



GREATER ACCRA RESILIENT AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (GARID)

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) OF THE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT OF NEWLY DREDGED MATERIAL FROM THE ODAW CHANNEL TO THE FINAL DISPOSAL SITE AT POKUASE, IN THE GA WEST MUNICIPALITY

The Government of Ghana, jointly through the Ministry of Works and Housing, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, and Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development, is implementing the Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development (GARID) Project with funding from the World Bank. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve flood risk management and solid waste management in the Odaw River Basin of the Greater Accra Region, and improve access to basic infrastructure and services in the targeted communities within the Basin. The overall goal of the GARID project is to achieve clean, resilient, inclusive, and integrated development in the Greater Accra Region.

The key interventions of the project will focus on dealing with challenges with drainage and solid waste management in the Odaw Channel. The Project has 5 components, namely: Component 1: Climate Resilient Drainage and Flood Mitigation Measures; Component 2: Solid Waste Management Capacity Improvements; Component 3: Participatory Upgrading of Targeted Flood Prone Low-Income Communities and Local Government Support; Component 4: Project Management, and Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Part (CERC).

Under component 1 of the GARID Project, which is under the purview of the Ministry of Works and Housing, Deferred and Routine Maintenance Dredging of the Odaw Channel combined with the re-use and environmentally-safe disposal of the dredged material is a major intervention. The newly dredged material will be handled safely and ultimately hauled away from three (3) handling sites at Odawna, Pasico and Korle-na to designated final disposal sites at Pokuase in the Ga North Municipality. The Pokuase disposal sites are two adjoining disused quarry sites: Site 1 (0.99 hectares) and Site 2 (5.68 hectares) with capacities to receive about 50,000m³ and 800,000 – 1,500,000m³ of treated dredged material respectively.

In compliance with the Environmental Assessment Regulations of 1999 (LI 1652) and the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework, the Ministry of Works and Housing commissioned an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the disposal and management of dredged material at the final disposal sites.

This disclosure notice hereby informs the public that hard copies of the ESIA Report are available at the under-listed locations:

- 1) Ministry of Works and Housing, Accra
- 2) GARID Project Coordination Unit, Ministry of Works and Housing, Accra
- 3) Environmental Protection Agency, Accra, and
- 4) Ga North Municipal Assembly.

The ESIA Report can be accessed by contacting the Project Coordinator via coordinator@garid-accra.com; Tel: 0246489796

The report will also be disclosed electronically on GARID Project's website (<u>www.garidaccra.com</u>) and the external website of the World Bank.

For further enquiries on this disclosure, contact the GARID Project Coordinator.

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