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PERSONAL GLIMPSES

By: Winstanley, R. Bankole, Johnson

If it was only last Wednesday 8th December that Mr. Adrian Fischer was "approved and confirmed" by Parliament as a High Court Judge, then I feel terribly ashamed for my country because it logically follows that for as long as he had been presiding as such within the Judicature of Sierra Leone prior to that substantive Parliamentary "approval and confirmation", he had been doing so irregularly. To me it was belated, like putting the proverbial "Cart before a Horse".

And my boldness to so assert stems from my reliance on Sec. 135 (2) of our National Constitution which makes it mandatory for anyone appointed to serve as a Judge of a superior Court to first subject him/herself to prior Parliamentary scrutiny and approval. There is no exception or exemption to that constitutional prerequisite. None at all!! Not even Sec. 136 (3) which clearly qualifies the latitude for appointment of Judges under Sec. 135 (3) or as Acting Judges that in Sec. 136 (2) are restricted only to persons qualified for appointment as a Judge and/or that has retired from that position. Cumbersome? Not quite!!

Thus the Parliamentary "confirmation and approval" of Mr. Adrian Fischer on 8th December as a substantive High Court Judge spoke to a few things that should be worrisome for our country and among which are:

1. That the principle of separation of powers guaranteed by our Constitution do not appear to exist in the polity this country anymore. Otherwise neither the Hon. Chief Justice (CJ) who provided a Court for Mr. Fischer to have begun presiding within his judicature, nor the Speaker and Members of Parliament would ever have allowed him to have either commenced and/or continue presiding as one for over two years unchallenged, and without first guiding the Executive to that sacred constitutional prerequisite for his prior Parliamentary "confirmation and approval".

PUTTING A CART BEFORE A HORSE

approval".

2. By not so guiding the President on (1) above, the Hon. CJ and Speaker of Parliament and MPs and the Anti-Corruption Commissioner were complicit to a major Constitutional breach. And vicariously, the same complicity applies to General Legal Council and the ACC Commissioner as well as to those purporting to be representing the voices of the voiceless (Civil Societies groups including Inter-Religious outfits) and worst of all the Sierra Leone Bar Association), for not living up to their responsibilities of holding the establishment to account.

Nullity

Can one not now safely conclude that all matters presided upon by the said Mr. Adrian Fischer up to his "confirmation and approval" to sit as a substantive Judge of the High Court prior to Wednesday 8th December could be challenged on grounds of "nullity"? Because insofar as our Constitution requires, he had been doing so irregularly. That is to say "acting as a regular High Court Judge" when technically he wasn't constitutionally one "confirmed and approved" by Parliament.

I am given to understand (and verily believe) Mr. Adrian Fischer may not be the only Judge to have been presiding as a High Court Judge without prior parliamentary "confirmation and approval". I can also very well recall a Minister or two commencing duties straight from after their appointments and oath taking before the President without prior parliamentary scrutiny and approval. I have written copiously on this gaffe in the past, but no one seem to care a hoot about such a serious constitutional anomaly as aforesaid; neither the Rt. Hon. Speaker, nor the MPs that are supposed to be protecting our interests, nor the General Legal Council or the ACC Commissioner, nor those purporting to be representing the

voices of the voiceless (Civil Societies groups including Inter-Religious outfits and worst of all the Sierra Leone Bar Association).

One reason that to me made the belated 8th December parliamentary "confirmation and approval" of Mr. Fischer irksome is that the Parliamentary Communications Department Presser was categorical in that it was not retroactive, but fresh. Meaning anyone is now free to seriously question and possibly seek leave of the Hon. CJ for a revisit and pursue an annulment of all rulings delivered by Mr. Fischer prior to his parliamentary "approval and confirmations" on 8th December, whether or not they impact the APC or its memberships and or affiliates.

Co-ordinates

To seasoned politicians adding up the co-ordinates of events in the days prior, Mr. Fischer's "confirmation and approval" by a Parliament comprising vociferous/vibrant opposition APC MPs with the swiftness of a hot knife passing through melted butter came as no surprise. First there was his public remonstrations and conviction (albeit suspended) of Peter Conteh. Then followed his subsequent public chastisement of the lead ACC Prosecutor Mantsebo in the NY Chancery Building saga to close his case involving the lead 2023 APC Presidential aspirant Dr. Samura Kamara - Pronto. Against those backdrops also emerged a consensual but rather distracting clamour of threats by MPs to block all debates (including on the Financial Appropriation Bill that incidentally includes approval and payments of "Severance Benefits" for all Presidential Appointees by 31st March 2022, and of course the pending debates on confirmation of appointments hearings) unless and until their own "welfare issues" were satisfactorily addressed. Given the fact that no one receives Parliamentary summons for

confirmation hearings on the night before, Mr. Fischer's pending confirmation appearance should have come as no surprise to anyone. Are you seeing the co-ordinates now?

But whether or not those seemingly swift placating about-turns by Mr. Fischer were intended as ground softeners for his pending confirmation hearing, or that the threats by MPs were to elicit a Quid-Pro-Quo (something for something) from the government, they tend to lend credence to convictions of the Africanist Press that for the greater part of their incumbencies, our MPs would seem to prioritize their own welfare over and above those of the people they purport to be representing. A clear testimony to that was that no one in the "Well" of Parliament dared to question the nominee on what basis he had been presiding as a High Court Judge (and even occasionally empanelled to sit on the Appellate Bench) for over two years, without their prior parliamentary "confirmation and approval" even as a substantive High Court Judge.

With our next multi-tiered elections barely six months away, I am aware that this would (as usual) all sound like pouring water on a duck's back. This is because most of our MPs will certainly not be returning to the "Well". Rather unfortunately and as in the past, all previous crop of MPs have been branded much worse than their precursors. So as we await the epitaph of the present crop of MPs constituting the 5th Parliamentary Session of this Republic, it behooves us all to choose our next crop of MPs wisely and discretely too, to ensure that those we elect do not prioritize the advantages of rank and fortune above service and integrity, but would rather always have the fortitude not necessarily to be confrontational with, but where necessary to be punctiliously guiding the Executive into a strict observance of Constitutionality and the Rule of Law.

RSLAF committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all in the military

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Colonel I. Bangura was reacting to publication run by Concord Times in which the RSLAF was accused of discriminating against women soldiers deployed in peace keeping operations, claiming that they are given fewer opportunities than their male counterparts.

Speaking to Concord Times at the Ministry of Defense, State Avenue in Freetown, Colonel I. Bangura said the RSLAF has been striving so much to ensure gender equality in the army to the extent that, they recently appointed one female officer to sit as a member of the Ministry of Defense-RSLAF decision making committee and also effected the appointment of one female Officer as a Battalion Second - in-Command, to bring women into senior leadership positions.

