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A Sierra Leonean human rights activist currently based in Sydney, Australia, Magdalene Sambo Konneh, who has been advocating against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM),has called on the police and other authorities concerned to take punitive against the culprits who allegedly killed a two-year-old toddler during initiation into the Bondo Secret society.

On March 13th, Concord Times reported a case about a 2-year-old toddler, who was found dead in a female secret society bush (bondo bush) at Crossing Village, Waterloo, Western Rural District.

The discovery was made by Police Constable, David Alah Sorie, who intercepted a secret procession of a bunch of female authorities belonging to the 'Bondo Secret Society'.

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Chinese Two Sessions Lay out the Blueprint For the Future and Bring New Opportunities for China-Sierra Leone Relations

By y Wang Qing, Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone

The National People's Congress (NPC) and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), which are the annual Chinese sessions, have just been concluded in Beijing. The two sessions have always been an important window to understand China. The "highlights" of this year's two sessions were as follows:

The Two Sessions are an important window to show a clear picture of the whole-process of people's democracy in China. In the modern states, The People as Masters of the Country cannot be a "lofty" political slogan. We need to achieve democracy with practical institutional arrangements and measure it in the country's political and social life. The 2,977 deputies to the 14th NPC are from various industries and places across the country and the 2,169 CPPCC members from 34 sectors basically cover all areas of society. Through the platform of the two sessions, public opinions can reach the "top" from the "bottom". The international community vividly compares the two sessions of China as the process of "consensus building", where the "big issues of the country" are closely linked to the "small issues" of people's livelihoods, and the "what the people want" resonates with the "what the party and the government do".

The party's proposition for the national will, and the people's voice are highly unified. The first session of the 14th National People's Congress elected the new Leadership of China. Xi Jinping was unanimously voted as President of China and Chairman of the People's Republic of China Central Military Commission, which fully reflects the common will of the Party, the armed forces, and the Chinese people of all ethnic groups. This also fully embodies the high degree of unity between the will of the Party, the people and the state. It is what the Party and the people hope for.

The Two Sessions are an important window to see China's development prospects. Over the past five years, in the face of multiple shocks that exceeded expectations, China has withstood the test and achieved a five-year average annual growth rate of 5.2%, increasing its GDP to about 18 trillion US Dollars and continuing to be an important engine of growth for the world economy.

However, China's development is still unbalanced and inadequate. Currently, our development is focused on providing for people's basic needs. Going forward, the focus will be shifted toward delivering a life of better quality for the people. In particular, we will enhance our capacity for scientific and technological innovations, build a modern industrial system, and transit toward green development.

The Two Sessions particularly emphasized the importance of high-quality development and put forward a series of specific initiatives. The target of GDP growth of around 5%, which China proposed is in line with economic laws and realistic requirements, and also demonstrates China's firm determination to promote high-quality development. Although the world's economic situation this year is generally not optimistic and there are still many unstable, uncertain and unpredictable factors, China will take a number of actions such as optimizing macro policies, expanding demand, advancing reform and innovation, and preventing and defusing risks, so as to inject new impetus to the global economy with its own high-quality development and create more opportunities for the world.

To sum up, like Chinese new Premier Li Qiang said, the prospect of Chinese economy will break winds and waves, and sail toward a brighter future.

The Two Sessions are an important window to comprehensively understand China's foreign policy. At the press conference of the two sessions, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang comprehensively explained China's foreign policy, stressing that China will continue to implement the mutually beneficial strategy of opening-up and always be a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, and a defender of the international order.

What is happening in the world today? What should we do? Humanity is once again standing at the crossroads of history. China's answer is clear. We will build on our extensive partnerships to promote a new type of international relations. We will take openness and development as our objective. We will facilitate high-quality development and high-standard opening-up. We will uphold an open and inclusive world economy, and will generate new opportunities for the world with our new development. We will take multilateralism as the way forward. We will promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, make global governance more just and equitable. We will offer more, better Chinese insight and solutions to help meet humanity's common challenges.

At present, With the COVID situation turning for the better in China, we're steadily resuming exchanges with the world. We've pressed the "acceleration button", and sounded the clarion call for our diplomacy. Not long ago, China released the "The Global Security Initiative Concept Paper" and "China's Position on the Political Settlement of the Ukraine Crisis " , exploring solutions to both the symptoms and the root causes of international security challenges and showing China's responsibility for maintaining world peace. During the two sessions, Saudi Arabia and Iran announced the restoration of diplomatic relations under the active mediation of China, which is a successful practice of the Global Security Initiative and sets a model for regional countries to resolve conflicts and differences through dialogue and consultation. This year marks the 10th anniversary of China's "One Belt, One Road" initiative, Over the past decade, the BRI has galvanized nearly US$1 trillion of investment, established more than 3,000 cooperation projects, created 420,000 local jobs, and helped lift almost 40 million people out of poverty. China will host the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation this year. Taking this as an opportunity, we will work with all relevant parties for more fruitful outcomes from Belt and Road cooperation.

The Two Sessions have sent out rich signals, giving the world a sense of a confident and down-to-earth China. Looking ahead to 2023, it will be a very important year for China's development, as well as for China-Sierra Leone and China-Africa relations. China is willing to work with Sierra Leone to strengthen high-level contacts, deepen exchanges and cooperation, and promote new progress in the China-Sierra Leone Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership, so that the people of our two countries can benefit more from China-Sierra Leone practical cooperation and create a bright new era in our bilateral relations together.

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According to the Waterloo Police, the soweis (Initiators) were about to secretly bury the child when Constable Sorie intercepted them.

He further said that the ring leaders of the secret society including the village headman, Alusine Fofanah, were in their custody assisting with investigations.

According to Magdalene, she was shocked to have read about the initiation of an underage girl after series of advocacies against the practice, especially the initiation of underage girls like the toddler who died while going through the painful process of cutting.

"The practice of the female secret society (FGM) is getting out of hands and the initiation of girls involving the cutting of their gentile is not good for their health at all. To initiate a toddler who has no knowledge about making decision, speaks volume and it shows that we have not done much to get rid of this evil practice as a country," she lamented.

She noted that, "We are still behind in the fight to minimise or eradicate this practice. A lot of time we have been talking about Bondo without cutting. We are not targeting Bondo society, but what we are saying is that let there be Bondo without cutting, let there be consent as Sierra Leone is a signatory to several international protocols that prohibit FGM.

She further cited a case in which another underage girl died of bleeding during initiation and that no punitive action has been taken against the perpetuators.

"As activists, we are calling on the government to take action in a situation like this. Government needs to come out with a clear statement on where they stand in such a situation. We know that years back, the government has signed MOU with organisations just to help minimise or eradicate this practice, so it is hard time the authorities start taking action against these initiators," she said.

She expressed skepticism that the two culprits recently arrested in the wake of the death of the two-year-old toddler may be let off the hook and would not be tried by any court.

"The government needs to put laws in place that would punish these perpetrators, so we need actions, laws and other things that would show that yes we are fighting against the practise of FGM in Sierra Leone. I want to believe that if we start doing the right things people would stop initiating young girls into the Bondo secret society," she concluded.

Magdalene Sambo Konneh says enough is enough

The arrest of the two female secret society members was made days after another operation was launched by the Waterloo Police Division where they arrested a bunch of 'Poro' secret Society members at Wallahi Village, Tombo in Western Rural District.

The men were arrested after one of the inductees fled the camp after being tortured. The man reported the matter to the police who later made the burst.

According to some residents in the district, the two incidents have left them in fear.

The two incidents are believed to be the first after a while in the District which is a few kilometers away from the capital, Freetown.

However, Bundo Secret Society is mainly practised by female and it involves the cutting of female genetile,a practice that has been widely condemned by right activists.

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How we are moving the gender agenda forward in Sierra Leone

-Ms. Manty Tarawalli, Gender and Children's Affairs Minister, says a new landmark gender equality and women's empowerment law is a game changer for women

By: Kingsley Ighobor

In January 2023, President Julius Maada Bio of Sierra Leone signed into law the country's landmark Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, which provides that at least 30 per cent of public and private jobs be reserved for women, 14 weeks of maternity leave, among others. The country's Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, Manty Tarawalli, who was at the frontline of the effort to enact the law, participated in the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York in March. Africa Renewal's Kingsley Ighobor interviewed her about the new law and its potential impact on Sierra Leonean women. These are excerpts from the interview:

The theme for this year's CSW focuses on using the power of technology and education to empower women and girls in the digital age. What are the key takeaways for you?

