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LOCAL NEWS

Scoreboard is not the only feature MCC Board considers

By Alhaji Haruna Sani

Dan Barnes, Managing Director for Selection, Eligibility and Policy Performance at the Millennium Challenge Cooperation (MCC) has disclosed to newsmen that the scoreboard is an important tool that MCC's Board uses to assess a country's commitment to statutory criteria, but it is not the only aspect the Board considers.

Barnes said the Board also considers a country's broader, ongoing commitment to the principles of democratic governance that underpin the scorecard, which include combatting corruption, protecting democratic rights, holding peace, free and fair elections, fostering economic opportunities and investing in health, education, and the environment. Barnes was making his statement during a Media Round Table date on MCC's engagement in Sierra Leone and the publication of the latest scorecard for the 2023 financial year. The Media Round Table date was held on Friday, November 4th, 2022 at the United States Embassy in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

He however mentioned that MCC was pleased to see Sierra Leone continue to pass the MCC scorecard this year, maintaining that it was a testament to years of sustained work across multiple administrations to strengthen Sierra Leone's performance on the MCC Scorecard.

Director Barnes noted that when determining a country's eligibility for an MCC grant, MCC Board of Directors is required to access country's commitment of principles of economic

-MCC Director

growth, poverty reduction through the MCC Scorecard – a report from 20 policy indicators from independent, third party institutions to transparently and objectively measure a country's commitment to good governance, social investment and economic freedom.

"This year, MCC revised two indicators. It was done as part of an annual review process to review the scorecard indicators and ensure we are using the highest quality data and methodologies available. Specifically we replaced the previous Business Start-Up indicator with a new indicator called Employment Opportunity, which measures disability rights, forced labour, workplace discrimination, and the ability of Civil Society Organizations to start up".

Barnes said they also revised the data source and methodology for the Natural Resource Protection indicator. He said using new data sources for the two indicators means that this year's scorecard is not directly comparable to last year's scorecard.

He acknowledged that when technical changes occur, they impact all countries that receive MCC scorecards and may cause some countries to newly pass or fail indicators due to those technical changes. "MCC's Board is aware of this dynamic and takes it into account for all countries when determining country selection.

Ambassador Reimer said MCC compacts are partnership, noting that to be eligible for the compact Sierra Leone must continue to meet their obligations as partners. "One of those obligations is to maintain high scores across a



Dan Barnes, Managing Director for Selection, Eligibility and Policy Performance (MCC)

minimum number of categories of the Scorecard.

He intimated that the MCC has already completed a successful \$44.4 million programme in Sierra Leone, which focused on delivering water and electricity services more effectively and more transparently in the Freetown area.

Jason Small, MCC Africa Director revealed that MCC and the Government of Sierra Leone are partnering to design a potential compact that directly

addresses the lack of affordable and reliable electricity among household, businesses, and social institution nationwide – a major constraint to growth.

"We are pleased that the compact development process is going well and we are currently on track for a compact signing in late 2023 – a testament of the good work of the Sierra Leone Compact Development Unit as well as the strength of our partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone".

Ecobank Foundation partners with UN Women to empower women in Africa

By Alfred Koroma



Broken elevators at Youyi Building

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Youyi Building

According to what Concord Times gathered, the elevators have been out of operation for over 10 weeks now, with no intervention from the relevant authorities.

Concord Times observed that serious limitation of movement of workers, especially those in offices housed on the top floors.

"We are suffering in this building, as we have no clue about when the elevators will be effective. You cannot go for lunch, because you will be wondering to climb over 200 plus steps in the building," expressed one of the workers who preferred anonymity.

Another worker, who also preferred anonymity, told Concord Times that, one of the difficult challenges they are faced with, is to transport stationery to the offices for daily use.

"We have to pay hard labour to take them to our floor. There are many equipment and furniture which we want to transfer to the building, but we cannot do it now," he said.

"There are ageable people in our midst who take 40 to 50 minutes just to climb the stairs. The absence of the elevator also affects the administrative work because most of the aged do absent themselves from work because of fear of climbing the stairs."

The Ecobank Foundation and UN Women's Regional Office for West and Central Africa have yesterday signed a partnership agreement to strengthen their respective agendas for promoting women's empowerment in Africa.

This is the first time the two key actors in the development of the continent have established a framework for cooperation to achieve their common goals and accelerate the empowerment of women in Africa, a press statement from Ecobank reads.

"Women have always had a central role in the Foundation's activities and initiatives. Through our partnerships, we have been able to promote, among other things, women's leadership, and girls' education. With UN Women, we want to go further. We are thrilled to have such a partner, which expertise and experience will help us ensure that a gender equality lens is applied in all our actions," says Elisa Desbordes-Cissé, COO of the Ecobank Foundation.

Ecobank Foundation often organizes an event for its employees dubbed as the "Ecobank Day." The annual event which is scheduled for 12 November, will focus on financial literacy and inclusion as a key factor in reducing poverty and promoting shared prosperity for women and youth in marginalized communities, with the theme "Leave no one behind: Financial Inclusion for all!"

Through this partnership with UN

Women, particular attention will be paid to the specific needs and challenges faced by women and women entrepreneurs in both rural and urban areas, Ecobank says.

According to the press release, the Bank will jointly carry out series of awareness with the '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign,' an annual international event that also begins on 25 November together with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women which will continue until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The Bank stated that its partnership with UN Women will put a specific focus on the sports sector and the opportunities that exist for women along the value chain, both in terms of personal and professional empowerment.

"We are excited about this partnership with Ecobank in many ways. Through this collaboration, we will be able to work together to promote gender equality in Africa and empower many more women by increasing their levels of financial literacy and inclusion. And given our shared interest in sports, we will together more effectively combat gender stereotypes by promoting more equal participation of women and girls in the sports industry in Africa," Regional Director a.i., Deputy Regional Director, UN Women West and Central Africa Regional Office, Florence Raes said.



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LOCAL NEWS Fatima Bio puts Sierra Leone on the map again

By Ibrahim Labor Fofana

It was at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday 7th November 2022 when the First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Dr. Fatima Maada Bio made history by eloquently presenting a Draft Resolution to declare November 18th every year as World Day for the Prevention of Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence. The poise, elegance and classy manner in which the impassioned resolution was presented by First Lady Bio left the General Assembly with no choice but to adopt it unanimously.

The key aspect of the resolution focuses, among other things, on the need to establish and implement an annual universal mechanism to promote and reinforce greater awareness, commitment and responsibility of the world body, governments, international organizations, and civil society toward safeguarding the dignity of children as well as ensuring their right to live free from violence and to end exploitation, abuse, trafficking, torture and all forms of violence and harmful practices against children.

It will be recalled that First Lady, Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, since her transition to the office of premiere Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone, has dedicated her time, energy and resources to fight against rape, advocate for the Girl Child and work assiduously to elevate and promote the dignity of children and women.

With her "Hands Off Our Girls" campaign, she was able to team up with several African First Ladies to push the campaign beyond the borders of Sierra Leone, calling global attention to the challenges girls face in mainly resource poor countries around the world. Additionally, she singlehandedly spearheaded the project to provide sanitary pads for in-school girls as a way of ensuring that girls, who will skip classes during their menstrual cycle for



inability to attend to that natural rite of passage in a dignified manner, attend school all year round and maintaining their dignity as girls as well.

It is therefore not surprising and of course not peradventure that Harvard University Professor, Dr. Jennifer Wortham would search for and found First Lady of Sierra Leone Madam Fatima Maada Bio as the worthy champion and ally she needed to collaborate with in the fight against child sexual abuse, exploitation and violence.