He said the RSLAF is creating more training opportunities for women than their male counterparts, so that they could possess the required capacity to hold leadership positions in the army. He cited the one hundred percent

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recruitment of women in the army as a way of bridging the gap and ensures that more women are recruited to occupy leadership positions.

Meanwhile, a Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) assessment was done to examine RSLAF's ability to deploy women and ensure their meaningful participation in UN peace keeping operations.

After the assessment, a report was released in which it was recommended that RSLAF establish positive measures to promote women's inclusion and reinforce their performance through courses and trainings that facilitate access to promotions.

The report also suggests that RLSAF conduct a gendered needs assessment, develop spaces, facilities, policies for nursing mothers and pregnant women and address the specific health challenges of women, which is making their retention difficult.



Lt. General Peter K. Lavahun, Chief of Defense Staff, RSLAF



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LOCAL NEWS

By: Mustapha Momoh

The Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (SLANGO) has in their Annual General Meeting (AGM) elected a new board to continue with the mandate of the association.

The meeting which was convened at the Bank Complex Kingtom, Freetown from the 6th -7th December, 2022 brought together members from across the International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO) and the National Non-Governmental Organisations (NNGO)

Mr. Christian Martyn Kamara, the National General Secretary (NGS) of YMCA Sierra Leone was elected as the Chairman of the Board and Sybil Bailor of CODE Sierra Leone elected as his deputy.

Other members of the board include; Saidu Kanu (World Hope International- INGO member, Stefano Temporin (Welthungerhilfe) -INGO member, Patrick Osede Analo (Save the Children International) -INGO member, Abdulai Deadehwa Swaray (Pikin in Pikin Movement) -NNGO, Haja Kaday Sesay (Climate Change Environment and Forest Conservation Consortium Sierra Leone (CEFCON) -NNGO member, Francis Anthony Reffell

(CODOHSAPA) -NNGO member, Abubakarr G. Sillah (Fruitful Health Care, SL) -NNGO member and, Edward John Yokie-Acting National Coordinator, SLANGO.

Before he was elected Chairman, Mr Christian M. Kamara served as the Treasurer for SLANGO Board for 1 year, during which he was able to dispense his mandate with dedication and diligence. His election is seen by the NGO community as a reward for his diligent service, with the hope that he shall continue to lead the NGO community towards a prosperous future.

Mr. Kamara is a veteran in the NGO space, having worked in the sector since 2001.

Following multiple successes and ground-breaking developments with the Sierra Leone YMCA, Mr Kamara was appointed the Zonal Coordinator of West African YMCAs. This appointment from the African Alliance of YMCAs (AAYMCA) gave him oversight over the various National YMCA movements within West Africa.

Commenting on the election, Mr Kamara shared his excitement over his victory. However, he was also

Financial Secretary elected member of the ICC Committee on budget and finance

During the eight plenary meeting of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court held on 9th December 2022 at the World Forum Centre, in the Hague (the Netherlands), Sahr Lahai Jusu (Sierra Leone's Financial Secretary) was elected as a member of the Court's Committee on Budget and Finance, to serve the term jointly with Jasleen Chaona Chiremba (Malawi).

Mr. Jusu is the third Sierra Leonean elected to a senior role at the ICC in three years, following the election of Justice Miatta Maria Samba as Judge of the Court in 2020, and Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Yillah as a member (Vice Chair) of the Executive Board of the Court's Trust Fund for Victims in 2021.

The nomination, election and/or appointment of Sierra Leoneans in the international system was a key campaign commitment made by His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio of the Republic of Sierra Leone in 2018. This commitment has been reflected as part of the "Strengthening external relations for integration" chapter in the Sierra Leone's Medium-term National Development Plan 2019-2023, where the President Bio led Government committed itself to "mobilize and encourage nationals to work in regional and international bodies".

In nominating Mr. Jusu for the one seat allocated to the African States Parties on the election of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Government of Sierra Leone expressed the view that Mr. Jusu's



competence, qualifications, and prior experience, among others, at various regional and multilateral financial institutions, and being the Government's principal adviser on economic and financial matters make him valuable in advancing the principles, objectives, and values of the Rome Statute. He has the requisite competence as required of the Committee, and his nomination and election is consistent with the overall commitment of Sierra Leone to the ICC and its effective and efficient discharge of its important mandate.

The Committee on Budget and Finance examines the financial, budgetary and administrative documents submitted by the ICC to the Assembly of State Parties as part of the Court's annual budget review. It was established in 2002 by consensus to provide an appropriate mechanism for the budgetary and financial review and monitoring of the resources of the ICC.

The Committee examines and makes recommendations on the proposed program budget that the Court requests to fulfil for its prosecutorial, judicial and organizational functions, and meet its obligations to defendants

SLANGO elects new board



Christian Martyn Kamara, Board Chairman

quick to acknowledge that the honour was a responsibility that he was prepared to execute diligently. He assured the NGO community of his absolute commitment and desire to lead the community to higher heights. "First of all, I must say thank you to God for this immense honour. It is He that has given me the life, energy, and wisdom to come this far, I thank him and praise Him. At the same time, I understand that even though this is an honour, it is also a responsibility – a big one for that matter. I look

forward to serving this great community with all my energy and skills and I pledge to respond to the call of the community whenever I am called upon. I count on the collaboration of my fellow leaders and all members to enable us to work together to uplift our organisation. God bless us all," he stated.

SLANGO is a union of all NGOs working in Sierra Leone. Established in 1994, the group works together to advocate for and improve the access and impact of NGOs in Sierra Leone.

Private sector urges cashless system to eradicate corruption

By Musa K. Baidina



Kofi Macauley

A representative from the private sector, Kofi Macauley, in his statement at the commemoration of the International Anti-corruption day on the 9th December 2022, recommended that in order to fight corruption, government should consider adopting a cashless system.

Macauley added that a cashless

system will help in making sure that traces are made to catch corrupt officials.

He also urged Vice President Dr. Mohamed Juldeh Jalloh on the need for a resilient private sector with a defined regulatory framework to minimize and reduce corruption by public officials and private players. He noted that the private and public officials have the responsibility not to be involved in corrupt practices.

He applauded the Anti-Corruption Commission for their progress in the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) corruption score card from 49% in 2017 to 79% in 2022.

He expressed his gratitude to the president and his government and the Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption for their efforts in the fight against corruption.

He offered recommendations which involved result based financing, bridging the gap which would imply conducting grade assessment within the jurisdiction to revitalize the economy, streamlining transparent processes for MDAs.

and victims. The final annual ICC budget is then agreed upon by the State Parties during the ASP. The Committee meets twice annually.