As you know, this is the first in-person CSW since the pandemic, and it is great to see many countries represented in numbers, sharing experiences.

One key takeaway is that across all member states, we experience similar challenges—different levels and different stages, but similar challenges—in girls and women accessing ICT. For us, the initiatives we are taking and the political backing we have are really encouraging.

What is the level of digital access for women in Sierra Leone?

For us, digital exposure for women is quite low, under 5 per cent. However, we have put some initiatives in place, working particularly with the Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network, to introduce women's businesses to online trading. But we need strong infrastructure for that to work well.

The power supply is improving while broadband is becoming more widespread, although still expensive. We need to bring down its costs so that more women can have access. Broadband is important for trade and education, but other infrastructural elements need to fully mature to enhance access for women.

You have engaged in many bilateral talks here at this meeting in New York. Are there tangible results from these talks?

I have had several bilateral talks mostly as a result of the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Act 2022 that was signed into law earlier this year.

To fully implement the law, we need all hands on deck. I was able to talk to officials of UNFPA, UN Women and Ireland. They are all supportive. They want to see implementation.

On GEWE, I'm proud to say that the legislative environment in Sierra Leone is quite rich. Now, it is about implementation.

The GEWE Act provides that a minimum of 30 per cent of elective and appointive positions in public and private sectors be reserved for women. So, we are talking about cabinet ministers like myself, heads of parastatals, ambassadors, high commissioners and so on. The GEWE Act also includes a minimum of 30 per cent of top leadership positions for women.

The law is about mainstreaming gender, and having gender units within all ministries, departments and agencies, and gender-responsive budgeting.

Access to finance is also part of it. The Bank of Sierra Leone and the Ministry of Finance are mandated to come up with new approaches to increase women's access to finance. There is a plan to create a banking product for women that all financial institutions will sign on to.

Does the Cabinet reflect a minimum of 30 per cent women?

Not currently, but it will. Sierra Leone is having general elections (presidential and local government elections) in June this year. The next cabinet is expected to reflect the provisions of the act.

And the ripple effect is that having women leaders in cabinet and parliament means other laws, instruments, action plans, budgets will move the gender agenda forward.

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Do you anticipate any challenges with implementation?

The challenge that we see, apart from the usual **funding**, is to ensure that we bring the law to the people. It is not only for urban or educated women.

Everybody knows that the act has been passed, but what exactly does it mean to grassroots women? How does it touch their lives? We need now **to explain it** to them so that they know their rights under this law.

Here in New York, we are talking about it and everybody's hearing about it, but the Sierra Leonean

Manty Tarawalli, Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs

woman in the village needs to know that things have changed and that opportunities have come for her.

We need **structures** in place to help women understand their rights so that in any village they know that they can, for example, inherit a piece of land and can be a councilor.

We are already doing some work now with our partners to ensure more women go into Parliament.

How soon do you think people can begin to feel the impact of the new law?

After the next elections, we are going to see more women in parliament, in cabinet and in other appointive positions.

We will see more women have **access to finance**. We will start to see the ripple effects of **women in key positions**. So, if you are in parliament, you are ensuring that bills have a gender agenda. If you are in other institutions, you are ensuring that the **gender agenda** is factored into your work.

How do you ensure compliance if, for example, the current administration is no longer in power?

The law includes penalties for those who do not comply with its provisions. It requires every political party to comply. A political party's list of officials for elective offices may be rejected by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone if it does not ensure that with every three names, a woman's name is included.

Did you get the support of the opposition parties in passing this law?

Yes. That is why it took 13 months. We have a hung parliament [no single party has an absolute majority] in Sierra Leone. There is no way to pass any bill without the support of the opposition.

You mentioned a finance mechanism for women. What is that about?

Currently, there is absolutely no way a bank can give a woman a loan without asking her for collateral. You cannot tell a bank 'When a woman comes from a rural area to borrow money, don't ask for collateral.'

So, with the support of the World Bank, we want to put in place a mechanism that will ensure collateral is not as expensive as is normally the case.

Which other key gender empowerment activities is your ministry championing?

There are so many. You can talk about sexual and gender-based violence (GBV), ensuring a robust response mechanism as well as preventative measures.

We have seen a 30 per cent drop in GBV between 2019, when we started, and now [2023]

What are the specific interventions?

With sexual and gender-based violence, we looked at it in two ways: **prevention and response**.

I always say that response is expensive because it is costly to individuals, to the community and to the country.

On prevention, we developed a male involvement strategy. We partnered with the Ministry of Youth Affairs to train youth leaders to become gender advocates. And we sent them into the communities to change hearts and minds. Data shows that men listen to men more than they do other women.

Within the school curriculum, we introduced sex education. So young boys and girls are taught sex education, sexuality, and gender rights.

We have a response strategy. We have a call center that's open 24 hours a day across all mobile networks. We have also created one-stop centers that provide comprehensive survivor-centered services.

We provide survivors with free medical, free legal and free psychosocial services. These are dotted across the country.

And we also have a special court to fast-track cases. It sits six days a week. As a result of that, cases now move quickly through the court process.

We can't forget the work of the First Lady [Fatima Bio] who is championing the Hands Off Our Girls campaign.

What about land rights for women?

Yes, we have the Customary Land Rights Act of 2022, which guarantees women equal rights and access to land. So we are mainstreaming gender rights into land issues too. As a result, women can now own and inherit land. Before, land was mostly for men.

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Rinu Oduala: Nigeria's young voters aren't done yet

As the sun began to rise over the bustling city of Lagos, Nigeria, a group of young people dressed in t-shirts and jeans were already gathered outside a polling station.

Joining the slow-moving queue, these young, educated voters had one common goal – to make a difference.

They had grown up in a country plagued by corruption, poverty and political instability, and were tired of waiting for change to come from the top. They remember the day, in October 2020, when the sound of gunshots and screams filled the air as the military opened fire on unarmed protesters in Lagos, the second-largest city in Africa – in what became known as the "Lekki toll gate shooting."

At the time, young Nigerians, who had been peacefully protesting against alleged police brutality for weeks, faced violence at the hands of security operatives. Many were injured, some maimed, and others lost their lives.

Demonstrators protest police brutality at the Lekki toll gate on October 20, 2020, in Lagos, Nigeria. Security forces later opened fire to disperse the crowd, killing several people.

Fast forward to Nigeria's recent controversial presidential election, and the memory of those protests lingered for young voters like those lining up in the early morning sun. Young voters carry with them the scars of the violence that they faced in 2020. They remember the tear gas, gunshots and violence, and the friends and loved ones who were injured or killed. The protests were both a critical moment and the culmination of years of anger and disillusionment with the system, which has failed to address the needs and aspirations of Nigeria's youth.

But despite the trauma and tragedy of those days, they remain determined to make their voices heard. These young Nigerians are driven by a sense of justice, a determination to hold those in power accountable for their actions and a belief in the power of collective action to bring about change.

One of the largest youth populations in the world

As a 24-year-old Nigerian, I am part of one of the largest youth populations in the world. We are energetic, ambitious and full of hope for our future. However, we face politicians who are older, are often disconnected from our reality, making decisions that affect our lives without our input. We are constantly told that we are the future of Nigeria, but when it comes to decision-making, our voices are silenced.

Living in Nigeria often feels like watching a poorly executed movie, except it's not entertainment – it's real life. I grew up in a system where the odds have always been stacked against me, and where young people like me are left with no other option but to survive by any means necessary.

As I grow older, I've grown tired of constantly fighting for survival. What I need urgently is a country that operates efficiently, with functional systems and institutions. I need a future where becoming a leader is an achievable dream, rather than an elusive one. To live in a country where I can finally breathe easy.

Despite being the most populous country in Africa and having vast natural resources, Nigeria has been struggling with a multitude of challenges that make life difficult for its young population.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the unemployment rate in Nigeria stood at 33.3%, as of the fourth quarter of 2020, with youth unemployment being even higher at 42.5%. The monthly minimum wage in Nigeria for government employees is currently set at ₦30,000 (equivalent to around $65).

Despite these challenges and more, young Nigerians are a powerful force for change. As shown in the recent election, they have placed themselves solidly at the center of the political landscape, demanding a government that understands their struggles and puts their interests first. They are not motivated by any particular political party or candidate; they are motivated by a desire to build a more equitable and democratic Nigeria.

