







GREATER ACCRA RESILIENT AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GARID)

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE DREDGING IN THE ODAW BASIN

<u>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</u> STATEMENT

The Government of Ghana jointly through the Ministry of Works and Housing, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development, and Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development is preparing to implement the Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development Project (GARID), with funding from the World Bank. The project's objective is improving flood and solid waste management, and the provision of public services to targeted communities within the Odaw Basin of Greater Accra Region.

One of the major activities under the project is the periodic dredging of the Odaw channel. Total volume to be dredged is estimated about 1 million m3.

The proposed areas include:

- Caprice-Abossay Okai bridge: Lined section of Odaw River channel with high sedimentation rates and the most frequently flooded area.
- Abossey-Okai bridge Interception weir:Wider unlined section of the Odaw with fixed banks. The section runs through waste disposal areas and a large informal settlement called Old Fadema.
- Interception weir-Sea: "Korle Lagoon" Area.
- Main Odaw River tributaries: South Kaneshie (including Cemetary drain and Mataheko drain), Nima drain and Agbogbloshie drain.

A detailed feasibility and design study will precede the dredging.

In compliance with the Environmental Assessment Regulations of 1999 (LI 1652) and the World Bank Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12), the Ministry of Works and Housing has commissioned the preparation of an Environmental and Social Impact Study (ESIA) to address and mitigate the potential social and economic impacts of the project. The ESIA has outlined the adverse potential impacts of the dredging and proposed remedial measures.

This disclosure notice hereby informs the public that the Environmental and Social Impact Study (ESIA) has been completed and hard copies of the Report are available at the underlisted locations:

- 1) Ministry of Works and Housing, Accra
- 2) Hydrological Services Department Head Office, Accra
- 3) EPA Head Office Library, Accra
- 4) Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Accra
- 5) Ministry of Inner City and Zongo Development, Accra.
- 6) Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Accra

This Public Disclosure Notice is also posted on the Public Notice Boards of the Ministry of Works and housing.

The document will also be disclosed electronically on the external website of the World Bank.

Any person(s) having an interest or concerns relating to this Report and disclosure shall within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this publication of this notice, submit in writing such concerns to the following:

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