Mr Jusu serves as Africa Borrowers' Representative on the World Bank

IDA Committee on Resource Mobilization and Allocation.

The committee recently announced in Japan US\$93 Billion financing for 74 low income countries.



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LOCAL NEWS

Kenema District Council hands over markets in Blama and Tongo

The Kenema District Council on December 13th, in the presence of the European Union Delegation to Sierra Leone, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs and the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, officially handed over new market stalls facilities to serve the critical needs of farmers, petty traders and the communities to support the socio-economic development of Blama and Tongo communities in Kenema District.

The European Union-funded newly constructed market stalls will benefit approximately two thousand people, particularly women and farmers who depend on small agri-businesses for their livelihoods. This investment also will significantly provide security for their businesses, increase the incomes of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and smallholder farmers, improve sanitation and safety with the WASH facility, and boost the revenue generation capacity of the district council.

"The construction of markets in Blama and Tongo through the funding support of the European Union underscores the relevance of decentralized service delivery and local governance. These are strategic interventions to leverage local economic development and livelihood support to women and youths across the district. We, therefore, remain grateful to the European Union Commission for promoting decentralization and local development in Sierra Leone.", said Mr. Mohamed Amadu



In Kenema: Local Government minister cuts the tape to the facility while the EU chief and officials of the Kenema District Council participate



The newly built market stalls

Sesay, Chairman Kenema District Council.

The handing-over ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Sierra Leone's Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs, Hon. Tamba Lamina, the Deputy Minister of Economic Planning and Development, Hon. Dr. Robert Chakanda, Chairman of Kenema District Council, Mohamed Amadu Sesay, Deputy Chief Administrator, Patrick Jakema, Head of Cooperation of the European Union Delegation to Sierra Leone, Gerald Hatler, Government officials, development partners, traditional and local authorities and women and youth groups, including hundreds of beneficiaries.

The development of markets is one of the EU-funded investments in Kenema District that is part of the Support to Civil

Society and Local Authorities for local development in Sierra Leone programme. Other EU contributions towards the economic and social development of Kenema District include the construction of a funeral home in Small Bo Chiefdom, a multipurpose hall, drying floors and sheds for giant milling machines, and the rehabilitation of feeder roads, culverts and bridges, in line with the District Development Plan.

Before the construction of the facilities, traders in these communities used to sell their products in temporary makeshift structures along the highway, posing severe risks to the health and safety of traders and motorists. The new infrastructure will increase accessibility to market trading and promote economic opportunities for local traders, who are primarily women. This focus greatly

supports the national development agenda of the Government of Sierra Leone and the EU's goal of economic and gender equality. The market facilities will also protect produce and other perishable goods from inclement weather. Furthermore, the facilities will generate revenue to support the Kenema District Council in support of decentralization and the provision of critical social services to the local population.

Through this programme, the EU has funded the construction of additional market facilities in Falaba, Kambia, Karene, Bombali, and Pujehun District. The market projects are just one example of the EU's support to developing Sierra Leone's infrastructure to enhance effective service delivery by district councils, promote local development and support decentralization efforts.

Independent mayoral candidate supports cleaning of Dove Cutt market

By Jeneba A Conteh



An independent candidate for the position of Mayor of the Freetown City Council (FCC), Madam Seray Kabba, has commenced a cleaning exercise at Dove Cutt market on Sunday, December 11 2022.

The cleaning exercise is also expected to target the Bombay Street Market, Kroo Town Road Market and Congo Market, among several others.

Chairman, Dove Cutt Youth Organization, Alhaji Mohamed Kamara, said the move made by Madam Seray Kabba was a step in the right direction, adding that with support from people like Madam Seray Kabba and other well-meaning Sierra Leoneans, it will be far more better for them because most people don't just come to sell their goods, but also stay in the community,

Abass Kabba, Western Area Coordinator for Madam Seray Kabba said the gesture was a manifestation of Madam Kabba's interest in and care for her people, noting that she had also embarked on several laudable ventures in the past.

He noted that Dove Cutt community was full of filth and for Madam Seray, it is part of her job to be conducting cleaning exercise in Sierra Leone.

He continues that the cleaning exercise was fully funded by the independent mayoral candidate, adding that the cleaning exercise comprises twenty-seven youth groups from the Dove Cutt community, with a lot of logistical support.

He said they will be cleaning all the major markets in Freetown as they

believe that cleaning and development are part of their priority areas.

He encouraged every Sierra Leonean to give Madam Seray a chance for better Sierra Leone come 2033 election.

Madam Seray Kabba, who is a Sierra Leonean based in the United States, said she is a humanitarian and founder of the Seray Kabba Children Empowerment and the Magazine, Piken Foundation.

She said her foundation has been supporting children for the past ten years with over two thousand children benefiting from educational material supplies.

She said that was not the first cleaning exercise she had embarked on and that she has been doing it for the past years.

She noted that while she was in Freetown she observed that the various market communities were very unkept, adding that she was raised at the Dove Cutt community and that market women have been calling on her for help, to enable them embark on cleaning exercise.

Madam Kabba said the cleaning exercise meant a lot to her because the Dove Cutt community where she was raised, was very un-kept and not good for humans, hence she vied for the position of mayor so that she could save the community from disease outbreak.

Madam Seray said she decided to be an independent candidate because the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) and the All People's Congress (APC) have failed the nation for decades with a lot of unfulfilled promises.

She said she didn't believe in any of them, that is why she has been doing her thing in her own way.

She said she just needed a bigger space to complete her intentions for all-loving Sierra Leoneans and that she wanted to change the city of Freetown once again to the good old days.

She further stated that she will be in Freetown come next year to intensify her campaign and talk to all Sierra Leoneans as to why they should choose her as mayor of Freetown.

She said people should believe in her as she will be working with the people of Freetown and pledged to beautify Freetown once she is elected mayor.

No price increase on the sale of passport -Net-page

According to the management of Net-page Sierra Leone, there has been no increase in price on the sale of passport to Sierra Leoneans, but an adjustment of the dollar rate since the contract was awarded.

They noted that even though the dollar rate was skyrocketing, Net-page as a company had been so much considerate to Sierra Leoneans. The company further stated that it is not by their making and that the increase in the dollar rate has affected

businesses including the sale of fuel and other commodities.

They maintained that as a company they would make sure Sierra Leoneans continue to enjoy the good working relationship with Net-page even though there are challenges along the way.

They said that even though the dollar rate was well above the local rate, they made sure that they gave quality service to the people by selling the passport at a rate below \$100, equivalent to Sierra Leone's local currency (One million, three hundred thousand old Leones).