So, what was seen on 7th November 2022 at about 1pm at the United Nations General Assembly, so calculatedly presented by Sierra Leone's First Lady, Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, was the result of many years of anger, passion, pain, hard work, collaboration, meetings, liaisons, dedication, networking, pleas and focus. Though many minds, hands and ideas were put together to make it happen, it was Sierra Leone who took the lead with the support of Nigeria and other key players in making history on this day on the global stage. We cannot thank First Lady Dr. Fatima Maada Bio more for putting her country, Sierra Leone, again on the map.

As Mamadou Niang, Founder, Managing Director, Executive Editor, Television Producer and Digital Content Developer of



1st Lady Fatima Bio flanked by supporters and allies

Next Media puts it so succinctly, "this was an effort in the works for a while, but which got traction after the involvement of First Lady, Dr. Fatima Maada Bio". To respond to this comment and the ensuing question of what she did differently to push the agenda to the stage of getting a UN Resolution passed at the General Assembly, First Lady Bio attributed the success of this initiative to the determination and desire of her husband, Brigadier Retired Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the President of Sierra Leone who prioritised women and girls in his New Direction Agenda for Sierra Leone, adding that the support, collaboration and behind the scene hard work by several different individuals and groups made it happen.

At the UN to witness this history making event were over fifty individual survivors of rape, child sex abuse, exploitation and violence. There were religious representatives, civil society groups, non-governmental organizations who supported their work and were proud to see their dreams come true.

It is interesting to note that immediately after the presentation of the Draft Resolution at the podium of the General Assembly by First Lady Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, there, on the two giant screens on the UNGA stage was a broadcast of a message from the Holy See, the universal government of the Catholic Church which operates from the Vatican City State and whose ruler is the Pope. What better acknowledgement and support can be given to such a great feat than that?

As the President of Sierra Leone,

Brigadier Retired Dr. Julius Maada Bio delivers on one of his campaign promises by providing Free Quality Primary Education to the children of Sierra Leone, First Lady Dr. Fatima Maada Bio is pushing hard to ensure that girls are not left behind and that all what they need for their well-being, development, protection and the enjoyment of their childhood and human rights are addressed and provided for.

With the two number ones of Sierra Leone (that is the First Gentleman, the President of the Republic and the First Lady) pursuing the objectives of education, protection and provision for our children, it is only a matter of time for Sierra Leone to see a turnaround in the fate and fortunes of her children. And more importantly, if our vibrant, articulate, compassionate, eloquent and tenacious First Lady should continue her journey down this road, I envisage grander destination for her...who knows, she may even land a job at the United Nations as Under Secretary General/ Director General for Children in Difficult Circumstances or maybe the UN can come up with one of those fancy names for the Commission after she retires from being First Lady of Sierra Leone.

Love her or loathe her, First Lady Dr. Fatima Maada Bio is a First Lady par excellence. She's blessed with the grace, chic and the gift of the garb...when she articulates issues she's passionate about, her eloquence, her calm, her poise and her composure is so very captivating that you'd be carried along even if you tried not to...simply put, she's just mesmerizing.



Harvard University Professor, Dr. Jennifer Wortham sought and found an ally in Dr. Fatima Maada Bio



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LOCAL NEWS

COP 27 in Egypt: multiple parties call for action in favor of developing countries

Nearly 100 heads of state and government are meeting for two days in Sharm el-Sheikh, facing calls to deepen emissions cuts and financially back developing countries already devastated by the effects of rising temperatures.

A multitude of other crises, from Russia's war in Ukraine to soaring inflation and the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic, has raised concerns that climate change will drop on the priority list of governments.

"Time is running out and the end of the decisive decade is a few years away, and we must make use of it to resolve this battle in the way we want. It is time for action and implementation. There is no way to retreat or place for excuses, as missing the opportunity will waste the legacy for future generations of our children and grandchildren," stated Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, Egyptian President.

Nations worldwide are coping with increasingly intense natural disasters that have taken thousands of lives this year alone and cost billions of dollars -- from devastating floods in Nigeria and Pakistan to droughts in the United States and Africa and unprecedented heatwaves across three continents.

"I don't believe it is justice to the young generation when our rivers and lakes are polluted. I do not see justice when big politicians are untouchable. Is it justice for the world leaders to choose profits over lives?" prompted Leah Namugerwa, Ugandan youth climate

activist.

"Let the African Cop be a different cop. Let the African Cop listen to the biggest stakeholders. Let the African Cop be an action cop."

On Sunday, the heads of developing nations won a small victory when delegates agreed to put the controversial issue of compensation for "loss and damage" on the summit agenda.

Pakistan, which chairs the powerful G77+China negotiating bloc of more than 130 developing nations, has made the issue a priority.

The United States and the European Union have dragged their feet for years on the proposal, fearing it would create an open-ended reparations framework.

Guterres said COP27 must agree on a "clear, time-bound roadmap" for loss and damage that delivers "effective institutional arrangements for financing".

"Getting concrete results on loss and



President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan attending the leaders summit of the COP27. - Copyright © africanews HAMAD AL-KAABI/AFP

damage is a litmus test of the commitment of governments to the success of COP27," express UN Secretary, Antonio Guterres.

Rich nations will also be expected to set a timetable for the delivery of \$100 billion per year to help developing countries green their economies and build resilience against future climate change.

The promise is already two years past due and remains \$17 billion short,

according to the OECD. COP27 is scheduled to continue until November 18 with ministerial joining the fray during Week Two.

Security is tight at the meeting, with Human Rights Watch saying authorities have arrested dozens of people and restricted the right to demonstrate in the days leading up to COP27.

The COP27 is scheduled to continue until November 18.

Leaders at COP27 talk adaptation, loss and damage



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Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan praised on Monday the UN climate conference for including the key issue of "loss and damage" on its agenda.

"The loss and damage project agenda is one which is very important. Amongst the small island states, we are definitely pushing for that because we have two main items. One is MVI, the Multi Vulnerability Index, and loss and damage", he said

at the UN climate talks in the Egyptian seaside resort of Sharm el Sheikh.

The idea that rich countries should financially support poorer states at the front lines of climate change effects, known as loss and damage, has been a central priority for island nations for the past 30 years. Ramkalawan, whose country is a key member of the Alliance of Small

Island States, called for more ocean protection and increased funding to boost the climate resilience of island and coastal states.

He also announced that from next year the Seychelles will protect 100% of its mangrove forests and the seagrass meadows, which are vital for species generation and carbon capture.

President Ramkalawan was speaking at a key African side-event on the Great Blue Wall that seeks to

fast-track ocean action by boosting livelihoods of coastal communities, supporting nature conservation and enhancing sustainable blue economy.

Speaking at the same event was Botswana President Mokgweetsi Masisi, who said that nations "are racing against time" to address adaptation to climate change.

"The question of whether adaptation is relevant or necessary has long gone past," Masisi said after a panel discussion about Africa's climate resiliency.

Masisi was joined by the President of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, the President of Estonia, Alar Karis, and U.N. Environment Programme director, Inger Andersen.

The President acknowledged the challenge to adapt to climate change while developing "our economies to be able to sustain the momentum of growth."

On the sidelines of the ongoing COP27 climate summit in Egypt, the presidents of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Egypt witnessed the signing of an agreement on Tuesday to develop one of the world's largest onshore wind projects in Egypt, according to an official statement on the Gulf nation's state news agency.

NEWS AROUND AFRICA COMPILED BY GABRIEL BENJAMIN

Comoros ex-president to face charges of high treason: Lawyer



Ahmed Abdallah Mohamed Sambi - Copyright © africanews SAYYID AZIM/AP2009

Former Comorian President Ahmed Abdallah Sambi will be tried on charges of high treason, his lawyer and family said Monday (November 7), after spending four years in detention over corruption allegations.

