

## **Independent Auditors' report to the Shareholders of LAPO Microfinance Company Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of LAPO Microfinance Company Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position at 31 December 2015, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out on pages 6 to 27.

### **Directors' responsibility for the financial statements**

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with note 3 of the financial statements. This responsibility includes: designing implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of LAPO Microfinance Company Limited as of 31 December 2015, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 2 of the financial statements, the Other Financial Services act 2001 and in the manner required by the Companies Act of Sierra Leone.