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LOCAL NEWS

By Yusufu S. Bangura

Assistant Director at the Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs, Anita Esther Momoh has told journalists and tricycle riders that they wanted to end violence against women and girls.

She made the above statement on Saturday 10th December during the end of the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence (GBV).

To mark the end the 16 days of activism, the ministry organised a float parade which started at Cotton Tree and ended at the Siaka Steven Stadium in Freetown where 80 tricycle riders were targeted to preach against GBV.

The theme for this year's celebration was 'Unite! Activism to end violence against women and girls.'

"We are sending messages out there for people to end violence against women and girls, to end rape against women, to end the traditional norms we have over the years when it comes to women and girls. We also want to see our Keke riders as male champions campaigning against gender issues," she said.

She said with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) they engaged the tricycle riders to commemorate the 16 days of activism which started on 25th November and ended 10th December, for the elimination of violence against women and girls over the year.

Madam Momoh said the 16 Days of Activism campaign provides an important platform each year to focus the world's attention on their common goal of ending violence against women and girls.

"With funding from UNFPA, we thought it fit to engage our men when it comes to Gender Based Violence because most of the times they are saying that gender issues are only for women. And it is against that backdrop we engaged them to change the narrative," she said.

She continued that tricycle riders are some of the people that have been left behind when it comes to

Sixteen days of activism: Gender Ministry poised to end violence against women & girls



campaign issues, so as a ministry they don't want to leave anyone behind, thus they have urged the riders to take the non-violence messages to their various communities.

She further said they conducted three-day training for riders across the country on gender and sexual based violation because there was need for them to engage the riders when it comes to violation as most of them didn't know the law.

She added that the ministry found out that people are mostly not aware that they violate the law because they don't have knowledge about GBV issues; therefore they trained them to build their capacity on gender issues for them to carry the correct messages.

Speaking on behalf of tricycle riders, Central District Chairman for the riders, Alhaji S. Kamara, thanked his colleagues for being part of the float parade which was an important event for them because they too wanted to preach about gender based violence.

He further advised them not to use violence against women and girls and asked them to implement what they have learnt from the three days training so that they will not come into conflict with the law.



Assistant Director at the Ministry of Gender speaking to keke riders & journalists

"I want all men to know that women are our mothers, sisters and wives, so we should not use violence against them. But rather we should always respect them no matter the condition they found themselves. I am also calling on everyone to play their role in ending violence against women and girls, show support and solidarity to women's rights activists and to resist the rollback on women's rights," he said.

Other speakers at program included the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Chief Director, Deputy Chief Director, Deputy Director of Gender.

They also addressed gatherings at the various locations including Rokupa, Stadium and Aberdeen

roundabout in Freetown.

The Permanent Secretary- Zainab Buya-Kamara, pinpoints the importance of the sixteen days activism, stating that the ministry will stand at nothing to ensure that gender based violence is eradicated. Chief Director, Joseph Sunday Sinnah, emphasised the ministry's cooperation with partners to ensure that women and girls are accorded equal treatment in Sierra Leone.

On his part, Deputy Chief Director of the ministry, Charles Vandi said the ministry has come a long way in ensuring equal opportunities for women and girls through the formulation of several policies which are being implemented as boost to women and girls.



Central District Chairman for Keke riders advising his colleagues



Some of the riders listening to various speakers during the event



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Kenya celebrates 59th anniversary as a republic



Thousands of people gathered at Nairobi's Nyayo National Stadium to attend the military parade. - Copyright © africanews Cleared Twitter @WilliamsRuto, Kenya's 5th President of the Republic

Kenya celebrated 59 years of independence from British colonial rule on Monday (Dec. 12).

Kenya's fifth president, William Ruto, paid homage to those who helped free Kenya from British colonialism nearly six decades ago as heroic defenders of the country's "sovereignty".

Speaking in Nairobi, Ruto said independence had brought many achievements and much progress to the country.

"The sixth decade of our independence, we can proudly cite many achievements and impressive progress made through our own consistent efforts as evidence that our freedom struggle was neither an empty political adventure nor a reactionary born of idle

resentment," he said.

"We gather as a nation to commune with our forefathers who were long suffering innocent victims of imperial plunder and colonial oppression, yet also heroic defenders of inalienable sovereignty and valiant fighters of our freedom," he added.

Ruto said Kenya was consistent in peacekeeping missions to ensure security and stability in Africa.

"We are proud of Kenya's consistent record of leadership to advance the cause of peace, cohesion, security and stability in our region. Under various regional and continental frameworks and with the support of international partners, we are deploying our position as a regional anchor state for the benefit of our neighbours and region," Ruto said.

World Cup success relieves inflation-hit Morocco



Pressed by high food and fuel prices, thousands have held protests in recent weeks. But the country's successes in Qatar appear to have calmed tensions - Copyright © africanews Luca Bruno/Copyright 2022 The AP. All rights reserved

In the Moroccan city of Sale, people are putting their worries about inflation and the high cost of living aside, in order to enjoy their country's World Cup semi-final tie against France on Wednesday. Pressed by high food and fuel prices, thousands have held protests in recent weeks.

But the country's successes in Qatar appear to have calmed tensions.

"The Moroccan team has made us forget about our problems and the high cost of living. The average citizen suffers because he does not earn enough money to live, which creates a psychological complex. We celebrated in the streets (Morocco's victory), we have forgotten everything, we have forgotten all our problems and the high cost of living. We want them to advance in this competition," said Haj Mohamed Benzahra, a 60-year-old delivery worker.

"Despite the drought and soaring prices in Morocco, when it comes to football, we must celebrate with our team," added Mounir, a shopkeeper.

Hit by the pandemic and inflation, millions of Moroccans slid back into poverty, the government's high commission for planning said in a recent report.

The kingdom has responded by expanding medical coverage, with more than 10 million low-income citizens enrolling in recent weeks.

This is the first time Morocco is playing in a World Cup semi-final.

Extra flights for fans Morocco's national airline is laying on 30 extra return flights to jet euphoric fans to Qatar for Wednesday's historic World Cup semi-final against France.

"In order to allow the many Moroccans wanting to support the national team at its peak and experience the emotion of the World Cup semi-final, Royal Air Maroc has set up an air bridge between Casablanca and Doha," the firm said in a statement on Monday. Morocco beat Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal 1-0 on Saturday, becoming the first African or Arab team to qualify for a World Cup semi-final and sparking celebrations across the Arab world.

The North African kingdom's airline called it a "historic qualification" and said jumbo jets would operate the 30 return flights leaving on Tuesday and Wednesday in time for the match.

Fans had earlier complained online of hiccups at an overcrowded airport in Casablanca, Morocco's economic capital, ahead of the Portugal clash.