The former head of state (2006-2011), the main opponent of the current president Azali Assoumani, was originally prosecuted for "embezzlement of public funds, corruption, forgery and use of forgeries" in the scandal known as "economic citizenship", which involved the sale of Comorian passports to stateless people from the Gulf States.

"They are talking to us today about high treason, a crime that will justify a heavier sentence before the State Security Court, whose decisions are not subject to appeal," said Tissilame Sambi, daughter of Mr. Sambi, contacted by phone by AFP.

"This referral to the State Security Court is the height of illegality and violation of the rules of procedure and the rights of the defense," said Ahamada Mahamoudou.

The date of the trial has not been disclosed. Asked by AFP, the government commissioner, Ali Mohamed Djounaid, said it was "not impossible that it will be held before the end of November."

The referral order dated September 10, a copy of which was obtained by AFP, stresses that since "the law has not defined high treason, nor fixed the penalties, nor provided for the procedure, it is appropriate to make a legal construction of this concept of high treason."

Several political figures have been indicted in the "economic citizenship" scandal revealed by a parliamentary report in 2017, including two former vice presidents in office between 2011 and 2016.

Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, 64, was placed under house arrest in May 2018 for disturbing public order and then in detention three months later. The legal length of pre-trial detention in the Indian Ocean archipelago is a maximum of eight months.

Doctors have been recommending for almost three years that the former president, whose health has deteriorated, be evacuated abroad for treatment. But President Assoumani's regime refuses to accede to this request, accusing Mr. Sambi of wanting to escape justice.

DRC oil, gas sales cause environmental concern

In July, the Democratic Republic of the Congo's government put 30 oil and gas blocks in the country up for auction.

The results of the bidding have yet to be announced, but while many of the country's politicians and citizens look to cash in on the Central African nation's potentially huge fossil fuel reserves, the auction is also causing uproar among environmentalists.

Thirteen of the blocks cross through protected areas and national parks.

One gas block lies under Lake Kivu, near Goma. Some of the others are located in the Congo Basin, Africa's largest forest.

It absorbs some 1.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide — about 4% of global emissions — some of which would be released into the atmosphere if the areas are cleared for oil and gas drilling.

Despite its wealth of minerals and biodiversity, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of the world's poorest nations and the oil revenue is a tempting prospect.

Resident Jeannette Sifa is proud of her country's natural mineral wealth, but isn't convinced that any drilling will help her.

"What are we going to gain? For example, gas in the lake, oil in the park - how is that going to help us? We know that there is oil in the park, but it will not help us," Sifa said.

Other residents believed the project would benefit the economy and reduce unemployment in communities.

However, environmentalists have warned that the

Democratic Republic of the Congo was heading down the wrong path.

Critics point to the oil curse and corruption that has left Nigerians and Angolans in poverty despite decades of production.

Congo's own oil region of Muanda on the Gulf of Guinea has also seen little benefit.

"There was oil drilling since before 1960 in Muanda. What did the people of Muanda get out of it? Poverty, exclusion and even the loss of their land," environmental activist Olivier Ndoole said.

Greenpeace has also warned that communities of Indigenous peoples will inevitably be impacted if the country's forests are transformed for drilling.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's government has said that the oil and gas block auctioning process "is in line" with development plans and government programs in the country.

It has also previously defended the auctions by stressing the need to diversify the country's cobalt-reliant economy.

The nation is the world's largest cobalt producer.

The Congo Basin is known for its massive reserves of cobalt, lithium and other minerals that, among other uses, are essential for renewable energy technologies such as batteries needed for solar panels.

Amid the auctions, youth climate activists held a march in Goma to raise awareness of environmental issues.

The demonstration also took place ahead of the UN's climate conference, COP27, in Egypt.

Terror alert: UK drops warning against travel to Abuja — but says 'risks remain'



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The United Kingdom says it no longer advises against travel to the federal capital territory (FCT) in Nigeria.

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) announced this in an updated travel advisory published on its website on Monday (November 7).

On October 23, the UK warned of an increased threat of terrorist attacks in the FCT, and urged its citizens to stay alert and avoid visits to public places in the area.

The UK also restricted access to the British High Commission in Abuja.

Days later, the UK warned British nationals to avoid non-essential travel to Abuja.

The development came amid alerts also issued by the US and Canada on threats of attacks in Nigeria.

Following the development, the federal

government criticised the US, UK, and Canada for issuing terror alerts without informing local authorities.

In the updated advisory on Monday, the UK, however, said the risks of traveling to Abuja still remain.

"The FCDO no longer advises against all but essential travel to the Federal Capital Territory, including the city of Abuja, but risks remain, and further details about the continued threat from terrorism in this region have been added," the update reads.

"Terrorists are very likely to try to carry out attacks in Nigeria. Most attacks are conducted by Boko Haram or Islamic State West Africa (ISWA) and occur in Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa States in the North East. There have also been significant attacks in other states, including in Gombe, Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Bauchi, and Taraba States."

Uganda shortens school term by two weeks to curb Ebola



A teacher looks out the window of an empty classroom at God's Will Primary ... -
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Uganda will shorten the school term by two weeks to reduce daily contact among students and help curb the spread of Ebola, the education minister announced on Tuesday (November 8).

Authorities have been struggling to contain the highly infectious and deadly hemorrhagic fever since the epidemic spilled into the capital Kampala, home to around two million people.

"The government has reviewed and approved a proposal from the Ministry of Health to reduce the third term by two weeks in order to decongest schools that may increase children's vulnerability to EVD (Ebola Virus Disease) infections," Education Minister Janet Museveni, is also the wife of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, said in a statement Tuesday.

"Nursery, primary and secondary schools will close for the third term on Friday, November 25, 2022," she said, adding that schools "will be required to conduct examinations ... a little earlier starting next week."

This resurgence of the Ebola virus, which was made official by the Ugandan government on September 20 - a first since 2019 in this East African country - has so far claimed 53 lives, out of

135 cases of infection, according to official figures as of November 6.

According to Museveni, 23 cases of infection have been identified in children, eight of whom have died, and 16 others have been quarantined as of Nov. 4, 2022, to assess possible infection with the virus.

Eleven children attending five schools in the capital Kampala, neighboring Wakiso district, and Mubende are among the infected cases, it adds.

"Closing schools early will reduce the concentration areas where children are in close daily contact with other children, teachers, and other staff who may spread the virus," she says.

Authorities on Saturday extended for three weeks the lockdown of two districts in the center of the country, epicenters of the epidemic, with a ban on travel and closure of public places.

Ebola is an often fatal viral hemorrhagic fever. The disease is named after a river in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where it was discovered in 1976.

Human transmission is through bodily fluids, with the main symptoms being fever, vomiting, bleeding, and diarrhea.

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LOCAL NEWS Njala Finance Director maintains clean record

Contrary to allegations peddled on social media against the Finance Director of the Njala University, Alusine Babatunde Newland, investigations conducted by this medium has proven otherwise.

After thorough investigations and interviews conducted by this medium, it was discovered that, the accusations of corruption brought against the Finance Director were malicious, false, and unverified.

It was revealed that, the Finance Director, who was alleged to have been the architect of corruption in the institution, has made a significant contribution to preserving tranquility at Njala University during the last five years.

According to sources, Alusine Babatunde Newland has made a significant effort to maintain the University's financial stability by offering good financial advice to top management.