Leveraging digital spaces

The role of online spaces in empowering young Nigerians cannot be underestimated, and is likely to continue to shape the country's political landscape for years to come.

Social media has enabled young Nigerians to build networks, share information and coordinate political activities in ways that were not possible before. Gone are the days when only a few people have the power to control national conversations. Today, we are creating our own tables where we put issues on the front burner, through the democratization of social media.

Such an amount of democratization of public discourse in this generation was unexpected by politicians whose regular answer to the complaints of young Nigerians is "vote us out." Well, young Nigerians decided to vote.

The 'Peter Obi effect'

During the presidential campaigns, the Labour Party candidate Peter Obi became popular among young voters because of his focus on addressing issues like economic inequality, unemployment, education, healthcare and poverty and the need for transparency and accountability in government. His supporters even earned the nickname "Obidients."

Although he is not a newcomer to the political system, Obi was seen as atypical contender with a decent shot at the top job, in a political arena dominated by older, more established rivals. The former Nigerian governor's reputation for fiscal responsibility attracted voters fed up with corruption and a political system that is out of touch.

Within a span of nine months, his effective use of multiple communication channels and engaging presence on social media allowed him to attract millions of followers. This approach helped him to reach voters who are already active in these digital spaces, thereby establishing the legitimacy of young people's concerns.

By rallying behind Obi, young Nigerians made it clear that their needs and concerns can no longer be ignored. These "keypad warriors" have taken on the established power structures in Nigerian politics, which have historically marginalized young people and prevented them from holding positions of influence. By claiming digital spaces, young Nigerians are now pushing to advance their political aspirations, shaping the future of Nigerian politics.

Back to the ballot box

However, the electoral process has cast a shadow over the election results – which are now being challenged in court by the opposition.

Nigeria's independent national electoral commission (INEC) declared Bola Ahmed Tinubu, of the ruling All Progressives Congress party, the winner in an election tarnished by allegations of corruption, violence, technical failures and the lowest voter turnout in Nigerian history, at 29%.

Concerns about the lack of accountability in Nigerian politics could further undermine the already fragile state of Nigerian democracy, and send a negative signal to other countries in the region, where about ten other countries will soon be conducting presidential elections and some, parliamentary elections.

Nigeria's status as the largest economy in Africa – along with its population of over 210 million and projected growth to nearly 400 million by 2050 – positions the country as a significant player in both regional and global politics. The country has the potential to drive economic growth and development throughout the continent.

While the flawed voting process may have left many young Nigerians feeling that their votes did not count, we cannot give up the spaces we have already claimed. It is important to maintain faith in the power of our collective voices to bring about the changes necessary to strengthen our democracy.

Beyond voting, we can participate in shaping government policies, by using social media to drive conversations, advocating for our aspirations for the future, and promoting a culture of democracy through peaceful and productive means.

The country's politicians must understand that a new generation of active citizens has emerged.

In just a few days, Nigerians will again head to the ballot box – this time, in state elections, to choose state governors and state house of assembly representatives, who have immense influence in the running of essential services.

The road ahead is a challenging one. And the fate of Nigeria and Africa's democracy depends on the young people who will cast their ballot in the direction of justice, peace, stability, employment, equity, fair representation and above all, a promising future.

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LOCAL NEWS

ECOWAS rejects Sam-Sumanas's bid to sanction Sierra Leone

By Alfred Koroma

In 2017, former Vice-President Samuel Sam-Sumana filed a case in the ECOWAS Court against the Government of Sierra Leone for 'violating' his rights by 'unconstitutionally' removing him from his position as Vice President of Sierra Leone.

The regional court ruled his sacking was illegal and ordered the then government led by President Ernest Bai Koroma to pay reparations. But the government did not recognize ECOWAS ruling. Instead, a letter was written to the Court, stating the government's position that it cannot submit to the Court because of its sovereignty.

Sam-Sumana 's move to seek redress in the ECOWAS Community Court follows a Supreme Court ruling in Sierra Leone, that the controversial decision of former President Koroma to sack his Vice was constitutional.

After a change of government in 2018, Sam-Sumana went back to ECOWAS to seek enforcement of its 2017 judgement, requesting that the West African regional bloc impose sanction against Sierra Leone through the suspension of its entitlement in the community, pending compliance on the judgement.

The former Vice President requested that ECOWAS suspend his country from it access to the new community loans, stop the disbursement on on-going community projects or assistance programs in the country and exclude the country from presenting candidates for statutory and professional posts and suspends its voting rights and participation in the bloc's activities, as demanded by Article 77 of the Revised Treaty of the ECOWAS.

But the regional Court has ruled against the former Vice President's submission.

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice Mohamed Lamin Tarawally informed the press yesterday, describing Sam-Sumana's move to seek sanctions against his country as a 'very serious' move that could have

dent the country's reputation if the ruling had gone in his favour.

"This judgement if it was granted against the state, it could have meant that government is a violator or human rights abuser. It could have meant that the country and the government don't follow the rule of law," the Attorney General said.

Samuel Sam-Sumana was sacked in 2015 as Vice-President having served in the role since 2007. According to a statement from the then President's office, the Vice-President was sacked for 'abandoning his duty and seeking political asylum in the US Embassy.

Before his sacking, the then governing All People's Congress expelled Sam-Sumana from the party after accusing him of flaming violence, and trying to form a breakaway party in party Kono.

The former Vice President denied the allegations, but he later formed the Coalition 4 Change (C4C) Party, under which he ran for President in 2018. He reconciled with his former party, the main opposition All People's Congress (APC) with intention of running for President under the party but was disqualified from contesting for its flagbearer position.

It is not clear whether the recent ECOWAS ruling affects the 2017 judgement, or whether the judgement which demands the reinstatement of Sam-Sumana as Vice President and restoration of all his entitlements will honored by the present SLPP-led government, considering the fact that the party under which he was serving is no longer in office.

But while in opposition, the ruling Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) supported the judgement and called on the then administration to honor it.

Craig Dean is a selfless character

"Marampa Mines Limited, a subsidiary of Gerald Group is engaged in the exploration, development, and production of high-grade iron ore concentrate, Marampa Blue at Marampa in the Port Loko District, Northern Sierra Leone. MML aims to build a resilient and long-life iron ore mine in Sierra Leone and to expand operations by integrating mining, processing, infrastructure and export logistics, alongside playing a responsible role in the economic and social stability of the region.

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The above assertion of the Chief Executive Officer of Marampa Mines shows the love and affiliation shown by the CEO who is poised to change the narrative in Marampa Chiefdom in the years to come as the government of Sierra Leone is part and parcel of the company by owing 10% shares in the company.

During the official opening of the Mines, the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gerald Group, Craig Dean, thanked President Julius Maada Bio for his leadership in settling the dispute between the government, the company and the people of Marampa. He stated that the company remained one of the world's oldest and largest independent metals trading for

advancing economies and building a more sustainable future.

He further noted that many big iron ore companies of the world produced 62% but that they at Marampa were producing 65% high-grade ore, that was being transported and sold to many countries across the world. He added that the government of Sierra Leone owned 10% shares at MML, and that they had already employed over 2,000 Sierra Leoneans, with about 40% of the employees being women.

It could be recalled that His Excellency President Dr Julius Maada Bio commissioned the expansion project of the Marampa Mines Limited, MML, a subsidiary of the Gerald Group, from 2 million dry tonnes per annum, DMTPA, to 3.25 MTPA, after the world's largest independent, employee-owned metal trading house, recently completed the due process

He told the gathering that the Gerald Group, operating MML, had already done a lot for the chiefdom and by extension the entire district by making sure that peace and cohesion existed among people when it agreed to adhere to a corporate social responsibility that was developing the chiefdom and its communities.

"We are also reviewing a favourable and inviting taxation and regulatory regime that promotes beneficiation, community development, and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives. As you already know, we have worked very hard over the last four years to make Sierra Leone a low-risk investment destination.

"Additionally, may I suggest that with new renewable energy technologies, MML could do better by integrating the use of cleaner energy in parts of its operations. This could be part of a future growth and sustainability strategy and clearly one that presents Sierra Leone's mining sector as one that is open to innovation and low-carbon sources of energy," he said.

"As a Government, we urge investors to be patient, open, and engaging and we will do everything necessary to nurture a very healthy relationship – one that fosters goodwill, and from which the investors can register healthy profits and reinvest or repatriate those profits. So, I find the deep commitment to what Craig Dean calls 'the inherent long-term value and potential in Sierra Leone,' very assuring. Rest assured, therefore, that Government will fully play its part," he said.