Coach Walid Regragui, who took up the job just three months before the start of the tournament, has repeatedly called Moroccan supporters "the 12th member of the team".

South African innovator manufactures off-road wheelchairs

An invention by a young entrepreneur in South Africa is helping improve mobility for wheelchair users. Ernest Mongezi Majenge is known as the wheelchair doctor. He refurbishes old wheelchairs and turns them into stair friendly, off-road transportation. It takes Majenge 24 hours to put together all the parts needed for each mobility product.

"The secret of the wheelchair are the wheels. The

wheelchair has been there for years but we only changed the wheels which has star wheels. We can also transform it to have the normal circle wheels that you can use it on a flat surface. It is a two in one wheels," said Ernest Mongezi Majenge, 911 The Wheelchair Doctor

Majenge's off-road wheelchairs have already hit the international market with France being the first country to take in orders. In a years time, he hopes

Amnesty urges Senegal to tackle abuse in Koranic schools



Senegalese street children in Dakar - Copyright © africanews AFP

Many children in Senegal's Koranic schools face multiple abuses as well as financial exploitation through forced begging, Amnesty International charged Monday, as it urged Dakar to act forcefully to protect students.

In the Muslim-majority nation where religious leaders wield wide social and political influence, poor children have long been entrusted to Koranic schools, called daaras, for their education.

Amnesty said in a report that tens of thousands of students -- known as "talibes" -- "are forced to beg" as part of a system to bring teachers income.

They also suffer health problems such as malnutrition, skin diseases and often have "huge abscesses in their mouths" from unsanitary conditions and lack of care.

The students also "face abuses from some Koranic teachers and their assistants," the rights group said in the report.

Teachers told Amnesty that "shackling is a common practice, particularly for runaways, in order to prevent their escape."

Last January, a 10-year-old student died from his injuries in the central city of Touba's Lansar district after his teacher beat him for not having studied the day's lesson.

While there are no official statistics, estimates suggest there are more than 2,000 daaras with almost 200,000 talibes.

"Some 25 percent of these are thought to be forced to beg," Amnesty said, quoting a so-called mapping exercise in 2018 by the NGO Global Solidarity Initiative (GSI).?

Amnesty said forced begging amounted to trafficking

involving teachers and students not just from inside Senegal but also from neighbouring countries such as Gambia and Guinea-Bissau.

It said Senegal has passed its own laws and signed international conventions to protect children but "these regulations fail to be properly enforced due to social pressure."

A new draft law on the status of the daara that aims to incorporate the Koranic schools into the national education system faces tough opposition from some Koranic teachers who view it as "an anti-Islamic attack," Amnesty said.

"An important draft Children's Code also remains blocked due to pressure from conservative quarters," it added.?

"Faced with the suffering of many talibe children, we are calling on the authorities to take strong action by adopting the draft Children's Code and the law on the status of the 'daara,'" said

Seydi Gassama, executive director of Amnesty International's Senegal section.

Authorities have in recent years launched several operations to rescue children from the streets, including students attending the schools.

Senegalese President Macky Sall held a meeting with influential Koranic teachers last month where some urged the release of "dozens" of colleagues jailed over claims they had abused students.

One case three years ago saw several detained for chaining up truant.

Sall has promised funding for Koranic schools as well as greater recognition for teachers with Arabic language qualifications.

Guinea's ex-junta leader testifies about 2009 massacre, pleads innocence



In this file photo taken on May 11, 2015 Guinea's former military ruler Captain Moussa Dadis Camara holds a press conference from his exile place in Ouagadougou. - Copyright © africanews AHMED OUBA/AFP or licensors

Guinea's former strongman Moussa Dadis Camara denied responsibility when he took the stand Monday (Dec. 12) at a trial of former officials allegedly involved in a 2009 massacre.

Dressed in a garment of woven Burkina Faso cloth, Camara pleaded his innocence in front of a packed courtroom of several hundred people.

"If I'm here before you it's because of my patriotism otherwise I would not have agreed to come," he told the attendance.

Camara said he was sleeping during the early hours of the attack. Adding he was eventually awoken at 11 a.m. when he was then told that demonstrators had been killed.

The former captain in his fifties is one of 11 men charged for the Sept. 28, 2009 stadium attack in which security forces fired at unarmed demonstrators

protesting the junta leader's plans to run for president. The bloodbath killed 156 people and at least 109 women were raped by pro-junta forces at the rally in Conakry.

Who's to take responsibility?

At the time, Camara had been in power for almost a year.

His deposition was a key moment. Proceedings in the trial were postponed until Monday from a week ago after Camara said he was too ill to give testimony.

He is charged with "personal criminal responsibility and command responsibility".

Human rights investigators interviewed witnesses and reported that Camara's aides were at the stadium and did nothing to stop the violence. Witnesses said that the presidential guard blocked the exits and then entered the stadium and opened fire.

As commander in chief at the time, rights groups say Camara has to take responsibility for what happened.

"They surely (acted) on this order. It is up to him to prove that he did not give the order and took the necessary measures to prevent the massacre," said

Alseny Sall, communications officer for the Defense of Human Rights and Citizenship, a local rights group.

"Simply saying that he is innocent is not enough, it must be motivated by clear and precise explanations," he said.

Camara is the 9th accused to testify with two people remaining. The trial is expected to last at least until the end of the month.

Meanwhile, families of the victims say they believe justice will prevail.

"Eventually the truth will be known," Aissatou Sow prayed. The 34-year-old's fiancée was killed during the attack. "I did not want him to go to the stadium that day. I said it is dangerous and he told me not to be afraid," she said.

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to manufacture 10 000 wheelchairs.

"So far we have in a day we can manufacture four wheelchairs and it depended on the order we get since it is a new start-up company. On the ruby side, there were 5 that were sold in France and in South Africa there were only four," he said.

While innovation in manufacturing wheelchairs is a step forward for promoting mobility, a hurdle for some manufactures and consumers is the price tag.

"Obviously we want strong durable wheelchairs

but we don't want to pay the cost of them so we would like innovation to bring the cost down and when it comes to maintenance with whatever innovations come, it needs to be easy to maintain and parts must be interchangeable," said Ari Seirlis, QuadPara Association Board member

In South Africa, wheelchairs can cost anything between 200 to over 10 000 US dollars. Innovators like Ernest Mongezi Majenge believe that there is a market for more affordable high quality wheelchairs.

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Blinken stresses partnerships to African innovators



Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks during a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony at the State Department in Washington, Monday, Dec. 12, 2022. - Copyright © africanews Evelyn Hockstein/AP

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken stressed the importance of partnership in remarks to an audience of entrepreneurs and innovators at the State Department Monday evening. President Joe Biden is set to play host to dozens of African leaders in Washington this week as the White House looks to narrow a gaping trust gap with Africa - one that has grown wider over years of frustration about America's commitment to the continent.