"He inherited billions of Leones (old Leones) in debt when he was appointed as Njala University's Acting Finance Director in 2018 and then substantive in 2020. Of that amount, substantial of it represented staff outstanding allowances, all of which were settled within a year based on his prudent financial advice, ensuring that the

institution owes no category of staff any money."

Concord Times gathered that, Newland has consistently ensured that other allowances for all employee categories in the University are paid on time each month, making it the only higher public University in Sierra Leone to do so even when subventions are yet to be completely paid by Government for the financial year and with the huge Sierra Leone Grant-in-aid fees to be paid as well.

"In order to avoid the over-the-counter payments made before his appointment, he ensured that all casual workers had a bank account and made sure that their salaries are paid directly into those accounts."

Concord Timed also learnt that Junior staff workers at Njala University received their usual allowances in addition to a monthly salary that was more than the national minimum wage.

"We thus urge the person making these allegations to adopt our strategy of double-checking the veracity of information before publication rather than spreading inaccurate information about the University and assassinating the character of a dedicated individual like the Finance Director of Njala University."

100 states sign to tackle illegal, unregulated fishing

By Alfred Koroma



100 states have signed to an international agreement Report from the Financial Transparency Coalition and members published last month fighting the scourge of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, the Food and Agriculture Organization said on Monday, 7 November 2022.

Globally, 60 percent of port states have committed to the agreement to combat IUU fishing with Nigeria, Angola, Eritrea and Morocco being the latest countries to back the agreement.

Illegal fishing is a big challenge facing the globe, especially African marine ecosystems, costing the continent millions of dollars and hindering normal catch of local fishermen.

Report from the Financial Transparency Coalition and members published last month rated West Africa as epicentre for illegal and unregulated fishing of which majority of the industrial

vessels involved in the illegal fishing are from Europe and Asia.

Africa loses \$11.49bn in illicit money flows directly linked to this practice every year along with other developing countries, including Indonesia which loses \$4bn and Argentina \$2bn, the report said.

UN estimates 1 in every 5 fish caught around the world each year to originate from IUU fishing,



Alusine Babatunde Newland, Njala University's Finance Director

Military personnel acquitted, discharged of murder

By Jeneba A. Conteh

Lans Corporal Sahr Daramy, was on Friday, November 4, 2022, at High Court in Freetown, acquitted and discharged by Justice Adrian Fisher after the twelve-man jury returned a verdict of not guilty to the offense of murder. Daramy was standing trial on a count of murder contrary to law and the charge sheet states that the accused on 19 December, 2020, in Freetown, murdered Abu-Bakarr Conteh.

The accused upon his arraignment, pleaded not guilty to the offence and state prosecutor, M. Kekura, made an application for the matter to be tried by judge and jury.

Justice Fisher in his summing up address to the jurors said the prosecution brought a case against Daramy on a count indictment of murder.

The judge states that the prosecution called seven witnesses to establish their case, adding that the burden and standard of proof against Daramy rest on the prosecution.

Justice Fisher further stated that Alhaji Papani Fadika, testified that Daramy is a soldier and a friend, adding that they were at Baw-baw village when Daramy complained that his phone had got missing and that he suspected two boys- Ibrahim and Abubakar Conteh.

The witness said the two boys were fighting and that it was Daramy who separated them and left the scene to purchase cigarette.

Fadika in his testimony stated that

upon Daramy's return he saw both boys tied up, and that the deceased whom he had suspected of having his missing phone untied himself and tried to escape when he was caught up by Daramy.

He said Daramy observed that the deceased was weak and that he handed him over to his uncle who identified the deceased as family and that the uncle left with the deceased and was later pronounced dead.

Justice Adrian Fisher continued that Dr. Simeon Owizz Koroma, Chief Medical Pathologist, testified that the deceased died of hemorrhagic shock, spinal cord injuries and blunt force injury on his neck.

He went on that the cause of death was unnatural as the ribs of the deceased was damaged leading to excess bleeding, adding that the deceased was physically assaulted.

Justice Fisher said during cross examination, defense counsel enquired from the government pathologist, if a person in such state he described would die the same day and Dr. Owizz responded that a person in such state with injuries of such nature would die the same day.

Justice Fisher therefore cautioned the accused to be mindful of his actions, saying that he is an army officer with a service of twenty-nine years.

Defence Counsel representing the accused, Charles Israel Williams, appreciated the judgment and thanks the jurors for the time they took throughout the proceeding.

contributing to greater percentage of global fisheries stocks being fully exploited, overexploited or depleted.

UN report that the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) is the first internationally binding instrument specifically designed to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing by denying port access to foreign vessels that engage in or support such practices.

"Rising consumer demand and transforming agrifood systems in fisheries and aquaculture have driven global fish production to its highest levels and there is broad recognition of the need to step up the fight against IUU fishing", QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General is quoted saying.

"It is encouraging to see more States support the PSMA in support of the Sustainable Development Goals", Dongyu said.



Address of Registered Office:
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Sierra Leone

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of the above-named Company will be held at the FREETOWN CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE HALL, 3RD FLOOR, 17 WALLACE JOHNSON STREET, FREETOWN on Thursday 17th November, 2022 at 11:00 am to transact the following businesses:-

1. To receive the Chairman's Statement.

2. To consider the Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 23rd July, 2021

3. To receive the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2021 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

4. To declare a dividend for the year ended 31st December 2021.
5. To elect/re-elect Directors and to fix their remuneration.
6. To appoint Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
7. To transact any other business proper to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2022
By order of the Board



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NOTE: A member has the right to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for and on the Member's behalf. Such proxy need not be a member of the Company.
A copy of the instrument appointing the proxy should reach the Registered Office of the Company, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

LOCAL NEWS Christian Aid, BAN hold annual strategy testing

By Hassan Gbassay Koroma

Christian Aid Sierra Leone on Monday November 7, held a one-day strategy testing engagement on one of their funded projects being implemented by Budget Advocacy Network (BAN).

The six years projected project which started in 2017, was directly funded by the Irish Aid Programme Grant (IPG), and it was aimed at promoting transparency and accountability and strengthening of revenue mobilisation in the country.

The one day engagement which was held at the Council of Churches Sierra Leone Conference Hall in Freetown, was attended by stakeholders, including officials from the Ministry of Finance, Audit Service Sierra Leone, National Revenue Authority, the Sierra Leone Police, Civil Society Organisations, local councils officials and others. The strategy testing engagement looked at political, economy, social technology, legal and environment.

Speaking at the event, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator at Christian Aid, Milton Vandy said the strategy testing was part of their program of activities they use to re-strategise their activities and implementing those activities.



Wife in court for allegedly killing her husband

By Jeneba A Conte

Susan Komba on Monday, October 7, 2022, made another appearance before Magistrate Mark Ngegba of the Pademba Road Court No. 1 for alleged manslaughter contrary to law.

Police alleged that the accused on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Block N-9, Grafton Police Barracks in Freetown, unlawfully killed Denis Komba.

Led in evidence by Sergeant 9155 Marcahy, Inspector Mathew, attached at the homicide unit CID HQ recognized the accused and also knew Aiah Komba, complainant in the matter.

He recalled on 20 December, 2021, when he was on duty and received a transfer enquiry file from Grafton Police Station for the offense of alleged murder.

Inspector Mathew further testified that the file contained statement of the deceased when he was alive and his pictures when he was admitted at the Chinese hospital and also statements of witnesses.

The statement of the deceased was tendered as exhibit B1-2.

The witness stated that on 20 December, 2021, in a written form, forwarded a postmortem request to the government pathologist for postmortem examination to be conducted on the deceased, adding that on the 7 January 2022 he and the Scene Of Crime Officer D.P.C 13274 Hassan Bangura, together with family members of the deceased and the accused, gathered at Connaught Mortuary to observe the postmortem examination of the deceased.