However, Paramount Chief for Marampa Chiefdom in a telephone interview with this medium has put to rest newspapers and social media publications concerning the unfortunate circumstances that happens with 3 indigenes who were trapped into a lake which was left behind by previous companies.

"Publication going around concerning the death of three Sierra Leoneans was deliberate by security officials of the company was completely wrong as the autopsy reports by Dr. Owizz Kamara, the Consultant Government Pathologist completely exonerated the security apparatus of the company of any wrong doings." P.C Koblo Queen asserts. "The three Sierra Leoneans were not beaten, tortured, murdered, but got trapped from a nearby lake which was left by Delco Mining company in 1940-50s." he revealed. "I loved my people and I will not gamble my people for material things.

Further information by this medium reveal that P.C Koblo Queen has extensively educated and sensitized his subjects the danger of pilfering from the company during the odd hours of the day to stop with immediate effect as the mining company is one of the best companies in the country doing marvellous things for the people of Pot Loko district.

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LOCAL NEWS

Black Johnson land owners demand an independent EIA report

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Black Johnson Land Owners Organization demanded an independent environmental health and impact assessment reports on Black Johnson, as opposed to the one recently done by the government through the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.

They also requested for a proper environmental health and impact assessment report, an established website for the consultancy, a license consultant who is not an employee of the Ministry of Fisheries, and also a report about the value and importance of the wetland.

They noted, however that, they have no problem with the fish harbor that the government wanted to build at Black Johnson, but that they need the government to have a proper consultation with the rightful land owners before they embark on the project.

"We have always made ourselves very clear that we are not against any national development and we stand by our word that we are not against any national development," they noted.

They said their earlier concern was the Fish Harbor, the community environment and the wetland, adding that what they made to understand of late was that the government wanted to build a new city at Black Johnson.

They said as an organization, they have tried all they could to engage the Ministries of Lands, Fisheries and the Environment Protection Agency, to have a proper discussion but to no avail.

They said throughout their campaign they have been asking the government for a true certified environment survey report, the grant agreement between Sierra Leone Government and China and the project proposal.

They said wanted to get a direct engagement with the Ministries of Land and Fisheries for them to have a proper discussion as to what they want to do with Black Johnson that will be beneficial to the community.

Black Johnson land Owners

Accused in custody for store breaking, larceny

By Mohamed J Kargbo

Magistrate Isata Sellu Tucker of the Magistrates' Court No2 has remanded one Tamba Nelson to the Male Correctional Centre at Pademba Road in Freetown for alleged larceny, which is contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone .

The accused is standing trial on two count charges of conspiracy, store breaking and larceny contrary to the laws of Sierra Leone.

The charge sheet was read out to him and he was told to say nothing.

It was alleged that on 28 of February 2023, at the King Williams Street in Freetown, the accused conspired with someone to break into the store of one Fatmata Bah and stole from her.

It was also alleged that on the above mentioned date and place the accused broke into and entered the store of the above said owner and stole 5 dozens big white size rubbers valued for Nle 18,000, 3 dozen medium white size rubbers, valued for Nle 9,000, and also stole 10 bundles white rubbers valued for Nle 9,000, all to the total value of Nle 36,600

Mariama Bah, who doubles as the victim and also the witness in the case, said that she knew the accused in the dock and she used to see him around the vicinity.

She also recalls on the above mentioned date when she went to her shop to open, but to her surprise she met few bowls scattered outside the shop while her mother was standing at the crime scene.

She said her mother told her that someone had broken into the shop and stole the above mentioned items.

She said while she was threatening to use traditional means to find out who the thief was, one Kadijah who was passing by, over heard her and stopped her not to do so.

She said the woman told her that someone went to her husband and gave him some bowls for safe keeping, and that upon hearing that information she went to the Central Police Station and made report.

She said the police obtained statement from her and accompanied her to take a snapshot of the crime scene.

She said they started to investigate and they went to arrest the person who was given the items for safe keeping, but he had to take them to the accused who gave him the stolen items and he was arrested.

The matter was adjourned to the 21 February 2023 for further hearing

MoHS engages stakeholders on Safe Motherhood & Reproductive Healthcare Bill

By Ibrahim Kabba Turay

Stakeholders during the engagement

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation, through the Directorate of Policy, Planning and Information, has interfaced with the Inter-Religious Council and critical Civil Society Organizations on provisions within the Safe Motherhood & Reproductive Healthcare Bill.

The fundamental goal of the Bill revolves around establishing a concrete law that significantly contributes to saving the lives of women through the protection and promotion of their overall sexual and reproductive wellbeing. The existence of this Bill will guarantee significant gains in drastically reducing maternal mortality.

Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Princess Dugba, told journalists that they decided to engage stakeholders because they saw the need to do so, noting that whatever one does, one needs to engage people who have matters relating to safe motherhood close to their heart to ensure effective collaboration.

"We thought it fit that if we want to move forward as a ministry, and this bill, when drafted, will seek to take care of our mothers, girls and even the men will also benefit because it is a bill that will have very good facilities that will be made available," she went on.

She said among those facilities are family planning, motherhood, pregnancy, adding that pregnant women will be taken care of and ensure that they have safe delivery.

She also spoke of the government's plan to protect all and sundry during life stages in order to make Sierra Leoneans healthy citizens and good citizens during their life stages.

The Deputy Minister mentioned that, unlike the previous health care system that only targeted pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under five, the proposed bill will also ensure that sexuality education is being taught in schools so that they do not engage in something they have little or no idea of.

"Sometimes when you don't give them the proper tool and the proper education, they will seek for answers somewhere else and those answers might not be the right answers," she revealed.

She further stated that the proposed bill will also address issues of early marriages, school dropout and for parents to understand that their children need to go to school and not to force them into marriage.

On the impact which the proposed bill will have on the country and the health sector, she pointed out that the country has one of the highest maternal and mortality rates in the world.

She added that there is a need to reduce the rate of maternal mortality in the country.

During the engagement, the Inter-Religious Council & CSOs made invaluable inputs (taking into account moral and ethical principles) towards the finalization of the document.

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Students die after truck rams into Uganda classroom

An accident occurred at Kasaka Secondary School in Gomba district today afternoon ... - Copyright © africanews @ntvuganda

At least three students are confirmed dead and several others injured following a fatal accident at Kasaka Secondary School in Gomba after a truck driver rammed into one of the buildings on Tuesday afternoon.

The accident happened at around 3:30 PM when the driver of Sino truck lost control of the vehicle and veered into the school computer Lab that was occupied by students and killed three on the spot.

18 other students were injured in the process and were immediately evacuated to the nearby medical facilities to receive treatment, local media reported sourcing Traffic Police Spokesperson ASP Faridah Nampiim.

Mr Kefasi Katumba, the school head teacher said that the driver of the ill-fated Sinotruk truck first hit the school gate before crashing into the computer lab and Senior Four West classroom.

"The driver seems to have failed to negotiate the corner and thought the truck will stop if he hits the school gate. Unfortunately, it just continued moving, crashing into the computer lab where it killed two students on the spot and injured several others," he said.

Management of the school has reportedly sent other students home until next Monday as they recover from shock following the tragedy.

Madagascar: death toll rises to 34 in shipwreck near Mayotte

Illustration photo: a boat carrying a group of stranded migrants in the southern - Copyright © africanews Christian Gohdes/Christian Gohdes/Seawatch.org

The death toll from the shipwreck overnight from Saturday to Sunday off Madagascar of a boat carrying migrants to the French island of Mayotte in the Indian Ocean has risen to 34 dead, Malagasy maritime authorities announced on Tuesday.

The boat which was carrying about sixty passengers sank off the northern coast of the Big Island. A first report on Monday reported about twenty deaths.

The bodies recovered by the authorities on Tuesday, including those of three children, are "in a state of advanced decomposition", Jean Edmond Randrianantenaina , director of the Port, Maritime, and River Agency (APMF), told AFP.

An investigation is underway. A survivor, a young pregnant woman, will be a key witness. She is one of 24 people rescued by fishermen the night of the sinking. 23 other survivors fled before authorities arrived.

The young woman, who was hospitalized, began to be interviewed by investigators. According to a source at the gendarmerie, the boat capsized because it was too loaded.

Wanted notices were launched in the evening against two Madagascans, a man, and a 47-year-old woman, accused of being the smugglers. They are wanted for "illegal boarding and clandestine transport, involuntary homicide of passengers to Mayotte".