"We have a huge stake in the success of African innovators because when they're empowered to reach their full potential, it's good for the region. It's good for the continent. It's good for the world. It's good for America," Blinken said.

He ticked off several ways the Biden administration is trying to broaden and deepen partnerships to foster innovation in Africa.

First, by investing in infrastructure that can undergird African entrepreneurship. Second, by investing in rising leaders since President Obama created the Young African Leaders Initiative. And third, by fostering greater engagement by U.S. companies.

In the lead-up to the three-day U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit that begins Tuesday, Biden administration officials played down their increasing concern about the clout of China and Russia in Africa, which is

home to more than 1.3 billion people. Instead, administration officials tried to put the focus on their efforts to improve cooperation with African leaders.

White House officials have said that "major deliverables and initiatives" - diplomatic speak for big announcements - will be peppered throughout the meetings.

The White House previewed one major summit announcement on Friday, saying that Biden would use the gathering to declare his support for adding the African Union as a permanent member of the Group of 20 nations.

The summit will be the biggest international gathering in Washington since before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Local officials are warning residents to brace for road blocks and intensified security as 49 invited heads of states and leaders - and Biden - whiz around the city.

Talks are expected to center on the coronavirus, climate change, the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Africa, trade and more, according to White House officials.

Biden is set to deliver remarks at a U.S.-Africa business forum, hold small group meetings with leaders, host a leaders' dinner at the White House and take part in other sessions with leaders during the gathering.



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Environment Protection Agency
Ministry of Environment
92 Dundas Street Freetown

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING- INVITATION TO BID PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES AND JET SKI WITH RACK

Procurement Number: EPASL/ADFIN/NCB/004/2022

Date of first issue: 12th December, 2022.

The Environment Protection Agency- Sierra Leone was established by the EPA Act of 2022 for the effective protection of the environment and other related matters.

The Agency generates funds from Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) licenses fees paid by companies, and intends to spend part of its funds to procure Vehicles and Jet Ski with Racks for monitoring activities in the country.

EPA now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of the undermentioned.

ITEM NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	DELIVERY PERIOD
LOT - 1	JET SKI WITH RACK	2	2 Months
LOT - 2	Vehicle Toyota Hilux 4 x 4 Double Cab * LHD 3.0 L Engine * Full * 5 Seater, Diesel 2022 model	2	2 Months

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures in accordance with Sierra Leone National Public Procurement Act 2016 and 2020 Procurement Regulations open to all eligible bidders defined in the Bid Document.

Interested bidders may bid for either 1 lot or both and may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address below between 9:00 am to 4:45 pm from Monday to Friday. Bidding document may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Le 500.00. All payments for the bidding document must be paid in to the below consolidated Bank Account. Pay -in slip must be submitted to the senior Admin officer 3rd Floor

- Bank Name: Bank of Sierra Leone
Account Number: 0111003981
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OR
- Bank Name: Union Trust Bank
Account Number: 210113253-01
BBAN: 00-4001113253120144

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10th January, 2023. At 12:00 pm.

All bids must be accompanied by:

- * A valid Business registration certificate
- * Bid Form/Price Schedule
- * Bid Security of [10,800.00] for - Jet Ski with Rack from a reputable Commercial Bank;
- * Bid Security of [39,748.00] for - Vehicle from a reputable Commercial Bank
- * A valid tax clearance certificate;
- * A valid NASSIT clearance certificate;
- * A valid City Council Certificate
- * A signed Integrity Pact
- * Brochure of the Vehicle to be supplied
- * Evidence of similar supply
- * 1 Year Warranty

Bids will be publicly opened on the 10th January, 2023 at 12:00 P.M., at 92 Dundas Street Freetown of the Environmental Protection Agency Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 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.

Completed application along with all relevant documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope boldly marked: "LOT 1- Jet Ski with Rack" - "LOT 2- Vehicles" or both for bidders intending to bid for 2 lots to the;

The Executive Chairperson

Environment Protection Agency - Sierra Leone
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Temporal Job vacancy

Abt. Associates Inc., a US-based company, is implementing the USAID-funded President's Malaria Initiative VectorLink project. The project is supporting the implementation of malaria control strategies such as indoor residual spraying (IRS) as well as entomological monitoring.

Abt Associate is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill the **temporary** position of **Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant** (23 positions) and **Data Entry Clerks** (58 positions) in Bo and Bombali districts. Successful candidates for M&E assistants and data entry clerks will be contracted for one and two months respectively.

Operation Sites

Bo District: Dambala, Ngalu, Jembe, Serabu, Gondama, Sumbuya, Jimmi, Gbalima Songa, Mongere, Koribondo, Gerihun, Fengehun, Tikonko, Bumpo

Bombali District: Rokontha, Mara, Pate Bana, Binkolo, Kamabai, Kagbere, Makarie, Kalangba, Yeli Sanda

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- 1. M&E Assistants** – The position will be responsible for all data reporting-related activities during the IRS campaign. He/she will also assist the M&E Manager in conducting monitoring checks, and data reviews to identify errors and supervise data collection by spray operators in line with reporting requirements.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for monitoring data collection activities during the campaign
- Support data entry and ensure timely reports to data centers
- Ensure correct use of M&E tools at the site
- Ensure data are reported according to the approved dataflow and timelines and attend to any other duties assigned
- Ensure all data are reviewed and verified by Team leaders/Brigade supervisors for their respective operation sites
- Daily data collection on errors identified and reported to the M&E manager via the data collection tool provided
- Ensure and precisely reported to be used for quality improvement at the site level
- Supervise site-level data reporting cycle to ensure data completeness on a periodic basis, or when required
- Performs other duties as assigned
- Train IRS seasonal workers on data collection using M&E tools and procedures**
- Perform data collection verification in project-supported communities**
- Coach personnel on data entry and verification**
- Ensure timely delivery of data (on phones or paper forms) from the field to the data center**
- Supervise Data Entry Clerks and ensure data entry is complete and thorough**
- Provide feedback to supervisors on common data collection errors**
- Produce weekly spray data progress reports for the assigned district**
- Perform other duties as assigned by the M&E Manager**

Education, Experience, and other requirements:

- Graduate in Social sciences, statistics, or Public Health (students are encouraged to apply)
- Significant experience in data entry and data management
- Demonstrate competence in assessing priorities and in managing a variety of activities in a time-sensitive environment, and meeting deadlines with attention to detail and quality
- Strong writing, editing, and formatting skills
- Demonstrate computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite applications including Word, Excel, etc. will be of advantage
- Residents in Bombali or Bo are preferred

- Female candidates **MUST** not be pregnant or lactating mothers during the spray campaign
- Must be both physically and medically fit with no history of chronic respiratory infection and non-allergic to insecticides
- Experience in the use of Microsoft Excel, DHIS2, CommCare, and ODK**
- Experience training large groups of people preferred**

- 2. Data Entry Clerk** – This position will be responsible for handling clerical tasks relating to entering or updating data into the VectorLink DHIS2 database. And ensuring the database is accurate and updated.

