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Sub: Innovations for Poverty Action's Application for Partnership Schools for Liberia Evaluation

With reference to the above subject.

I wish to bring to your attention that the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Education is implementing the Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL) project in the academic year 2016. The Government of Liberia has developed the Partnership Schools for Liberia (PSL), to improve student-learning outcomes and explore innovative ways to fundamentally and permanently improve the quality of education for its students. To understand the impacts of the pilot program and improve future processes from lessons learned, the Government of Liberia would like to engage external researchers to conduct an impact evaluation of the pilot. Contingent on positive results produced from this research, there is an expectation that PSL will expand.

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that works to apply rigorous research techniques to develop and test solutions to real-world problems faced by the poor in developing countries. The core competence of IPA is in the successful design and implementation of impact evaluations of development interventions using randomized controlled trials (RCTs).

IPA has been contracted to evaluate PSL in order to understand - "What is the impact of attending a PSL public school rather than a traditional public school on student learning outcomes?" The Ministry of Education works very closely with IPA at every step of evaluation design and implementation.

Through this project, IPA intends to survey students, teachers, households, and school-level administration over the period of 4 years. IPA aims to measure students' learning outcomes, as well as to gauge teacher perception and performance data, school management modifications and parents' perception in PSL schools versus those from traditional public schools.

Throughout the project, all actors will work in collaboration with the IPA Country Director and Research Manager, who will provide administrative oversight and help ensure that the highest quality standards are being followed in this research. An IPA research support team at IPA Headquarters will also provide training and guidance to the team.

In view of this, the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Government of Liberia confirms its support for IPA in conducting this important research project as part of the effort to improve the education of every Liberian children and the future of the nation.

Yours sincerely,

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