Capsizes of kwassa kwassa, small motorized fishing boats used by smugglers, occur regularly on the sea route linking the Comoros, or Madagascar, to Mayotte.

Many African and Comorian migrants try every year clandestinely to reach Mayotte, half of whose population is foreign. The Comorian island of Anjouan has located only 70 km from Mayotte.

Since 2019, the French State has considerably increased its means of combating this illegal immigration, with in particular the continuous presence at sea of □□interceptor boats and aerial surveillance. Visiting Mayotte in December, the French Interior Minister, Gérald Darmanin, expressed his desire to strengthen the fight.

In 2021, 6,355 migrants and 324 smugglers were arrested, as well as 459 boats were destroyed, according to French authorities.

There are no reliable statistics on the deaths of these risky clandestine crossings. According to an information report from the French Senate published in the early 2000s, around a thousand people die there every year.

Africa facing Chinese and Russian influence

Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang and AUC President Moussa Faki Mahamat at the... - Copyright © africanews Stringer/Copyright 2023 The AP. All rights reserved.

By multiplying the heavy infrastructure projects in Africa, China, and Russia aim to establish their influence in the countries of the continent, which risk their part to find themselves "trapped", warn experts.

Railway lines, and civil infrastructure: China is multiplying gigantic projects in cooperation with African states, of which it is becoming one of the main donors.

"One in three major infrastructure projects in Africa is built by Chinese state-owned companies, one in five is financed by a Chinese institutional bank," says Paul Nantulya, of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, who report of the US Department of Defense.

Beijing is taking advantage of the void left by the withdrawal of Western countries, which are more hesitant to finance these projects. "The Chinese saw this void and decided to invest in infrastructure," remarks Mr. Nantulya.

But at what cost? Anna Borshchevskaya , of the Washington Institute, think tank, points to a "debt trap" for African countries. "China offers loans for expensive infrastructure projects" and "when a country cannot repay its loan, China takes control of its strategic assets," she says.

During her visit to Senegal in January, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen called on African countries to _"be careful about tempting deals."_These can "be opaque and ultimately fail to help the people they were meant to help," she said, referring to deals China has made in Africa.

Many of the poorest states are heading towards over-indebtedness, or even default, UN agencies said at the conference of least developed countries organized by the United Nations in Qatar in early March.

"China should be the last to be accused (of using) the debt trap," Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang retorted on March 7 at a press conference. "China has worked hard to help troubled countries and is the main contributor to the G20 debt service suspension initiative," he added.

In Kenya, one of the gigantic projects carried out by China is the railway line linking the city of Mombasa to the Rift Valley, at a cost of five billion dollars, 90% financed by Beijing. China is Kenya's second-largest donor, after the World Bank.

Tanzania has signed a $2.2 billion contract with a Chinese company for a rail line linking the country's main port to its neighbors.

While some projects turn out to be profitable, the real benefit so far lies with Beijing, with maintenance contracts that can last up to 99 years, according to Mr Nantulya, who adds that the local impact is low because the employees are overwhelmingly Chinese.

The expert also recalls that the debt crisis of the 1990s in Africa was caused by the West and not by China or Russia.

The main country exporting arms to Africa, Russia, for its part, is strengthening its presence on the continent thanks in particular to mining projects granted to the private paramilitary group Wagner, suspected of abuses in Moscow's war against Ukraine.

In January, the United States accused Wagner of "widespread human rights violations and natural resource extortion" in Africa. Accusations reiterated by the European Union, which took sanctions against the group in February.

Mr Nantulya notes that the group operates in Mali, Sudan, and the Central African Republic, but not "in democratic environments", citing Ghana, Namibia, and Senegal. Experts have also denounced the environmental impact of Chinese and Russian projects on the continent.

Both countries are "notorious for greater negligence when carrying out their projects, compared to their Western counterparts" , underlines Ms. Borshchevskaya. "China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases" and finances "coal power plants abroad", she adds.

And "Russia's mining projects ... have reportedly resulted in high levels of toxic metal compounds, pollution of groundwater resources, soils and vegetation."

In Liberia, these impacts are "serious", points out Davestus James, of the Liberia Center for Peacebuilding and Democracy. "Citizens are victims of their own resources," he says. "The erosion caused by the mines pollutes drinking water (...), the resources are also monopolized and exported to the detriment of the citizens."

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Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS)
Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Building
Moyamba, Sierra Leone

Invitation for Bid
(National Competitive Bidding - NCB)

1. **Requirement:** Supply & Delivery of Office Furniture and Related Items for SLeSCA, Mile 91

2. **Bid & Contract No: MAF/SLARiS/FUR/NCB/001/2023**

3. **Date of Issue:** 6th March 2023

4. The Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has received a Grant from the African Development Fund (AfDB) towards the Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Development Project (SLARiS) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be utilized for the procurement of Office Furniture and related items for the Sierra Leone Seeds Certification Agency (SLeSCA) Seeds Laboratory at Mile 91 as summarized below:

5. Description of Goods:

No.	Description	Qty	Bid Security Amount (SLL)	Estimated Delivery Period After Award
1	Executive Table	Lot	15, 000.00	Within two (2) weeks
2	Executive Swivel Chair			
3	Visitor's Chair			
4	Steel Cabinet			
5	Work Station			
6	Work Station chairs			
7	Lab Stool			
8	Receptionist Desk			

6. Bidding is open to all competent National Contractors with all valid business registration documents issued by the Government of Sierra Leone.

7. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the office of the Project Manager, Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS), MoA Building, Moyamba. between 9.00AM and 3PM on week days (**Monday to Friday only – excluding public holidays**). Email: kakuaboy@gmail.com; chriskebbie84@gmail.com Tel: +232 76 364800, +232 79 453004.

8. Bidding documents shall be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **SLL 800,000.00** (eight hundred thousand Leones). All payments for the purchase of the Bidding document should be made to the SLARiS Bank Account with details below:

Bank Name:	Rokel Commercial Bank
Account Name:	Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice value Chain Support Project (SLARiS)
Account No:	02-01-1011970
BBan No:	002001002101197079
Address:	25/27 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Ref:	**MAF/SLARiS/FUR/NCB/001/2023 – Office Furniture**

9. SLARiS upon receipt of proof of payment, shall provide both printed and electronics copies to the purchaser as may be required.

10. Every Bidders is required to quote for all items or none.

11. Bids MUST be clearly marked and delivered to the address below on or before ***12 Noon of Thursday, 13th April 2023 – Sierra Leone Time.***

The Project Manager
Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS)
Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone.
Ref: **Supply & Delivery of Office Furniture and Related Items for Seed Lab at Mile 91**
Tel: +232 76364800/+232 79 453004

12. The Bidder shall submit with its bid the following additional documents:
- a) Bid Security amount of SLL.15, 000.00
- b) Completed Bid Form and Price Schedule;
- c) Technical specification of each item offered to include, ***brand name, make and country of origin*** as may be applicable;
- d) Compliance with Delivery Schedule
- e) Evidence of at least two (2) same/similar contracts successfully completed in the last five (5) years in a form of copy of signed Contracts or certification letter from the Contracting institutions.
- f) Audited Financial Statement for the past three (3) previous years
- g) Business Registration Certificate;
- h) A Certified True Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)
- i) A Certified True Copy of National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT) Clearance Certificate

13. Bids will be publicly opened on ***Thursday, 13th April 2023 at 12:15 PM***, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below. Please note, Late bid (s) will be rejected and returned unopened by SLARiS.

Sierra Leone Agribusiness and Rice Value Chain Support Project (SLARiS) Ministry of Agriculture Building, Moyamba, Sierra Leone. Tel: +232 76364800/+232 79 453004

FSRP,WFP sign MoU to strengthen School Feeding Programme in three districts

By Agricultural Information and Communications Unit, Youyi Building, Freetown

The Food Systems Resilience Programme (FSRP) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) on Thursday,2nd March, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the World Food Programme (WFP), to roll out School Feeding support to three districts in Sierra Leone (Bonthe, Kerena, and Kenema). The ceremony took place at the Ministry's Conference Room, First Floor, Youyi Building in Freetown.

Signing on behalf of the Ministry and the People of Sierra Leone, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr. Abubakarr Karim commended WFP for providing such services to the Schools Feeding Program.

