarian Department, all of the LRRRC, to answer to the crimes of Economic Sabotage, Fraud of Internal Revenue, Misuse of Public Money, Theft of Property, Criminal Conspiracy, and Criminal facilitation. Defendants in this case have been brought under the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court “C”. The Defendants have filed bonds and the LACC is currently pursuing assignments for hearings by the court. The monetary value of this case is US\$ USD\$ 69,825 and LRD\$ 4,485,250.

The department also initiated trial in the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) corruption case during the August term of court. Co-defendant Wilmot Smith filed a Petition for a Writ of Prohibition before the Justice in Chambers, for which a conference is pending for October 15, 2025. The Justice stayed all further proceedings pending the conference. The monetary value of this case is United States One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars Sixty-four cents (\$128,198.64)

During the August Term 2025, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) through the Prosecution Department secured an indictment (True Bill) for the Gbarpolu County heavy duty machines case involving Hon. J. Keyah Saah and Hon. Sam K. Zinnah former and current Superintendents of the county. The defense filed a bail bond that was excepted to. In response, the defense filed a Motion to Strike, which was resisted, and argument heard; and ruling is pending. The cumulative financial value of this case is United States Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) and Liberian Dollars LRD\$ 80,750,000).

Also, during the August Term 2025, the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) through the Prosecution Department secured an indictment (True Bill) in the Lofa County University case. The defendants are being placed under the jurisdiction of the court on gradual basis. The cumulative financial value of this case is United States Three Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$376,360) and Liberian Dollars Three Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Forty-five (LRDS 3, 690, 045).

The approximate cumulative financial value of cases handled by the Commission through its prosecution Department for the reporting period is United States Five Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars Eighty-Two Cents (\$5,317,052.82) and Liberian Dollars Five Hundred Twenty-One Million Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four (LRD 521, 089,564).

All defendants indicted by the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) during the reporting period have filed their criminal appearance bonds in accordance with legal requirements. The Commission is actively coordinating with the Judiciary to ensure the timely assignment of these cases for the November 2025 term of court, thereby facilitating the continuation of prosecutorial proceedings and the effective administration of justice.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT

Background

The Administration and Supervision Department is responsible to manage the day-to-day affairs and operations of the Commission, as well as manage the income, asset and liabilities regime of the Commission in accordance with the Code of Conduct of 2014. Additionally, the department is responsible to supervise personnel and logistics, materials, and logistics of the Commission.

Notable Achievements

Procurement Unit

During the period under review, the Procurement Unit submitted a comprehensive report to the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC), reflecting the Commission's dedication to compliance and thorough documentation as required by law.

Award Letters for Contract Packages

The Procurement Unit also issued award letters to vendors who won procurement packages for vehicle repairs and maintenance, and a comprehensive vehicle insurance services. As a follow up to the issuance of award letters, the unit prepared and dispatched official letters of award and acceptance to successful bidders.

These awards marked an important milestone in monitoring the operational readiness of the Commission's fleet and ensuring continuous coverage.

Additionally, the unit successfully conducted procurement activities for a wide range of needs, such as catering services, civil works, vehicle maintenance and repairs, assorted plumbing materials, as well as office furniture, air conditioners and window blinds. These efforts were in line with the unit's ongoing commitment to supporting the operational needs of the Commission through efficient and transparent procurement processes.

Vehicles' Repairs and Maintenance

In furtherance of its mandate, the unit worked in collaboration with the approved vendor to carry out routine repairs and servicing on six (06) vehicles that are vital to the Commission's daily functions.

Civil Works

During the period under review, the Procurement Unit collaborated with the Asset Management Unit to facilitate procurement to enhance the Commission's facilities through painting and other renovation work to the building currently housing the Commission.

Comprehensive Market Survey for Vehicle Rental Services

The Procurement Unit undertook a comprehensive market survey for vehicle rental services, gathering vital pricing data across all 15 counties in Liberia. This strategic assessment not only enhanced the unit's understanding of market trends but also empowered the Commission to make informed procurement decisions, ultimately supporting its mission more effectively.

Vehicle Rental Services

During the reporting period, the Unit successfully completed procurement transactions for vehicle rental services to facilitate staff travel. Specifically, a vehicle rental service was secured for the Commission staff and staff of the General Service Agency (GSA) to enable them conduct assessments of buildings in Bomi and Bong Counties, designated as potential sites for the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission's regional offices. Additionally, a vehicle rental service was procured for the Education and Prevention Department to support travel to Ganta, Nimba County, where staff identified suitable locations for the installation of a LACC billboard to increase the visibility of the Commission and intensify anti-corruption messaging at that border post.

Logistics/Transport Unit

During the period under review, the Commission's two (02) motorcycles were coded by the General Services Agency (GSA). One of the motorcycles had technical problem during the reporting period and was repaired while the other is parked pending the installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking system.

As part of its ongoing capacity enhancement initiative, the Human Resource Unit in collaboration with the Logistics/Transport Unit, conducted a one-day Drivers' Training Workshop on July 18, 2025, in the Conference Room of the Commission.