He said at the end of the postmortem examination, the photocopy of the postmortem report was handed to him while the original was given to the son of the deceased for proper burial.

The witness was about to tender the photocopy of the postmortem result when defense counsel objected that the witness was not the right person to tender the document, as there were technical terms stated in the document that the witness would not be able to answer when doing his cross examination.

In reply, the prosecutor, Sergeant 9155 Marcahy said the witness was the right person fit to tender the document as he made the request and that he was the recipient of the document.

The defense's objection was overruled by Magistrate Ngegba and the document was tendered as exhibit G to form part of the prosecution's case.

The witness further stated that on 22 January he and a team of police officers left the station for Grafton police barracks to revisit the scene, adding that upon their arrival at block nine (9) where the deceased was residing, Aiah Komba showed them the scene where the incident took place.

Inspect Mathew said on 17 January, 2022 he further interviewed the accused by observing the Judges Rules and the Interview statement was tendered as exhibit H1-8.

He continued that on 26 January 2022 the accused was finally interviewed and charged with the offense of manslaughter. The charge statement was also tendered as exhibit J1-3.

During Cross examination by defense counsel, the witness said the accused in her statement said there was a fight between them, and that the accused had claimed in her statement to the police that, the deceased slapped her.

He said he didn't go to the Chinese hospital at Jui to take statement from the medical practitioner.

The witness was asked if the accused

He said the strategy testing engagement gives the project stakeholders the opportunity to make their contribution on the implementation of the project.

Head of Programs at BAN, Abdul Rahaman M. Sesay said BAN had been advocating and engaging for budget inclusion of many groups and that they have been achieving that dream.

Senior Programme Officer at Christian Aid, Chinsia Pascho-George said they hold strategy testing every year to look at what their partners have done towards achieving their project outcomes as outlined in their theory of change.

She said the engagement looked at BAN's project in improving financial management and support revenue mobilization drive, working with the Ministry of Finance and the National Revenue Authority and other key stakeholders in improving revenue mobilization.

She further stated that BAN also looks at how funds generated by key sectors including health, education, social protection and others and they also look at how ministries, departments and agencies are responding to gender sensitive budgeting.

The Budget Advocacy Network (BAN) is a Network of Civil Society Organisations in Sierra Leone committed to work on budgets and budget policies to enhance policy making and implementation for sustainable and equitable development.

Two robbers get 40 years imprisonment each

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Justice Momoh Jah Stevens (JA) has sentenced 24-year-old Chernoh Jalloh and Yomie Strasser King to 40 years imprisonment each, after they were found guilty of robbery with aggravation.

The Judge handed down the sentence after the accused persons were found guilty of the three counts of conspiracy, robbery with aggravation, and causing grievous bodily harm.

It was alleged that the convicts on diverse dates between the 14th May, 2022, and 16th May, 2022, in the Western Area of Freetown, Republic of Sierra Leone, conspired together with

others persons unknown to commit a felony to wit robbery with aggravation. It was alleged that the accused person being armed with black Knives robbed Mariama Turay of barbing machine, Puma Slippers, wedding ring, and other items of the total value of eleven million Leones, property of Mabinty Jalloh.

"I submit that the prosecution has proven its case beyond all reasonable doubt against the accused persons. I therefore hold the accused persons guilty as charged of the three count charge of conspiracy, robbery with aggravation, and causing grievous bodily harm. The two convicts are therefore sentenced to forty years imprisonment," ordered the judge.

was present during postmortem examination and he responded that it is not in law that the accused must be present when postmortem examination is done, adding that the accused's family members were present. He further recalled that the accused denied

the allegation. Meanwhile, the prosecution has closed its case and the defense counsel promised to make a no case submission on the next adjourned date.

The accused is on bail and the matter was adjourned to the 21 November 2022.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

- 1. ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0006 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES FOR THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**
- 2. ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0007 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**
- 3. ADB/RFP/COSL/2022/0008 – PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE OF COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, SCANNERS AND OTHER ICT EQUIPMENT AT THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SIERRA LEONE COUNTRY OFFICE IN FREETOWN**

The African Development Bank (hereafter designated as “the Bank”) is desirous to secure the services as per above listed tenders for its Country Office based in Freetown Sierra Leone. Only legally registered companies that have the competence, capacity and skills to carry out these activities are invited to bid.

1. The bid documents can be obtained from the security desk at the Bank's office at the above address , they can also be obtained from the Bank's website, <http://www.afdb.org/en/about-us/corporate-procurement/procurement-notices/current-solicitations/>. Bidders may also make enquiries from **SLFO@AFDB.ORG** should they encounter some problems with the forms or need clarifications. On all communications Bidders should state the bid number and its nomenclature.
2. The pre-bid meeting and site visit shall be on **9th November 2022 at 10:00 am, local time in Sierra Leone**, at the African Development Bank Office located in Freetown.
3. The Closing date for these bids is **17th November 2022 at 15.00 hours local time in Sierra Leone**. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to ensure that the bids reach and arrive at the Bank's offices on time, and any late bids will not be considered by the Bank.
4. The sealed bids should be deposited in the tender box installed in the Bank's premises lobby and should be registered by the Security Personnel of the Bank. The Bank's postal address is PMB 355 Freetown Sierra Leone. The Banks address 5th and 6th floors Bishop Building 13 Lamina Sankoh Street Freetown
5. Bidders must originate from the Bank's member countries, a list of which is provided at <http://www.afdb.org/en/about-us/members/> and the list is also on the bid document.
6. Submission may be made by hand or by registered mail or courier and late bids shall be rejected.



NJALA UNIVERSITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) THE PROCUREMENT TO SECURE FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS



PROCUREMENT NUMBER: NU/FIN/RFP/2022/0001

With support from the Government of Sierra Leone, Njala University plans to build relationships with consulting firms that can offer consulting services. The University intends to contract firms (Consultants) to offer Consultancy Services. The key component of the Consultancy Services is to provide the following:

CONSULTANCY SERVICES	LOCATION
System review of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit and Procurement Unit.	Njala Campus
Audit and Procurement Unit.	Moyamba District

Responsibilities

- 1) Reviewing the roles of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit Department, and Procurement Unit, as well as recommending potential synergies to ensure system and work flow improvement, are the primary duties.
- 2) Look for any potential work flow gaps in the flowcharts of the Finance Directorate, Internal Audit Department, and Procurement Unit and give recommendations for improvement.
- 3) Ensure that the staffing levels in the various units are adequate and to offer suggestions for filling any gaps.
- 4) To record the existing operational system and, if appropriate, offer recommendations for system improvements.

The service will be managed by Njala University's procurement unit, and eligible firms (Consultants) are now being invited to indicate interest in offering the service. Interested firms must submit documentation proving their ability to perform the services (indicating but not limited to the core business, years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment, technical and managerial organisation of the firm and general qualifications and number of key staff, detailed curriculum vitae of key personnel and contact details of proposed personnel assigned to this Service, experience of the firm in handling such services). Firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-firm to enhance their qualifications.

Eligibility Criteria

The National Public Procurement Authority's "Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" in Sierra Leone must be followed for the creation of the short list and the selection process for consultants. The method of Firms Qualifications Selection (CQS) will applicable for selecting firm. Please note that Njala University is not obliged to shortlist any firm that expresses interest.

Interested Firms (Consultants) may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 08:30 – 17:00hrs.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the following address by Wednesday, November 11, 2022, at 15:30 hours, and labeled "SYSTEM REVIEW OF FINANCE DIRECTORATE, INTERNAL AUDIT AND PROCUREMENT UNIT."