"We recognize your unwavering support among other partners, being there for us to feed our children before, during, and after the crisis period is a relationship the country cherishes. This MOU reflects the mutual relationship between the Government of Sierra Leone and WFP. We stand ready to continue to work with WFP ", Dr. Abubakarr Karim said.

The Minister stated that the MOU will strengthen the mutual relationship between the parties in implementing the School Feeding Programme, and improves the technical cooperation.

Signing on behalf of the Programme, WFP Country Director, Madam Yvonne Forsen appreciates the World Bank-funded programme - FSRP through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security for fighting against hunger and eradicating poverty.

She notes that Sierra Leone's population is exponentially growing, so making sure the country provides food for its growing population needs partnership and joint efforts from partners, which she assured the MOU will bring.

She added the MOU will also provide school meals for 114,823 pupils (55,329 boys and 59,496 girls) for the year 2023, she concluded.

Other officials at the ceremony include the Deputy Minister 1 of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr. Theresa Tenneh Dick, Ministry of Agriculture Senior officers, WFP County Director and FSRP PMU.

Signing of the MOU between the two parties formed part of the ceremony.

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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 is to produce IEC Materials and Jingles. The project will be implemented in Bo District and Western Area. ActionAid, therefore, seeks a supplier to bid for the following items:

ITEMS	SPECIFICATION	QTY	DELIVERY PERIOD
Blender	Normal size blender with multiple cups bending blades	17 pcs	2 weeks after signing of Contract Documents
Solar powered study lap	Battery: Lithium Ion Wattage: 0.7 Watt Run Time: 5 Hours - Full Brightness 11 Hours - Half Brightness Lumens: 45 Lumens Solar Panel: 1W Polycrystalline Size: 160 x 92 x 145mm	400 pcs	

1 Bidders should quote for above item in Leones.

2 Bids will be evaluated, and contract will be awarded to the Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria.

3 Payment will be done within 2 (two) weeks after 100% supply of goods is received with, invoice, and delivery note.

4 **This bidding is for National bidders only**

5 **Below are the criteria for evaluation:**

"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

"A sample of the solar powered lamps"

6. The successful bidder(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Sierra Leone. In addition, the successful bidder (s) must ensure the adherence of the following ActionAid International Policies:

a. Sexual Harassment, Exploitation and Abuse (SHEA) Policy
b. Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
c. Child Safeguarding Policy
d. Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse (PSEA) Policy
e. Anti-Terrorist Funding Policy

7. Bids must be sent in hard copies. 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 Bids must be delivery to the above address on or before **3 PM 29th March 2023.**

Late Bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or representatives at the above address on **31st March 2023 at 10:00 AM**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Country: Sierra Leone

Project: Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of **75 km Class F3 Feeder Roads (Farm Tracks)**

Reference No. AVDP-PMU/CS/QCBS/10/2/23

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) towards the cost of **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consultant for the Design and Supervision of **75 km Class F3 Feeder Roads (Farm Tracks)**

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The consulting services ("the services") will be divided into two parts:

Part A: feasibility studies for the provision of environmentally optimized designs and drawings for **75 km Class F3 feeder roads (Farm tracks)**; this will include design of roads, embankments, culverts and small bridges in conformity with the SLRA standards; the consultant is required to design the Farm tracks (F3 roads) and estimate quantities and cost for rehabilitating and maintaining the roads. These documents will form part of the bidding documents for hiring contractors. The consultant will also be required to undertake the relevant environmental and social impact assessment study.

Part B: Supervision of the subsequent construction work to be undertaken by contractors in collaboration with the AVDP engineers to.

The **Agriculture Value Chain Development Project**, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security ("the client") now invites eligible consulting firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested firms should fill the template for expressions of interest found at the following link: https://bit.ly/42a5bl5.

Interested consultants may also request for the EOI template by sending email to avdppmu@gmail.com

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations. The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

The consultant shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A consultant with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund. A consultant including their respective personnel and affiliates are considered to have a conflict of interest if they a) have a relationship that provides them with undue or undisclosed information about or influence over the selection process and the execution of the contract, b) participate in more than one EOI under this procurement action, c) have a business or family relationship with a member of the Purchaser's board of directors or its personnel, the Fund or its personnel, or any other individual that was, has been or might reasonably be directly or indirectly involved in any part of (i) the preparation of this REOI, (ii) the shortlisting or selection process for this procurement, or (iii) execution of the contract. The consultant has an ongoing obligation to disclose any situation of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest during preparation of the EOI, the selection process or the contract execution. Failure to properly disclose any of said situations may lead to appropriate actions, including the disqualification of the consultant, the termination of the contract and any other as appropriate under the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Projects and Operations.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

The shortlisting criteria can be found in the template for expressions of interest the aforementioned weblink.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to avdppmu@gmail.com no later than 28th March, 2023. The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by 30th March, 2023

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. EOIs shall be uploaded to the link below no later than **5th April, 2023 at 12:00 GMT.**

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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LOCATION:	**Ministry of Health and Sanitation, 4th Floor, Youyi Building, Freetown**
REPORTING TO:	**The Minister of Health and Sanitation (MoHS)**
CONTRACT DURATION:	**Initially for 1 year and renewable annually based on need for the position, performance and availability of funding**
ISSUE DATE:	**15th March 2023**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation is mandated to provide strategic direction for health service delivery in the country. This requires effective planning, implementation, monitoring and promoting of effective health service delivery in the country. The Ministry in 2021 developed and launched the national health policy and strategy together with the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) roadmap. Successful implementation of the new health strategy and UHC roadmap will require multisectoral partnerships and regular communications with sector ministries, development partners, private sector, International Non-Governmental Organization (INGOs), national and community organizations for better health outcomes. It is for this reason that the Ministry of Health and Sanitation as part of the Delivery Team is recruiting a communication specialist to provide technical guidance for communicating the work of the Ministry to its partners and supporting the strategic public health communication to the public.

The Communications Specialist, Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) Advisory Team will have overall responsibility for coordinating the Ministry's communication to partners and the general public and promote the work of the Ministry and its key accomplishments.

2. OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the assignment is to strengthen MoHS relationships with its partners and the public through the generation of communication products and effective management of the Ministry's communication platforms.

Specific objectives to be achieved are:

1. Increase awareness of the work and accomplishments of MoHS across the country and promote greater engagement of the MoHS with key stakeholders and the public.
2. To promote the Ministry's mandate and areas of work under the strategic program of the Presidential taskforce communication policy and strategy
3. To foster greater information and knowledge exchange with key stakeholders, development partners, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Civil Society Organizations in the health sector.

ACTIVITIES

The Communications Specialist will carry out the following activities with guidance from the Minister and other senior officials of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

1. Communication Projects:
- Develop and disseminate the MoHS external communication strategy and operational plan
- Develop and distribute quarterly newsletters on activities undertaken by the Ministry and its partners
- Produce video documentaries and disseminate on the implementing of critical health interventions including HIV, TB, Malaria and health emergencies
- Write/edit speeches, talking points and statements for the Minister, Deputy Minister, the Presidency and other important dignitaries
- Peruse and approve all MoHS official communications prior to publication.

2. **Electronic/Digital platform Platforms**
- Oversee the functionality, content, and regular update of the MoHS internet webpage.
- Manage the MoHS Official WhatsApp, facebook, twitter and other social media platforms.
- In collaboration with the Information, communications, and technology (ICT) unit of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, accelerate the use of internet-based communication among the Ministry's staff as a cost control measure.
- Develop, maintain, and update a digital photo record.
- Support preparation, production and dissemination of educational materials including print and electronic media.
- Keep up to date on the latest developments in the media landscape and digital marketing trends and provide analysis of best practices, opportunities and trends and innovation.

3. **Support to Other MoHS Directorates and Units**
- Support preparation, production and dissemination of educational materials including print and electronic media.
- Assist with the revision and editing of texts or documents developed by the MoHS directorates for publication.
- Support the development of appropriate risk communication and IEC materials by directorates and units as required.
- Provide technical support and the search of spaces or airtime in the journalistic media for the dissemination of health information.
- write up human interest stories and arrange their filming, where required.
- Document lessons learnt to inform future preparedness and response activities.
- Develop and manage public events calendar for the various directorates, departments, and units.

