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Liberia: Why the Report of the Ebola Money Is Necessary

EDITORIAL

It Has Been more than six months since the General Auditing Commission (GAC) was requested to make public audit report for the expenditure of Ebola money. The initial deadline given the commission has expired, yet the report is not out to the public.

Nobody Knows What's stalling the report, however, before taking its Easter break, the leadership of the Senate was mandated to inquire from the General Auditing Commission as to why it has taken so long to make public audit report for the expenditure of Ebola money.

Grand Bassa County Senator Nyonblee Karnga-Lawrence is also concerned about the GAC's perpetual delay in updating the public on the expenditure report of Ebola funds. Whether the GAC is caught in a predicament that requires additional time or whether government agencies are delaying to submit appropriate information to the GAC due to lack of coordination remains unknown. "In September 2014, I wrote a letter requesting a mandate from plenary to have all Ebola activities audited by the General Auditing Commission which was approved and a letter was sent to the GAC mandating it to audit all activities funded by the government of Liberia," Senator Karnga-Lawrence said in her communication.

Nevertheless, The Delay in making the report public is unwarranted and is creating an impression amongst members of the public that perhaps some kinds of administrative weaknesses and/or lack of fiscal probity in accounting for materials and money used during the period of the Ebola crisis. A comprehensive report on the Ebola money is necessary to demonstrate that government is transparent and accountable; therefore, it is important for the GAC to ensure that all of the financial and material supports that were provided by local and international groups as well as funds provided by the Liberian government and other nations be reflected.

We Respect The integrity of the GAC, but the mandate given is long overdue, and it is important for the anti-graft institution to inform the senate about the delay through a written communication to avoid speculations and innuendos that may not be true.

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