**To: The Procurement Officer
Njala University
Njala Campus
Moyamba District
Tel: +232 78-61-88-11
E-mail: lbangura@njala.edu.sl**



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Invitation for Bids

Procurement of (Office Stationery, Computers & Computer Accessories, Computer Consumables, Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions), Office Furniture, Office Equipment, Building Materials, Generator Spare Parts, Vehicle Spare Parts and Reagents).

Procurement Number: NU/EST/ICB/2022/0002

Date of First Issue: 5th October, 2022

Njala University has allocated funds for the procurement of the following items and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the stated Lots in the tablebelow:

No.	LOTS	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY
1	Lot A	Various	Office Stationery	15,000.00	Framework
2	Lot B	Various	Computers & Computer Accessories	21,000.00	Framework
3	Lot C	Various	Computer Consumables	12,000.00	Framework
4	Lot D	Various	Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions)	10,000.00	Framework
5	Lot E	Various	Office Furniture	25,000.00	Framework
6	Lot F	Various	Office Equipment	15,000.00	Framework
7	Lot G	Various	Building Materials	30,000.00	Framework
8	Lot H	Various	Generator Spare Parts	10,000.00	Framework
9	Lot I	Various	Vehicle Spare Parts	10,000.00	Framework
10	Lot J	Various	Reagents	12,500.00	Framework

Bidding is open to all suppliers who have capacity to supply the above goods of Lot A: Office Stationery, Lot B: Computers & Computer Accessories, Lot C: Computer Consumables, Lot D: Office Supplies (Toiletries and Provisions), Lot E: Office Furniture, Lot F: Office Equipment, Lot G: Building Materials, Lot H: Generator Spare Parts, Lot I: Vehicle Spare Parts and Lot J: Reagents.

Njala University
Procurement Unit
University Secretariat
Njala Campus
Moyamba District.

On or before 12:00noon, on Friday 11th November, 2022

Interested bidders can bid for one or more Lots. Meanwhile, bidders can obtain the bid documents for a non-refundable fee of Le500.00 (Five Hundred Leones). Please make payment to the accounts stated below:

ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 210113253-01
BBAN NO.: 00-4001113253120144

BANK NAME: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 003001081791112183
BBAN NO.:

BANK NAME: Rokel Commercial Bank
ACCOUNT NAME: Revenue from the sale of Bidding Sub Treasury
ACCOUNT NO.: 02-011012428
BBAN NO.: 002001002101242863

Further inquiries on the bidding document can be done at the address below between 9:00am to 4:00pm from Mondays to Fridays.

Bids must be delivered to the:

- All bids must be accompanied by the following Documents:
- q A valid Business registration certificate
 - q Bid Securities of the various Lots from a reputable Commercial Bank;
 - q A valid NRA tax clearance certificate;
 - q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
 - q A signed Integrity Pact; [see attached];
 - q A valid municipal/local council licence;
 - q A Bid form signed and stamped; and
 - q One Original copy and three photocopies of bids.

Bids will be publicly opened on 11th November, 2022 at 12:00noon, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Njala University;
University Secretariat;
Procurement Unit;
Room 7;
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AVDP
Agricultural Value Chain Development Project


Invitation for Bids

Freetown, Sierra Leone.
October 19, 2022

Re: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR INLAND VALLEY SWAMP DEVELOPMENT

1. The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Adaption Fund (AF), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and Toni Blair Institute (TBI), the financing of which is being administered by IFAD and intends to apply a part of the proceeds of the financing to this purchase. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVDP).

2. The goal of AVDP is livelihoods and climate change resilience of rural farming households in Sierra Leone improved, while the project development objective (PDO) is to promote agriculture as a business for enhanced incomes and reduced rural poverty, among 42,985 rural households. The AVDP will be implemented nationwide over a six-year period. A value chain development approach will drive the implementation process, supported by the application of a robust targeting strategy to ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in both the implementation of project activities and the sharing of the benefits and priority attention to enhancing climate resilience among the project beneficiaries.

The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (bidders) for the supply and delivery of Various Tools for Inland Valley Swamp (IVS) development. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.

3. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the procurement

4. The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot No	Description	Unit of Measure	Total quantity of tools
Lot 1	Shovel	pcs	2400
	Spade	pcs	840
	Mattock	pcs	1920
	Pick axe	pcs	720
	Felling axe	pcs	960
	Head pan	pcs	1320
	Rake	pcs	1200
Lot 2	Wheel barrow	pcs	960
	Light cutlass	pcs	2400
	Heavy Cutlass	pcs	2520
	Hoe	pcs	3600
	Alignment Rope	Rolls	1440

Bidders can quote for and be awarded one or more lots.

manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than 16th November, 2022, at 12:00 hours GMT. Link: <https://bit.ly/3VxIZ2p>

5. Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook which is provided at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

6. Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held as described in the bid data sheet (BDS), Section III of the bidding document.

7. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall purchase the bidding document against payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe250.00 Payment shall be made in the following account:

Account Name: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project
Account No: 014-001-107-861-136-462
Bank: Commerce and Mortgage Bank

8. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an e-mail with a copy of the payment slip, giving full contact details of the bidder and the subject of procurement, to avdppmu@gmail.com. This will also ensure that the bidders receive the bidding document by email or hard copy at the following address, as well as any updates regarding the bidding document.

Address: 23 Torwama Road, Bo, Southern Sierra Leone

Bids must be delivered electronically to the PMU via the following link and in the

9. Bidders shall be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstance. All bids must be accompanied by:

- Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- Copy of valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate
- Copy of valid NRA Tax Clearance Certificate
- Copy of valid Local Council Certificate

10. Bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee: The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be: Not less than five percent (5%) of bid amount for each Lot. Bid Security from community and village banks and Bid Bond from insurance companies are not acceptable.

11. Please note that only electronic bids shall be accepted.

12. There will be a virtual bid opening via ZOOM on 16th November, 2022 at 12:30 hours GMT.

Link to join Bid Opening: <https://bit.ly/3D96HK1>

For any further clarification, please contact the above email address:

Yours sincerely,

Signed:
Project Manager
Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (AVDP)

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Invitation for Bids

Action to Empower Marginalised Adolescent Girls (AEMAG) Project

Introduction

ActionAid Sierra Leone is a registered international organization (NO: 27264198) founded in 1972 operating in more than 45 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. ActionAid started operations in Sierra Leone in October 1988. ActionAid Sierra Leone is operating in the Western Area, Kambia, Bombali, Tonkolili, Bo, Kono and Moyamba Districts. The agency works in partnership with poor and marginalized people to eradicate poverty by overcoming the injustice and inequity that causes it.