The workshop aimed to enhance the skills, effectiveness, ethics/professionalism, and productivity of drivers of the Commission. The training was conducted by Mr. Mohammed Kaba of the Liberia National Police Traffic Division.

Human resource Unit

Workforce

During the period under review, the Human Resource Unit provided management with an updated report on the Commission's workforce. As of the end of September 2025, the Commission's total staff strength stood at eighty-seven (87) employees, reflecting a reduction of one staff member who was removed from the personnel listing following a disciplinary action related to the theft of a Commission vehicle. The current workforce composition includes seven (7) Commissioners, seventy-four (74) general staff, three (3) contractors, and three (3) interns.

Salary Payment and Benefits

During the reporting period the Human Resource Unit initiated the coordination of payroll processing and disbursement of salaries for the months of July, August, and September 2025, respectively with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

Moreover, Management granted a request from the Human Resource Unit for the provision of Independence Package of rice and oil for all staff members. We are pleased to report that the total of eighty-seven (87) employees and twelve (12) security officers assigned at the Commission received rice and oil.

Reprimand

During the period under review, Trokon B. Wleyou, Data Entry Clerk, was suspended for one month without pay for his unauthorized completion of public officials' asset declaration forms from July 18-August 18, 2025.

Cyrus Killiah was served suspension letter for one (1) month without pay from September 10, 2025, to October 9, 2025, pending findings from the Disciplinary Committee. Additionally, Mr. Elton Y. M. Livingstone was served suspension letter for one (1) month but was recalled from his suspension after eight (8) days. This is due to the resumption of the Liberia Institute for Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS) Case hearing in which he is the key Investigator / Witness to testify.

Resignation

During the period under review, one (01) staff in person of Ms. Sonja A. Gibson, Senior Investigator from the Monitoring and Investigator Department resigned effective September 13, 2025.

Medical Insurance

The insurance Contract between the Commission and SAARL insurance Company expired on July 31, 2025. The Human Resource Unit has since coordinated efforts to renew the contract. Accordingly, the unit organized a meeting between the SAARL Insurance Company and Safe Insurance Broker to review the performance of the

expired contract/policy. Staff of the Commission made new recommendations for discussion and subsequent consideration for incorporation in the new policy. Modalities are underway to finalize and extend the contract. Meanwhile, staff members are accessing medical service as the contract is being finalized. The new contract is expected to be signed soon.

Training and Learning Session

In pursuit of its ongoing capacity development initiative, the Human Resource Unit organized learning sessions to strengthen staff capacity to perform more efficiently. On July 11, 2025, the learning session was facilitated by the Education and Prevention Department on the topic “Legal and Policy Framework” and on July 31, 2025, the Human resource Unit facilitated a learning session on the topic “LACC Revised Personnel Handbook of 2024”.

Another learning event was held on Friday, September 12, 2025, on the topic “Enhancing Investigatory and Prosecutorial Effectiveness within the LACC”. The event was sponsored by the American Embassy and was facilitated by Cllr. Augustine Fayiah, Solicitor General of the Republic of Liberia.

Additionally, the Unit also completed a communication to the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) expressing interest in their capacity building program being offered. Names and preferred courses for various staff were forwarded to the FIA during the period under review.

National Social Security Corporation (NASSCORP)

During the period under review, the Human Resource Unit coordinated with the National Social Security Corporation (NASSCORP) to update four (04) staff Social Security Identification Cards that were either damaged or defaced. The Unit also completed a communication to NASSCORP for Mrs. Rita Ware, the Widow of former staff, the late Morris Ware, Investigator who worked for LACC from April 1, 2009, to August 31, 2016. A follow-up communication was also sent to NASSCORP regarding the status of Mr. Edwin J. Clarke, Jr. pension benefit. Mr. Clarke was pensioned in July 2024 and his C-1 form was sent to NASSCORP in September, 2024. But it is observed that NASSCORP has not begun to pay the retiree his benefit because he did not meet the minimum contribution threshold to be eligible for NASSCORP benefit.

Finance Unit

The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning approved the amount of United States Three Million One Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$3,163, 716.00) for the Commission’s operations for Fiscal year 2025. The amount is allocated as compensation \$1,336, 980.00 and Goods and Services \$1,826,736 as presented below:

FY2025 Approved Budget		
Description	Amount	Percent
Compensation	1,336,980.00	42%
Goods and Servies	1,826,736.00	58%
Total	3,163,716.00	100%

Allotment Receipt

During the reporting period, the Finance Unit worked closely with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to secure allotment for FY 2025. This collaborative effort is a testament to our commitment to transparent and accountable financial management.

The following allotments were received during the reporting period:

a). COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission received a total basic salary of US\$271,758.36, representing 39% of the total expenditure for the quarter and 20% of the commission's total annual employees' approved budget of US\$1,336,980.00. When compared to quarter three of 2024 (\$149,010.09), the quarter ended with a rise of \$ 122,748.27.

b). GOODS AND SERVICES

During the quarter, the Commission purchased goods and services costing US\$416,829.73 or 61% of total expenditure for the quarter and 23% of the Commission's total approved budget on goods and services of US\$1,826,736.00 million. When compared to quarter three of 2024 (\$91,578.00), the quarter ended with an increase of \$ 325,251.73.