Duties and Responsibilities of Data Entry Clerk

- Reviewing data for accuracy and **Enter data collected during the project activities into a project database**
- Sorting and organizing paper records or notes following data entry according to **project data filing protocols**
- Updating the database **daily**
- Perform regular and extensive data cleaning**
- Provide feedback to spray team supervisors on data collection errors**
- Generate and print various data reports as requested**
- Perform other duties as assigned by the program M&E Manager**

Education, Duties, and Other Requirements

- Must be able to focus for long periods and perform quickly and adequately**
- Must have excellent touch typing skills**
- Knowledgeable and experienced in data entry and management**
- Good organizational and communication skills**
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a team**
- Experience in the use of Microsoft Excel and/or DHIS2 preferred**
- Ability to work under pressure**
- Previous experience in IRS activities is preferred**

How to apply

- Ø Select a preferred Operational Site from the list provided above and state it in your application letter. **Application letters that do not have a specific Operational Site indicated will not be considered.**
- Ø **Attach a copy of the education certificate.**
- Ø **Original certificate (s) will be required during the selection process.**

Submit an application letter and CV by the methods stated below.

- 1. Email the application to the following address:** abtassociates.sl.recruit@gmail.com

Please indicate the position and preferred operational site in the subject line of the email. Emails without an operational site and Job title will not be considered.

- 2. Or you can deliver a hard copy to the IRS Malaria Focal Person- DHMT Office for the preferred district.**

The deadline for submission of applications is 5:00 PM Saturday, December 23rd, 2022. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Additional Information

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT: A selection committee will evaluate ALL applications. The evaluation process would include the qualifications of each applicant (recentness and appropriateness of the applicant's education and experience), answers to the supplemental questions, results of employment references investigated, and any other appropriate information available.

The selection committee will admit to the interview only those persons who possess the most job-related qualifications and may establish admittance criteria beyond the minimum qualifications stated above. The interview will comprise 100% of the applicant's earned grade. A candidate must earn a qualifying grade of 70 or more to be eligible for an appointment.

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Procurement Number: MMSL/SSEIP/1088.24

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited, has allocated funds from FCDO for the procurement of **62,320 (or more) printed SSS syllabuses for the new SSS curriculum being introduced in academic year 2023/24** and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.

Mott MacDonald Limited (MM) has been appointed by the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) to deliver the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme (SSEIP - also known as Leh Wi Lan). This programme supports the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education to improve learning outcomes for boys and girls at secondary level and to increase the enrolment, retention and well-being of girls and children with disabilities.

The programme requires at least **62,320 SSS Syllabuses to be printed**, with the following print specifications:

- Printing and binding
- Printing of text (black and white, A4 80 gsm paper, minimum 85% brightness and opacity)
- Printing of covers (black and white, 300 gsm card with matt finish)
- 20 pages per copy
- 76 different books of 820 copies each
- Double sided, saddle stitch

Bids should be submitted for printing 76 syllabus document of average estimated length 20 pages each for 820 SSS.

Bidding is open to all suppliers who can demonstrate the capacity and experience to deliver **62,320 printed SSS syllabuses**.

Interested bidders may obtain further information, view samples of the documents to be printed and inspect the bidding document at the address below between **9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday from 5th to 15th December 2022**. Bidding documents can be collected for **free** at the address below.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **Friday 16th December 2022 at 9.30am**. All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid business registration certificate
- Valid NASSIT clearance certificate
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- References, indicating the supplier's experience to deliver similar products to reputable organizations - corporations, INGOs and Government

Bids will be opened on **Friday 16th December 2022 at 09.45 am.**, in the presence of bidders and/or representatives at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Mott MacDonald Sierra Leone Limited

24 Regent Road, Opposite Orange Office, Hill Station, Freetown



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES FOR UN AGENCIES IN SIERRA LEONE

UNICEF Sierra Leone wishes to invite proposals for the provision of high-speed internet services for UN Agencies in Sierra Leone through a Long-Term Agreement (LTA) for an initial period of 24 months with a possible extension for another 12 months.

The deadline for bid submission which is through the online method only is Friday 23rd December at 10 am.

Interested companies are requested to visit the United Nations Website at

[REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES FOR UN AGENCIES IN SIERRA LEONE ON LONG TERM AGREEMENT BASIS \(ungm.org\)](https://ungm.org)

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A bid conference will be held/was held on Friday 9th December 2022 at 10 am at the UNICEF Country Office, New England, Freetown.



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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



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE:	Agricultural Farm Project Manager
COUNTRY PROGRAM:	SIERRA LEONE
REPORTS TO:	OPERATIONS MANAGER
LOCATION:	FREETOWN

HI is seeking for a qualified individual to fill the above-mentioned National Position.

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Missions/responsibilities

Mission 1: Management

- Manager as a role model: embody HI's values on a daily basis, and be a role model.
- Manager as a coach for meaning: understand the strategy, make it explicit, translate it into operational objectives for his or her team, and lead the necessary changes. Give meaning to each management action. Encourage inter and intra-departmental exchanges of practice. Encourage innovation and risk-taking.
- Operational manager: organize the operational management of his or her team, structures the work around identified processes, steer performance, and facilitate the resolution of problems.
- First HR & Coach: contribute to the development of his or her staff, creating the conditions for their commitment,
- professionalism and attachment to HI. Ensure compliance with the code of conduct and institutional policies, the mindset, and expected individual and collective behavior

Mission 2: Strategy and steering

- Contribute to the development of the programme's operational strategy
- Contribute to programme or country operational strategy (StratOp).
- Draft new project proposals for the continuity or expansion of the project.
- Contribute to the drafting of new proposals for new opportunities, if necessary

Mission 3: Operational implementation

- Ensure the implementation of the project, is in line with the logical framework and allocated budget
- Ensure that project implementation complies with the existing frameworks
- Ensure project monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning
- Ensure project data management
- Coordinate the teams involved in the project

Mission 4: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Lead the emergency preparedness actions in his/her department and, in the event of an emergency, reorganize the priorities of his/her team according to the humanitarian priority, in order to ensure a quick and efficient response by HI.