4. **Press:**
- Create an updated press contact, national and international organization interested in receiving information from MoHS.
- Organize press conference and press briefings as required by the Minister or other members of MoHS Leadership
- Manage international and national media relations
- Facilitate publication and monitoring of health-related stories in print and electronic media
- Identify published articles/stories for consideration by the annual media award committee
- Establish links with allies and entities in general with the health sector and promote the dissemination of health information.
- Collaborate with other communication officers in other sector ministries to harmonize government communication priorities and messages

5. **Key Partners**
- Provide project summary and regular update to health development partners and HSSC on key interventions implemented by the MoHS
- Ensure time communication of events and ensure invitations are timely sent to relevant stakeholders
- Liaise with Donor Partner unit to regularly update the directory of HDP and HSSC members and ensure key stakeholders gets MoHS regular updates

6. EXPECTED OUTPUT

- Communication products developed and used to facilitate MoHS engagement with partners and the public.
- MoHS communication to the public and relevant partners using digital media and social media enhanced.
- MoHS directorates and units strengthened to communicate results of programmes more effectively and timeously.
- Improved engagement of Press and media coverage of health interventions.
- Adequately inform Health Development Partners (HDPs), Health Sector Coordinating Committee (HSCC), and other key partners about MoHS projects and programmes.

7. CONSULTANT'S PROFILE

1. A Master's Degree in Communication and/or Journalism
2. A Bacherlor's Degree in Media Communications and/or Journalism from a recognized University
3. Previous employment experience (3 years minimum in the field of journalism or media communication.

8. TECHNICAL COMPETENCES

1. Excellent in verbal and written communication.
2. Able to articulate key strategic policies and goals of the Minister using the various communication medium and networks forums
3. Familiarity with local media and established network with local journalist
4. Ability to express clearly and concisely ideas and concepts with local journalists
5. Competent in the use of computer and internet use of desktop publishing.

To apply, please send your application (a mandatory cover letter and an updated CV with at least 3 references) to the following email address: recruitment@mohsihpau.gov.sl

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Only email applications sent to the above email address will be included in the pool of applicants to be assessed by MOHS. No hand deliveries will be accepted. Please also note that your CV should contain your full contact details such as residence address, working mobile telephone number, working email address, as well as those of your three referees.**
- **Selected candidates will be required to sign a contractual agreement with the Government of Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation.**
- **The recruitment will initially be for a period of one year and thereafter an annual extension subject to performance and funds availability.**

