



**Millennium Challenge Coordinating Unit  
Office of the Chief of Staff, State House, Freetown**

**MCCU BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

In line with their oversight responsibilities and overall guidance in the implementation of the Threshold program financed by the United States Government through the Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC), the Board of the independent Accountable entity (Millennium Challenge Coordination Unit- MCCU) met on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Four of the seven Board members were either present in person or represented.

The key issues discussed and the decisions made are summarized as follows:

No	Issue/Matter discussed	Decision/Recommendation
<b>REGULATORY STRENGTHENING PROJECT</b>		
1	Concerns were raised on whether the decision reached to not exercise the embedded Advisor and Optional Short Term Technical Assistance on the current Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission Institutional strengthening contract as a way forward is the position of all parties to the contract.	The decision reached should be agreed by the consultant, EWRC and MCCU, as well as receives the MCC 's No objection
<b>WATER SECTOR REFORM PROJECT</b>		
2	<b>Annual WASH sector performance review conference scheduled for June 2018-</b> challenges to have staff of the Ministry of Water Resources carry out their responsibilities with regards implementing the recommendations of the preceding conference held in November 2017, as well as provide information required to prepare for the forthcoming one.	The representative of the Minister of Water Resources affirmed that they would report back to the Minister. However, MCCU was requested to follow up again with staff of the Ministry and report to the Chief of Staff on implementation of the recommendations.
<b>OTHER PROGRAM RELATED ACTIVITIES</b>		
3	<b>Delaying the Mid Term review of the Threshold program-</b> Despite the fact that the program implementation reached mid-	The Board recommended that the review be delayed until the potentially new stakeholders come in so that the four

	term on February 16, 2018, rushing with the review will be a missed opportunity to bring the 4 Board members from the new political administration up to speed on what the program is about and where we stand with regard implementation.	Government members could be quickly brought up to speed with program implementation.
4	<b>Reporting on the Detailed Financial Plan (DFP)</b> –presentation on the DFP does not include a variance analysis that covers what was planned as against what was disbursed in the current quarter, as well as a breakdown of the next quarter disbursement request including roll overs from the current quarter.	This should form part of all future presentations on the DFP to the Board.
5	<b>Board Approvals:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Amended MCCU HR policy to include three months Maternity Paid Leave for female staff and two weeks paternity paid leave for male staff after having served a year and provided a medical certificate from a registered medical Practitioner that the staff or his spouse is pregnant.</li> <li>– Procurement Plan 5; Detailed Financing Plan and Disbursement request Q9; Conditions Precedent report Q9 and M&amp;E Plan version 03 and Indicator Tracking Table Q8</li> </ul>	