Processing of Payments

During the period under review, the Finance Unit processed payments for Foreign Travel -Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA); payments for Domestic Travel-DSA; payments for refreshments for learning session and Body of Commissioners (BoC) Meeting; purchase of stationery-three canon printers; payment for civil works-renovation in the Procurement Unit; among others. The unit also made payment of withholding taxes to the Liberia Revenue Authority for months ended July, August and September 2025.

FY2026 Budget Preparation and Defence

During the period under review, the FY 2026 Budget was prepared, completed, and submitted to the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP). As part of FY2026 Budget preparation process, the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning scheduled the Commission for budget defence on September 18, 2025. The

Executive Chairperson and team participated in the budget hearings for FY 2026 at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP). The Commission made additional budgetary request for FY2026 in the amount of US\$4.5 Million covering Decentralization, Transport Equipment, Purchase of Own-Headquarters, Additional staffing for Investigation and Prosecution, among others.

The Unit participated in the Sector Working Group (SWG) meetings chaired by the Governance Commission and submitted the SWG budget to the MFDP as required by the Budget Policy Note (BPN). Additionally, the Unit successfully completed and submitted the Budget Policy Notes (BPN) checklist, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) for FY2026 budget preparation.

Other Activities

The Finance Unit completed and submitted the monthly Reconciliation Report for June 2025 to the Internal Audit Unit for review, demonstrating our commitment to transparent and efficient financial management.

Information, Communication and Technology Unit

During the period under review, the unit reported significant progress in its respective operational areas, thus contributing to the overall effectiveness and support in ensuring the achievements of the mandate and vision of the Commission.

Local Area Network (LAN) Infrastructure (Wireless Connect)

Additionally, the unit coordinated with three (03) ICT firms, including LTC Mobile, to conduct a comprehensive infrastructure assessment of the Commission. The assessment is inclusive of wireless setup for the distribution of internet at the Commission. The Commission is currently reviewing the assessment reports for implementation.

GREAT Project

With regard to technical support to the Governance Reform and Economic Transformation (GREAT) Project, the unit attended three days of activities as follows:

- Participated in a one-day technical proposal evaluation to review the proposal submitted by Navion Technology for the National Data Center
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- Participated in a one-day working session at the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications to validate the e-Liberia digital platform
- Participated in a one-day working session with the General Auditing Commission (GAC) to narrow down on the indicators.

Additionally, the ICT Unit participated in a six (6)-day working session focused on validating the Anti-Corruption Dashboard System. This session was conducted in collaboration with a hired consultant, aimed at refining and finalizing the key institutional indicators under this project for the four beneficiary institutions: the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), General Auditing Commission (GAC),

Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC), and Public Account Committee (PAC).

Key Challenges and Suggestions for Resolving Challenges

The Commission faced several challenges during the Third Quarter, including:

Operational Constraints: The Commission suffered from limited and delay in receipt of fundings from the MFDP, inadequate staffing levels, faulty equipment, data gap with some cases lacking verified financial figures/value, thereby complicating the risk of assessment and prioritization, inadequate logistics, mobility support and forensic tools continue to hamper efficiency, budgetary constraints impeding sustained public education and field engagement, as well as limited logistics for wider community outreach.

Judicial Delays: The Commission has encountered significant delays within the judicial system that complicate the prosecution of corruption cases, undermining the enforcement of anti-corruption initiatives.

Proposed Solutions to address these challenges:

Enhanced Financial Support: In the fourth quarter of 2025, the commission will increase engagement with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning MFDP for timely disbursement of allocations to ensure that the Commission fulfill its mandate effectively.

Expedite Judicial Processes: The commission will also increase collaboration with judicial authorities to implement reforms aimed at expediting case processing, including the establishment of specialized anti-corruption courts to facilitate prompt adjudication of corruption cases.

Strengthen Independence: The commission will continue to assert its need for complete operational independence to maintain its integrity and effectiveness in fighting corruption and to protect against political interference. Moreover, the Commission will increase engagement with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning to actualize its financial independence by disbursing its quarterly allotment in advance as provided for in Part XIII Section 13.2 of the new LACC Act of 2022.

This will enhance timely program implementation, particularly in achieving institutional performance targets under the Performance Management and Compliance System (PMCS) of the Arrest Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID).

CONCLUSION

The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission is steadfast in its commitment to eradicating corruption and promoting good governance in Liberia. Despite the challenges faced throughout this quarter, the Commission has made significant progress in its investigative and prosecutorial measures, educational outreach, and capacity-building efforts.

The unwavering commitment of the President, Legislative bodies, Partners, and Stakeholders at large is essential for the Commission to continue making progress in the fight against corruption. Through these collective efforts, the Commission seeks to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and integrity in governance, ultimately fostering a corruption-free society in Liberia.

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