Other skills

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in developing and facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills
- Problem Solving skills

Required for the job

Education & Knowledge

- Bachelor's degree or master's any social sciences-related courses
- Applied knowledge of development work and/or disability issues
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Knowledge in project management

Experience

- Minimum five years of working experience in a development-related field or similar position
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Working in INGO

Salary: As per the HI salary scale for National Staff & candidate's experience

Probation Period: 3 months

Duration of Contract: One (01) year with the possibility of renewal based on performance.

All interested candidates should send their CVs and cover letters only, with attachments bearing your full name; for example: John Doe – CV (for your CV) and John Doe - Cover Letter (for your cover letter) with the subject of the position applied for by email only to: recruitment@sierraleone.hi.org

The closing date for applications is 24th December 2022.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE:	Agricultural Farm Project Officer (2 Persons)
COUNTRY PROGRAM:	SIERRA LEONE
REPORTS TO:	AGRICULTURAL FARM PROJECT MANAGER
LOCATION:	FREETOWN AND MOYAMBA

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Missions / responsibilities

Mission 1: Operational Implementation

Responsibility 1: Contribute to project planning and implementation in line with the existing frameworks

- Contribute to planning and preparing activities, tools, and the associated resources, and implement the action plan in
- conjunction with the support services and the technical unit.
- Ensure that activities are implemented and that resources are correctly allocated as authorized by the project manager.
- Ensure regular reporting of activities, and contribute to the internal and external reporting as requested by the project manager.
- Contribute to identifying areas of the project in which adjustments are required and put forward adaptations to the project manager.
- Contribute to the drafting of amendment requests when asked by the project manager.
- Contribute to coordination with the local stakeholders and to monitoring the partnership relationship with the project partners.
- Ensure that project documents and information are properly archived.

Responsibility 2: Contribute to project monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning

- Contribute to project monitoring, specifically activity progress indicators and the expected outcomes.
- Contribute to project evaluations at the request of the project manager, and ensure that project evaluation recommendations are followed.
- Contribute to the setup and smooth running of accountability mechanisms.
- Contribute to project learning.

Responsibility 3: Ensure project data management

- Ensure that the appropriate data collection and management tools are in place and are used correctly on the project, in line with global standards.
- Collect and compile project-related data in the relevant database.

Responsibility 4: Contribute to the coordination of project teams

- As authorized by the project manager, facilitate coordination meetings between the project teams and the support services located in the area when necessary.
- Ensure that the project teams and the support teams (shared and technical services, in particular) work well together in order to facilitate the implementation of the project in the country.

Responsibility 5: Contribute to external project communication

- Contribute to HI's external influence by taking part in networks, when required.
- Communicate about the project to partners, authorities, and stakeholders when relevant.

Mission 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Contribute to the programme's emergency preparedness initiatives, and in an emergency situation, adapt his/her working
- arrangements in order to contribute to an effective humanitarian response from HI.

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Training Facilitation Skills
- Community mobilization and engagement skills
- Emotional Regulation
- Communication Skills

Required for the job

Education & Knowledge

- Diploma or degree in any social sciences-related courses
- Knowledge of development work and/or disability issues
- Fluent in written and spoken English

Experience

- Minimum of three years of working experience in a development-related field or similar position
- Experience in livelihood project
- Experience in the VSLA approach
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Previous working experience with an INGO

In addition to the skills mentioned in the Standard Function, the following are required:

- Skills in developing and facilitating training
- Emotional Regulation skills
- Communication skills
- Problem Solving skills

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Prince Sualley Elected NOC-SLE President



President of Sierra Leone Wrestling Association Prince Sualley has been elected to the highest echelon of Sierra Leone sport as he embarks on his new role as President of the National Olympic Committee of Sierra Leone (NOC-SLE).

Elected on a platform focusing on improving and diversify the revenue stream of the NOC-SLE by establishing partnerships and sponsorship with the private sector and other potential partners, leadership, commitment, experience and the values of Olympism. Sualley has already stated his intention to put the focus back on Sierra Leone's

athletes across all sporting disciplines.

He is also known for his work championing women's rights, and during his campaign, the NOC-SLE President elect pledged to create a safe and inclusive environment for all those involved in the Olympic Movement in Sierra Leone and to be an advocate for unity, inclusiveness and collaboration.

Speaking after he was officially pronounced winner as President of the NOC-SLE, Prince Sualley said: "I feel enormously privileged and grateful that our sport community has entrusted me

with the leadership of the NOC-SLE. It's an honour I accept with pride and gratitude."

"Nine years ago, I lost the elections to our outgoing President, Dr Patrick Coker and it was a learning curve for me, I hope and pray the trust you've input in me today, I can lead and live up to the measures and expectations. I can't fulfill the job perfectly without your support but with determination, experience and the spirit of Olympism, we can do what we have to do," Sualley said.

Sualley replaced Dr Patrick Coker as the new head of the NOC-SLE after securing

23 votes while his opponents Kelvin Ezekiel Kellie got four and Mohamed Turay secured a single vote.

The elections which took place at the VIP lounge of the Bintumani Hotel in Freetown, Sierra Leone also saw Idrissa Massaquoi elected as Vice-president, while Unisa Deen Kargbo was elected as the new treasurer and both Oness Johnson and Victor Amara elected as ex-officio member.

Dr Coker was re-elected unopposed as President in 2019 during the body's Congress at the OlympAfrica sports centre in Goderich.

Sierra Leone Premier League Review

Lions, Central Parade and Diamond Stars get-off winning start

East End Lions, Central Parade and Diamond Stars all started their 2022/23 Sierra Leone Premier league campaign on a good footing by grabbing all three points in their season opener.

East End Lions secured a 3-1 win over newly promoted side Lamboi FC of Lungi Town as the Killers secured two speedy goals in the opening 10 minutes from new striker Sulaiman S.

Kargbo and Mohamed A.K Koroma, aka Ajay.

Abdul Razack Conteh scored the visitors third in the 49th minute before the home side grabbed the consolation thanks to their skipper Basiru Olu Koroma, who scored from a rebound of Striker Sheka Noah Kamara's missed penalty in the 55 minutes.

It's worth mentioning that Lamboi FC's Skipper Basiru Olu Koroma scored the club's first-ever goal in the history of the Sierra Leone Premier League.

The other winning side over the weekend was Central Parade who secured a 1-2 win over East End Tigers at the Magburaka field while Diamond Stars had an easy workout over Freetown City FC with a 2-0 win.

Meanwhile, defending champions Bo Rangers were held to a 1-1 draw by newly promoted side Real Republicans last Friday at the Bo Stadium and it was the Soccer Ambassadors who announced their long absent in the Sierra Leone Premier League with a goal from Ibrahim Sorie Conteh in the 88-minute.