Project Overview

People's Postcode Lottery has recently awarded a fifteen-month project to ActionAid Sierra Leone and its Partners; titled "Action to Empower Marginalized Adolescent Girls". One of ActionAid's key activities provide start up kits to skills training Beneficiaries. The project will be implemented in Bo District and Western Area. ActionAid, therefore, seeks a supplier to bid for the following Lot of items:

LOT ONE (1):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Catering items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Locally made Aluminum Pots (set)	Set of 1	1	17
2.	I. Manual Oven (same as Wonder stove) built with clay – 031 631003 – Mr. Turay II. Portable oven/coal pot	Pieces	1	17
3.	Sets of Assorted Cooking Spoons, both wooden and metal: I. Flat spoons, II. Dip spoons, III. Perforated Frying spoons IV. Mixing spoons	Sets of 2	1	17
4.	Sets of Assorted kitchen Knives	Set of 1	1	17
5.	Local Assorted cake baking pans (round, square, heart shaped)	Set of 1	1	17
6.	Serving Tray (Aluminum big size)	Pieces	2	17
7.	Frying Pan (Aluminum)	Pieces	1	17
8.	Big Chopping Board	Pieces	1	17
9.	Hand Cake Mixer – Aluminum	Pieces	1	17
10.	Cake Decorating Set: I. Piping tube and tips II. Turntable – is use during piping III. Cake knife IV. Fondant cutter (like a wheel) V. Cake Spatula	Set of 1	1	17
11.	Rolling Pin (Board)	Pieces	1	17
12.	Fouting	Pieces	1	17
13.	Plastic Table	Pieces	1	17
14.	Food Warmer (set) OR Coolman	Pieces	1	17
15.	Blender - normal blending			

LOT TWO (2):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Hairdressing items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Plastic stools – (Low and High)	Pieces	1	9
2.	Handheld Hair Dryer – (Medium size electric)	Pieces	1	9
3.	Hairdresser Mirror – (Big size)	Pieces	1	9
4.	Stretching Comb	Pieces	1	9
5.	Curling Pin	Pieces	1	9
6.	Flatter (Electric)	Pieces	1	9
7.	Rollers – (Assorted)	Pkts	3	9
8.	Hair for Braiding (Expression) Assorted	Pkts	4	9

9.	Weavons Assorted	Pieces	3	9
10.	Wool	Roll	1	9
11.	Mannequin Head/ Dummy Head	Pieces	1	9
12.	Perming Kits: I. Perming cream, II. Vaseline, III. Comb, IV. Styling gel, V. Oil sheen,	Set of 1	1	9
13.	Big Weavon Needle	Pkts	1	9
14.	Scissors (small size)	Set of 2	1	9
15.	Black Weavon Threads	Pkts	1	9
16.	Assorted Hair Exits	Pieces	1	9
17.	Foot Spar – (A bowl that feet of pedicure customers are placed for the purpose of washing them with chemical).	Pieces	1	9

LOT THREE (3):

Skills Centre Start-up Kits Listing Information				
Sn	Description of Tailoring items	Unit of measurement	No. of item per student	Quantity
1.	Pedal Butterfly Sewing Machine	Pieces	1	34
2.	Machine needles	Box	1	34
3.	Machine oil	Can	1	34
4.	Shuttle	Pieces	3	34
5.	Riller	Pieces	5	34
6.	Charcoal pressing IRON	Pieces	1	34
7.	Tape Measure	Pieces	1	34
8.	Pair of Scissors	Pieces	1	34
9.	Hand needle	Box	1	34
10.	Needle clap	Pieces	3	34
11.	Wax Cotton Material	Pieces of 12 yards	1	34
12.	Poplin Material	Roll	1	34
13.	Sticker	Roll	1	34
14.	Assorted Threads	Pkt of 12pcs	1	34
15.	High Stool	Pieces	1	34

1. Bidders should quote for above item in Leones, Bids will be evaluated, and contract will be awarded to the Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria.
2. The selected supplier should supply 100% of the goods within 2 (two) weeks after receiving the purchase order.
3. Payment will be done within 2 (two) weeks after 100% supply of goods is received with, invoice, and delivery note.

3 This requirement is for National bidders only

- "A Certified True Copy of a Valid Business Registration/Renewal Certificate
- "A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)
- "A Certified True Copy of National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) clearance certificate
- "Valid Municipal/Local Council license

4. Bids must be sent in either hard or soft copies. Hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Procurement Committee
ActionAid Sierra Leone Head Office
97c Wilkinson Road, Off Thompson Bay
Church Yard Junction
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Soft copies can be submitted to AASL's procurement committee with

Email: procurement.aasl@actionaid.org

Bids must be delivered to the above address on or before **3PM Wednesday 23rd November 2022**.

Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or representatives at the above address on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Head Office ActionAid Sierra Leone – 97 Wilkinson Road; Church Yard – Freetown.

