



## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

### LIBERIA AGRICULTURE COMMERCIALIZATION FUND (LACF)

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: APPLICANTS AND BUSINESSES

To be eligible to participate in the “LACF Matching Grant Challenge Fund Competition”, the registered business/cooperative, Farmer Based Organization, Agribusinesses and SMEs, selected actors along rice, horticulture, oil Palm and rubber value chains must meet the following criteria:

- i. The applicant should operate in Liberia along the following prioritized value chains: Rice, Oil Palm, and Horticulture.
- ii. Promoters of the business/FBO/Cooperatives, Agribusiness/SMEs should be 18 years of age or older at the time of submission of application. The Fund strongly encourages applications from women/women led businesses as well as youth.
- iii. The application should relate to an expansion or development of new out-grower models.
- iv. The Fund will also accept applications from registered Farmer Based Organization’s with off-taker arrangements.
- v. The Fund will accept applications from value chain actors willing to innovate improved technology with smallholder farmer groups.
- vi. The Fund will accept applications from value chain actors that seek to improve access to agricultural inputs and farm implements.
- vii. The Fund will accept applications from Agri-SMEs that demonstrate track record of improvement in competitiveness of prioritized value chains.
- viii. The Fund will support applications that promote climate-mitigation technologies.
- ix. For SME applicants in agro-processing along the prioritized value chains, historic track records should be demonstrated.
- x. Special considerations would be given to value chain actors that seek to transfer improved technologies in any of the Fund prioritized value chains.
- xi. Applicants concept notes and business plans are expected to realistically create additional jobs for youth and women along the Fund prioritized value chains.
- xii. A firm commitment to submit basic financial data for a period of 3 years following the participation in the Fund as well as submitting financial data during the issuance of the grant.