

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications/Government of Liberia, the
World Wide Web Foundation and the Alliance for Affordable Internet

I. Purpose

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications (MoPT), is collaborating with the World Wide Web Foundation (“WWWF”) and the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) to promote programs and activities that will expand affordable access to both mobile and fixed-line Internet. The WWWF and A4AI support a research agenda that provides robust evidence for broadband policymaking process to meet the needs of diverse end users. Both WWWF and A4AI possess the expertise to help formulate evidence-based policy. The promotion of affordable access to broadband Internet and the formulation of evidence-based policy are two core policy priorities of the Government of Liberia and MoPT, which shall collaborate with all institutions that can support her in achieving these objectives. Hence, MoPT is entering into this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with A4AI and WWWF in pursuit of these shared objectives. The WWWF, A4AI and MoPT shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Parties” in this MOU. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the understandings and intentions of the parties with regard to their shared objectives. The parties are entering into this MOU while maintaining their own separate and unique missions and mandates.

II. Objectives, Roles, and Responsibilities

This agreement provides for a broad-based core alliance among the parties. It reflects a shared value and focus for seeking joint collaboration opportunities within each organization’s respective vision, mission and programs within the following context:

- A. To promote access to affordable Internet services
- B. To provide support to the Ministry policy making process on ICT programs
- C. To engage policy makers in support of promoting access to broadband Internet
- D. To collect data in support of research for the purpose of making informed policy decision
- E. To conduct seminars, workshop and other such activities in contributing to capacity building.

III. Proposed Activities

While other specific activities will be determined by the parties based on an analysis of the current needs and priority areas in Liberia, A4AI will contribute to MoPT ongoing efforts to build ICT capacity, promote access to internet, and support, for the good of the sector, the building of infrastructure that are resilient in the post Ebola period. A4AI will also contribute to the development of MoPT new National ICT and Telecommunication Policy and any related broadband plan. Other activities may include, for example, collaboration on regional activities and events to further the affordability agenda; organization of meetings, seminars and workshops. Furthermore, the parties will facilitate consensus building among ICT stakeholders on key areas of policy decisions. The active participation of the parties in WWWF and Alliance research activities (including data collection, surveys and the development of case studies) will be encouraged.

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IV. Dispute Resolution

In the event of a disagreement under this MOU, the parties intend to negotiate to resolve the disagreement in good faith.

V. Publicity under this MOU

The parties intend to work together and coordinate appropriate publicity in support of the WWWF, the Alliance, MoPT and its activities. Any communications and/or press releases referencing the WWWF, the Alliance or this MOU must be approved in writing by both of the Parties. All research conducted by A4AI under the purview of this MOU must be conducted using standard ethical guidelines that ensure the safety, privacy, and confidentiality of participants and will include the use of informed consent where relevant.

VI. Designated Points of Contact

It is necessary to assign a focal point of contact for the implementation of the activities under this MOU. The primary points of contact and liaison for each Party to this MOU are as follows:

Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications:

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Deputy Minister for Technical Services
Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications

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World Wide Web Foundation:

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VII. Commencement, Duration, and Termination

This MOU applies from the date of signature by parties concerned until the earlier of either the completion of the Alliance goals described above or a period of three (3) years. However, the Parties may determine jointly to extend the duration beyond three years, and should reflect any such determination in writing. In addition, this agreement may be amended by mutual arrangement in writing. Either party may discontinue its participation in this agreement at any time upon advance written notice to the other, with cooperation ceasing upon the date set forth in such written notice. Parties to this agreement intend to review it annually.

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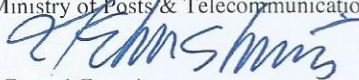
VIII. Funding & Legal Effect

The Parties specifically acknowledge that this agreement is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by either Parties or create any rights in any third party. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other agreements or contracts entered into either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this MOU. This agreement is intended to be implemented consistent with applicable laws in Liberia and the United States of America

We have affixed our respective signatures on this agreement as follows:

For the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications:

Hon. Ebenezer J. Kolliegbo
Deputy Minister for Administration
Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications



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