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Fix No.	Sales Close	Competition	Home Team	Away Team	1/1 (1)	1/X (2)	1/2 (3)	X/1 (4)	X/X (5)	X/2 (6)	2/1 (7)	2/X (8)	2/2 (9)
1	8/5/2022 13:55	Romania 2	UNIREA SLOBOZIA	12 v 14 FCM BAIA MARE	2.35	14.00	45.00	4.00	4.90	8.80	23.00	15.00	7.00
2	8/5/2022 15:40	Italy Cup	CAGLIARI	0 v 0 PERUGIA	2.85	16.00	50.00	4.40	4.60	8.20	29.00	16.00	6.80
3	8/5/2022 15:55	Poland	FKS STAL MIELEC	5 v 2 CRACOVIA	5.20	14.00	29.00	7.00	4.70	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.35
4	8/5/2022 15:55	Denmark	RANDERS FC	7 v 3 HORSENS	2.80	15.00	45.00	4.60	4.80	8.60	27.00	15.00	6.60
5	8/5/2022 15:55	Romania	UNIVERSITATEA CLUJ	13 v 15 PETROLUL	3.70	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.20	6.40	35.00	15.00	5.00
6	8/5/2022 15:55	Italy Cup	UDINESE	0 v 0 FERALPISALO	1.79	22.00	99.00	3.60	7.00	18.00	25.00	23.00	15.00
7	8/5/2022 16:25	Bundesliga 2	GREUTHER FURTH	15 v 18 KARLSRUHER	2.49	15.00	40.00	4.70	6.20	9.60	23.00	15.00	6.60
8	8/5/2022 16:25	Bundesliga 2	SANDHAUSEN	10 v 3 FORTUNA DUSSELDORF	4.70	14.00	28.00	6.80	5.00	5.60	35.00	14.00	3.45
9	8/5/2022 17:55	Denmark	LYNGBY	10 v 5 MIDTJYLLAND	7.00	16.00	23.00	9.60	5.80	4.50	45.00	15.00	2.49
10	8/5/2022 17:55	Croatia	VARAZDIN	8 v 1 DINAMO ZAGREB	12.00	20.00	22.00	16.00	7.40	3.85	80.00	20.00	1.85
11	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland	HEERENVEEN	16 v 17 SPARTA ROTTERDAM	3.00	15.00	45.00	4.80	5.00	8.20	29.00	16.00	6.40
12	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	DEN BOSCH	4 v 6 FC EINDHOVEN	4.90	14.00	25.00	7.40	5.60	5.20	35.00	14.00	3.15
13	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	DORDRECHT	5 v 16 RODA	8.40	17.00	20.00	13.00	7.80	4.30	50.00	17.00	2.02
14	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	HERACLES	8 v 1 ADO DEN HAAG	2.65	15.00	40.00	4.70	5.80	8.60	23.00	15.00	6.20
15	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	BREDA	14 v 7 HELMOND	1.95	18.00	70.00	4.00	7.00	14.00	22.00	19.00	11.00
16	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	TOP OSS	17 v 11 JONG UTRECHT	3.00	14.00	35.00	5.20	5.80	7.60	24.00	14.00	5.20
17	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	VENLO	19 v 2 ALMERE CITY	4.40	13.00	25.00	7.00	5.60	5.80	30.00	13.00	3.35
18	8/5/2022 17:55	Holland 2	WILLEM II	20 v 12 JONG PSV	2.28	16.00	45.00	4.30	6.60	10.00	22.00	17.00	7.40
19	8/5/2022 17:55	Slovenia 2	TRIGLAV KRANJ	13 v 16 PRIMORJE AJDOVSCINA	1.94	16.00	60.00	3.65	5.80	12.00	21.00	17.00	9.20
20	8/5/2022 17:55	Hungary	VASAS	9 v 1 PAKSI	3.80	13.00	30.00	6.00	5.20	6.40	28.00	13.00	4.20
21	8/5/2022 17:55	Turkey	ISTANBULSPOR AS	13 v 18 TRABZONSPOR	7.40	15.00	25.00	9.80	5.20	4.50	50.00	15.00	2.50
22	8/5/2022 18:10	Switzerland 2	XAMAX	10 v 1 YVERDON-SPORT	3.95	14.00	28.00	6.20	5.40	6.20	29.00	14.00	3.90
23	8/5/2022 18:10	Switzerland 2	THUN	9 v 6 AARAU	3.45	14.00	27.00	6.00	6.20	6.60	25.00	14.00	4.10
24	8/5/2022 18:25	Poland	LEGIA WARSZAWA	7 v 17 PIAST GLIWICE	3.00	15.00	45.00	4.70	4.70	7.80	28.00	15.00	6.20
25	8/5/2022 18:25	Poland 2	ODRA OPOLE	18 v 3 WISLA KRAKOW	5.20	14.00	27.00	6.60	4.30	4.40	40.00	14.00	3.00
26	8/5/2022 18:25	Bundesliga	EINTRACHT FRANKFURT	7 v 3 BAYERN MUNICH	9.20	18.00	20.00	14.00	8.80	4.50	60.00	18.00	1.96
27	8/5/2022 18:25	Slovakia	TRENCLIN	12 v 7 MICHALOVCE	2.60	13.00	35.00	4.50	5.20	7.60	22.00	13.00	5.40
28	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland	DUNDALK	2 v 3 DERRY CITY	3.75	14.00	35.00	5.40	4.60	6.40	30.00	15.00	4.70
29	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	CORK CITY FC	1 v 9 ATHLONE TOWN	1.41	27.00	99.00	3.30	9.40	26.00	21.00	26.00	20.00
30	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	GALWAY UNITED FC	2 v 6 WEXFORD FC	1.92	16.00	50.00	3.75	6.40	11.00	19.00	17.00	8.40
31	8/5/2022 18:40	Ireland 2	TREATY UNITED	5 v 3 WATERFORD FC	7.20	15.00	21.00	9.60	5.60	3.95	45.00	14.00	2.17
32	8/5/2022 18:40	Scotland Championship	QUEENS PARK	6 v 8 AYR UNITED	3.75	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.40	6.20	35.00	15.00	4.90
33	8/5/2022 18:40	Championship	BIRMINGHAM	14 v 19 HUDDERSFIELD	4.10	15.00	40.00	5.60	4.50	6.40	35.00	15.00	4.80
34	8/5/2022 18:40	Belgium	CLUB BRUGGE	8 v 7 WAREGEM	1.61	24.00	99.00	3.80	9.40	22.00	22.00	24.00	16.00
35	8/5/2022 18:55	Ireland	FINN HARPS	10 v 8 DROGHEDA UNITED	3.50	15.00	40.00	5.20	4.70	6.60	30.00	15.00	5.00
36	8/5/2022 18:55	Premier League	CRYSTAL PALACE	7 v 2 ARSENAL	7.20	16.00	26.00	9.40	5.40	4.60	50.00	16.00	2.70
37	8/5/2022 18:55	France League 1	LYON	9 v 1 AC AJACCIO	1.85	22.00	90.00	3.90	7.60	17.00	24.00	22.00	14.00
38	8/5/2022 18:55	Italy Cup	LECCE	0 v 0 CITTADELLA	2.31	17.00	60.00	4.00	5.40	11.00	26.00	18.00	8.80
39	8/5/2022 19:10	Portugal	BENFICA	2 v 1 AROUCA	1.52	30.00	99.00	3.45	8.80	29.00	27.00	30.00	25.00
40	8/5/2022 19:10	Italy Cup	SAMPDORIA	0 v 0 REGGINA	2.04	19.00	80.00	3.75	5.80	14.00	26.00	20.00	12.00

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Invitation for Bids

Ministry of Health and Sanitation

Proposed Construction of Perimeter Fence to 301.44 Acres Land at Kerry Town, Western Rural

Procurement Number: MoHS/CMO/KERRY/ICB/2022/004

Date of First Issue: 7th November, 2022

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation has received funds from the Government of Sierra Leone has allocated funds for the Proposed Construction of Perimeter Fence to 301.44 Acres Land at Kerry Town, Western Rural and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for:-

Bidding is open to all Contractors who can demonstrate the following:-

- Ministry of Works Registration Certificate, Premier Class only or its equivalent in foreign Countries
- For International Bidders; Joint Venture with a local Construction Company is a must

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NLe 1,000.00 (One Thousand New Leones) or its equivalent "in United States Dollars" at the following Bank Accounts as stipulated by the National Public Procurement Authority:-

1. Bank: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Number: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 000001011100398165
2. Bank: Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 003001081791112183
3. Bank: Union Trust Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863
4. Bank: Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name: NPPA–Revenue from the sale of Bidding Documents
Account Number: 0111003981
BBAN: 002001002101242863

The Receipt of payment must be submitted to the Accounts Section of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation for issuance of an Official Receipt for onward transmission to the Procurement Unit, for issuance of Bidding Document(s).

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 11th November, 2022 at 12:00 noon. All bids must be accompanied by:

- q A valid Business registration certificate;
- q Bid Security of NLe 700,000.00 (Seven Hundred Thousand New Leones) or its equivalent "in United States Dollars" from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A Line of Credit from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- q A valid NRA Tax clearance certificate;
- q A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- q Municipal/Local Council License Certificate for Sierra Leone Company (s)
- q Audited Financial Statement from a reputable Audit Firm for the past three (3) years;
- q List of contract performed of similar nature with completion certificates or contracts;
- q A Signed Integrity Pact;

Bids will be publicly opened on Friday 11th November, 2022 in the Conference Room at 12:00 noon in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

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CONCORD TIMES SPORTS



FIFA President mourns with SLFA

President of world football us."

governing body, FIFA, Gianni Infantino mourns with Sierra Leone Football Association over the death of former senior National Team Manager, Eric Lansana.

In his condolence message, the FIFA President stated: "I would like to express my sincerest and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Eric Lansana. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel for this loss.

Former Sierra Leone National Team Manager and Technical Director of Bo Rangers FC, will be remembered for his tremendous commitment and remarkable contribution to the development of the sport that unites

"Great sportsman and football personality, known for his engagement and passion, his legacy and trajectory on and off the pitch will not be forgotten, and he will be truly missed," he stated.

"On behalf of the international football community, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Sierra Leone Football Association, and, most importantly, to Eric's family, friends and loved ones. Our thoughts are with all of you."

The FIFA boss added: "We hope that, in some way, our words of support may help bring a little peace and solace in this time".



Gabon lines-up Sierra Leone & Niger friendly



Gabon national could line up a double-friendly International against Sierra Leone and Niger.

According to a report from beIN Sports, after two missed windows in March and then in September, the Panthers of Gabon will play two

friendly matches during this month against Sierra Leone and Niger.

"Patrice Neveu, the coach unveiled his group. We find the main part of the group which disputed the CAN 2021 in Cameroon," beIN Sports reported.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who

retired from international football Boupenda. On the other hand, no and Mario Lemina, who also put the Bruno Ecuele Manga." selection on hold will miss out.

The Panthers will face Sierra Leone and Niger respectively on November 17 and 20 at a team camp in there, as are Denis Bouanga and Antalya, Turkey other Jim Allevinah or Aaron