Closing date: 4th April 2023

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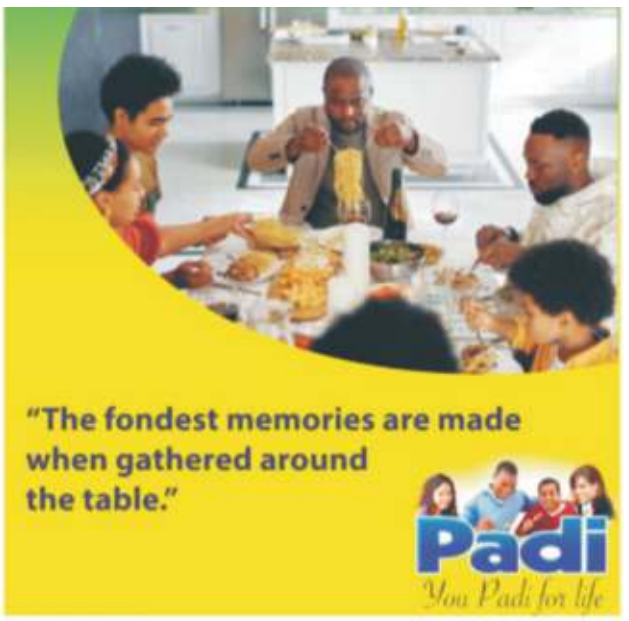
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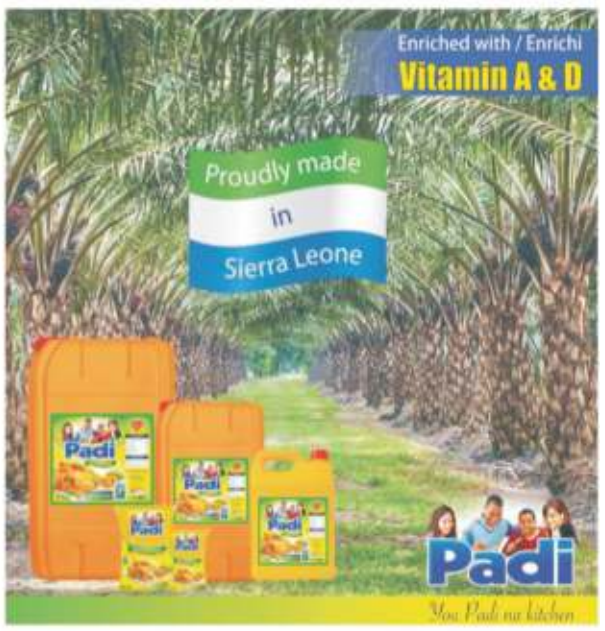
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17	3/14/2023 16:55	Russia Cup	SPARTAK MOSCOW	0	v	0	URAL	1.61	3.66	4.01	2.60	3.50	1.97	1.16	5.00	8.40	2.21	2.29	4.50	1.97	2.75	4.20	3.60	1.17	2.00	1.59	1.39	2.43	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.62	1.99	1.26	2.80
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19	3/14/2023 16:55	Bundesliga, Women	WERDER BREMEN W	11	v	4	EINTRACHT FRANKFURT W	6.25	4.30	1.26	14.00	6.00	1.06	2.85	3.50	1.84	6.20	2.38	1.73	6.00	2.85	1.54	3.40	1.13	2.02	1.46	1.40	2.14	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.71	1.68	3.95	1.08
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21	3/14/2023 17:25	South Africa	MAMELODI SUNDOWNS	1	v	7	ROYAL AM FC	1.33	3.71	6.06	2.12	3.15	2.55	1.06	5.60	16.00	1.89	2.09	6.60	1.65	2.50	6.00	2.65	1.25	1.60	1.80	1.20	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.02	1.46	1.09	3.80
22	3/14/2023 17:25	South Africa	CAPE TOWN CITY	5	v	16	TSHAKHUMA	1.84	2.69	3.37	4.10	3.20	1.60	1.21	4.20	8.80	2.80	1.74	4.40	2.38	2.07	3.75	1.96	1.49	1.30	2.45	1.07	4.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.12	1.41	1.37	2.23
23	3/14/2023 17:55	Bundesliga 3	MUNICH 1860	8	v	1	ELVERSBERG	3.03	3.18	1.98	6.00	4.50	1.27	1.61	3.75	3.40	3.60	2.24	2.60	3.30	2.65	2.34	3.60	1.18	1.97	1.61	1.39	2.44	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.53	2.14	2.15	1.46
24	3/14/2023 17:55	Bundesliga 3	ROT-WEISS ESSEN	14	v	4	VFL OSNABRUCK	2.88	3.18	2.07	5.60	4.30	1.30	1.56	3.75	3.70	3.50	2.18	2.70	3.15	2.60	2.44	3.40	1.20	1.89	1.67	1.35	2.60	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.57	2.07	2.04	1.52
25	3/14/2023 17:55	Bundesliga 3	MEPPEN	19	v	10	VERL	2.64	3.18	2.22	5.00	4.20	1.35	1.48	3.90	4.00	3.25	2.19	2.85	2.95	2.60	2.60	3.45	1.19	1.91	1.65	1.36	2.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.55	2.11	1.88	1.62
26	3/14/2023 17:55	Bundesliga 3	HALLESCHER	15	v	9	VIKTORIA COLOGNE	2.23	3.13	2.64	4.10	3.85	1.48	1.35	4.10	5.20	2.90	2.15	3.35	2.60	2.55	3.00	3.30	1.21	1.83	1.71	1.32	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.59	2.03	1.61	1.89
27	3/14/2023 17:55	Bundesliga 3	ZWICKAU	18	v	13	AUE	2.74	3.08	2.21	5.40	4.10	1.32	1.49	3.75	4.10	3.45	2.10	2.90	3.10	2.50	2.60	3.10	1.24	1.75	1.80	1.28	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.65	1.95	1.93	1.58
28	3/14/2023 17:55	Lithuania	FK KALINO ZALGIRIS	2	v	7	VILNIUS FK ZALGIRIS	2.59	2.78	2.26	5.40	4.00	1.34	1.44	3.80	4.50	3.25	1.96	2.90	2.90	2.29	2.60	2.60	1.25	1.57	1.84	1.20	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.64	1.76	1.80	1.60
29	3/14/2023 17:55	France League 2	PARIS FC	11	v	9	AMIENS	2.02	3.03	3.13	3.85	3.50	1.58	1.26	4.20	6.80	2.80	1.99	4.00	2.47	2.39	3.50	2.65	1.33	1.57	2.04	1.19	3.45	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.84	1.73	1.46	2.15
30	3/14/2023 19:40	Championship	BLACKPOOL	0	v	0	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	2.49	3.08	2.59	5.00	4.00	1.44	1.40	4.10	5.40	3.25	2.05	3.40	2.85	2.46	3.00	2.95	1.32	1.67	2.00	1.24	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.79	1.88	1.72	1.79
31	3/14/2023 19:40	Championship	MILLWALL	6	v	17	SWANSEA	1.85	3.27	3.71	3.35	3.55	1.78	1.22	4.90	8.80	2.55	2.09	4.50	2.27	2.50	4.00	2.95	1.32	1.67	1.99	1.24	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.87	1.80	1.35	2.50
32	3/14/2023 19:40	Championship	ROTHERHAM	20	v	12	PRESTON	2.41	2.98	2.74	5.20	3.80	1.46	1.37	4.10	6.20	3.30	1.94	3.65	2.85	2.35	3.20	2.55	1.41	1.52	2.27	1.17	4.00	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.97	1.72	1.66	1.86
33	3/14/2023 19:40	Championship	WATFORD	11	v	18	BIRMINGHAM	1.78	3.32	4.01	3.20	3.45	1.85	1.20	5.00	9.60	2.50	2.07	4.80	2.20	2.50	4.20	2.85	1.33	1.65	2.03	1.23	3.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.93	1.75	1.31	2.65
34	3/14/2023 19:40	Championship	WIGAN ATHLETIC	24	v	9	COVENTRY	2.64	3.08	2.42	5.80	4.10	1.39	1.46	3.90	5.00	3.50	2.00	3.25	3.05	2.42	2.85	2.75	1.36	1.60	2.11	1.21	3.65	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.87	1.80	1.83	1.68
35	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 2	SUTTON UNITED	9	v	16	GRIMSBY	1.91	3.03	3.37	3.60	3.40	1.65	1.22	4.30	7.60	2.70	1.98	4.30	2.36	2.39	3.75	2.60	1.34	1.55	2.06	1.19	3.50	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.88	1.70	1.39	2.32
36	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	CURZON ASHTON	14	v	1	AFC FYLDE	3.03	3.03	1.89	6.40	4.50	1.25	1.63	3.65	3.40	3.60	2.09	2.47	3.25	2.45	2.22	3.00	1.18	1.76	1.63	1.29	2.47	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.54	1.89	2.14	1.40
37	3/14/2023 19:40	England National League	BOREHAM WOOD	7	v	9	SOUTHEND	2.18	2.98	2.83	4.30	3.55	1.50	1.30	4.00	6.20	3.00	1.95	3.75	2.65	2.36	3.25	2.55	1.35	1.53	2.09	1.18	3.55	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.87	1.71	1.55	1.97
38	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	CONCORD RANGERS	23	v	7	CHELMSFORD	3.66	3.32	1.63	8.40	4.80	1.17	1.89	3.35	2.85	4.30	2.07	2.25	3.85	2.47	1.97	2.80	1.21	1.69	1.70	1.25	2.65	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.67	1.73	2.60	1.26
39	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 1	ACCRINGTON	20	v	10	PORTSMOUTH	3.18	3.22	1.92	6.80	4.40	1.25	1.65	3.55	3.45	3.95	2.10	2.65	3.50	2.55	2.33	3.00	1.25	1.73	1.81	1.27	2.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.88	2.24	1.42
40	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 1	MORECAMBE	21	v	16	CHARLTON	2.93	3.18	2.04	6.00	4.20	1.29	1.57	3.60	3.80	3.70	2.08	2.80	3.30	2.50	2.46	3.00	1.26	1.71	1.83	1.26	2.95	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.70	1.88	2.07	1.50
41	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 2	STEVENAGE	3	v	17	CREWE	1.30	4.20	7.23	1.96	3.25	2.80	1.05	5.80	16.00	1.86	2.28	7.40	1.64	2.80	7.00	3.10	1.24	1.77	1.77	1.28	2.85	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	2.10	1.55	1.08	4.40
42	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 1	BRISTOL ROVERS	13	v	7	WYCOMBE	2.59	3.18	2.25	5.00	4.10	1.36	1.47	3.85	4.20	3.30	2.15	2.95	2.95	2.55	2.65	3.30	1.21	1.84	1.71	1.32	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.59	2.03	1.86	1.64
43	3/14/2023 19:40	England League 2	WALSALL	14	v	12	SWINDON TOWN	2.14	2.93	2.93	4.10	3.60	1.52	1.29	4.10	6.20	2.90	1.99	3.75	2.55	2.38	3.30	2.70	1.32	1.58	2.01	1.20	3.35	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.80	1.77	1.52	2.03
44	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	BOGNOR REGIS	14	v	15	MARGATE FC	1.84	3.42	2.64	3.30	4.00	1.59	1.32	4.50	4.90	2.55	1.90	3.90	2.25	2.20	3.55	4.00	1.07	2.37	1.32	1.60	1.80	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.30	2.42	1.49	1.96
45	3/14/2023 19:40	England National League	NOTTS COUNTY	2	v	5	EASTLEIGH	1.25	4.59	7.82	1.77	3.45	3.10	-	6.20	16.00	1.74	2.48	7.60	1.55	3.05	7.40	3.65	1.17	2.02	1.57	1.40	2.41	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.96	1.64	1.07	4.70
46	3/14/2023 19:40	England National League	SOLIHULL MOORS	12	v	23	SCUNTHORPE	1.69	3.42	3.81	2.85	3.45	1.87	1.18	4.80	8.20	2.33	2.19	4.50	2.07	2.65	4.00	3.25	1.22	1.83	1.71	1.32	2.70	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.69	1.90	1.29	2.65
47	3/14/2023 19:40	England National League	YORK	17	v	13	ALTRINCHAM	2.22	3.08	2.74	4.10	3.80	1.48	1.33	4.20	5.40	2.90	2.13	3.40	2.60	2.55	3.05	3.20	1.22	1.79	1.75	1.30	2.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	2.00	1.59	1.91
48	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	BRACKLEY TOWN	4	v	2	KINGS LYNN	2.19	2.98	2.54	4.30	3.75	1.47	1.35	4.00	5.20	2.85	1.99	3.20	2.55	2.36	2.85	2.75	1.23	1.63	1.76	1.23	2.75	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.61	1.79	1.59	1.81
49	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	SOUTHPORT	16	v	19	BOSTON UNITED	2.19	2.98	2.54	4.40	3.70	1.47	1.35	3.95	5.40	2.90	1.98	3.25	2.55	2.35	2.85	2.65	1.24	1.61	1.79	1.21	2.80	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.63	1.76	1.59	1.81
50	3/14/2023 19:40	England Amateur	FARNBOROUGH FC	12	v	5	HAVANT & WATER	2.22	3.08	2.24	4.80	4.00	1.38	1.44	3.90	4.30	3.05	2.08	2.85	2.70	2.45	2.55	3.00	1.18	1.77	1.63	1.29	2.47	3.00	3.00	2.10	1.80	1.72	1.52	1.92	1.75	1.64

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Boxing: SLBA applauds NOC-CGA after Boxer secures silver medal

The Sierra Leone Boxing Association (SLBA) has hailed the timely support of the National Olympics Committee/Commonwealth Games Association of Sierra Leone which enables their lone boxer to secure a silver medal at the AFBC Zone II Boxing Championship in Dakar, Senegal.

Sierra Leone boxer and captain, Abu Bakar Kanu aka Bakish became the country's only representative in the competition, thanks to the single ticket bought by the National Olympics Committee/Commonwealth Games Association of Sierra Leone as support.

Abu Bakar won the silver medal in the 60kg bout after losing the final to his Malian counterpart by a split decision after three rounds of competitive bouts.

President of SLBA, Solomon Kargbo, said the fighter is already a hero for winning a back-to-back silver medal in the same competition.

He said the fighter should be applauded considering the struggles he went through before and during the competition.

He said: "I am proud of Bakish for his boldness and hunger, by representing Sierra Leone in the competition without government support, no coach or any official. He went to Senegal as a lone fighter but was able to make the country proud once again," he said.

The 60kg silver medalist is expected to return to Freetown today.

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